Military Service Record

This is the Military Service Record of **John Francis Carini**

Born on July 7, 1895 in Chester, Connecticut in Middlesex County in the United States

Fathers Name: Frank Carini Born in Italy

Mother’s Maiden Name: Domenica Carini Born in Italy

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

Citizen: YES

Voter: Yes

Church: Roman Catholic

Married: No

Fraternal Orders: Pattaconk Council No. 46 O.U.A.M.

Previous Military Experience: none.

Occupation before entry to the service: Mechanic

Employer: **None indicated**

Residence before entry into service: Pleasant Street, Chester, Connecticut in Middlesex County

Present home address: Pleasant Street, Chester, Connecticut in Middlesex County

**War Record**

Inducted into service or enlisted: on Sept. 19, 1917 at Deep River, Conn. as a Private

Assigned originally to: Company A, 301st Machine Gun Battalion Regiment, 76th Division

**(Note that the word “inducted” is crossed out)**

Identification Number: 1655272

Trained or stationed before going to Europe at Camp Devens in Ayer, Mass. Sept. 19, 1917 to July 7, 1918.

Transferred to: Company C, 120th Machine Gun Battalion Regiment, 32 Division on Aug. 28, 1918 to a location in France near Soisson.

Promoted to: **None indicated**

Embarked from: Boston, Mass On the ship : Cardiganshire and arrived at Tilbury Docks On July 22, 1918

Proceeded from: London To: Winchester, England On July 23, 1918

From: Winchester, England To: La Harvre, France On July 25, 1918

From : La Harvre To: Lunery, France On July 31, 1918

Trained or stationed abroad Selles Sur Cher, France from August 15, 1918 to Aug. 26, 1918

First went into action on Aug. 28, 1918 in Soisson, France

Participated in the following engagements: Aisne and Aisne Offensives, Meuse-Argonne offensives

Cited, decorated or otherwise honored for distinguished services: **None indicated, section crossed out.**

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

Under medical care: **None indicated, section crossed out.**

Permanently disabled: **None indicated**

Arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey On the ship: Von Steuben On May 13, 1919 from Brest, France

Discharged from service at Camp Upton, NY on: May 23, 1919 as a 1st class private.

**Return to civilian life:**

Occupation: mechanic

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, section crossed out.**

Additional information:

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

I felt that it was my duty as a U.S. citizen to help defend my country. I preferred being in the Machine Gun company to any other service.

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

Camp life in the U.S. made me healthier and stronger than I had ever been before. It made me think of world problems more seriously.

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

The harder life in overseas duty made me lose flesh with more tendency to colds and partial sickness.

**If you took part in fighting, what impressions were made upon you by this experience**? The masses of dead and wounded after our fights in the Argonne and the cheapness of human life there impressed me most. .

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

I realize more than ever the cruelty of war.

**Photographs: None included:**

**Additional data**: none included or indicated

Signed in Chester, Conn. On Aug. 26, 1919

Signature: John Francis Carini Rank: 1st class private Branch: Machine Gun Battalion

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