**Military Service Record**

This is the Military Service Record of **Raymond Joseph Queenin**

**Born on** November 7, 1893

**In** Meriden CT USA

**Father’s Name**: John Patrick Queenin Born in Scotland

**Mother’s Maiden Name**: Mary Ellen Smith Born in USA (New Hampshire)

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

**Citizen:** yes

**Voter:** yes

 **Church**: Catholic

**Married**: not yet

**Fraternal Orders:** Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians, YMTA & B Society

**Previous Military Experience**: Enlisted Company E 1st Conn. Infantry, Jan. 25th, 1915. Mexican Boarder Service, Nogales Ariz. June to October 1916

**Occupation before entry to the service**: Salesman (Domino Sugars)

**Employer:** The American Sugar Refining Co. of NY

**Residence before entry into service**: 125 Fairview St. , New Britain, Conn.
In Hartford County

**Present home address**: 125 Fairview St., New Britain, Conn.
In Hartford County

**War Record**

**Inducted into service or enlisted on:** Jan 25 1915 in New (note that the rest of the town is not visible because the copy of file includes part of another document)

In Company E, 1st Connecticut Infantry As a: private

In the: Infantry Section of the National Guard

**(Note that the words “Inducted into service or” are crossed out)**

**Identification number:** 64601

**Assigned originally** to: Company: Company E, 102nd Infantry, 26th Division in New Britain, Conn.

**Trained or stationed before going to Europe:** at Yale Field in New Haven from July 18, 1917 to Sept. 21st, 1917; and Fort Totten in New York from Sept. 27th, 1917to October 26, 1917

**Transferred to: None indicated**

**Promoted** - From the rank of private to the rank of corporal on Aug. 9, 1915; and from the rank of corporal to the rank of sergeant on April 6, 1917.

**Embarked from**: Hoboken, NJ on 9/22/17 On the ship : Lenake (wrecked three days out and returned. Left again on SS Adriatic on Oct 26th from New York

And arrived in Liverpool, Eng. On Nov 9th, 1917

Proceeded from: Liverpool To: Southampton From Nov 9 to Nov. 10, 1917

From: Southampton Eng. To: Le Havre France On: Nov 11, 1917

From: Le Havre To: Rouvres-la-Chétive pas Chatenois Vosges On Nov. 12 & 13 1917

**Trained or stationed abroad:** Rouvres-la-Chétive pas Chatenois Vosge, France from Nov. 13, 1917 to Feb. 4, 1918

**First went into action on:** Feb. 8, 1918 in: Chemin des Dames (Near Soissons)

Participated in the following engagements: Chemin des Dames from Feb 6, 1918 to Mar 20, 1918. Toul Sector from April 1 to June 30.

**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 (Except with Company Battalion Regiment or Division.

**Killed in action, killed by accident, died of wounds, died of disease, wounded, gassed, shell-shocked, taken prisoner**: Gassed (mustard) Epieds near Chateau Theirry on July 23, 1918; Exhausted (back wrenched by shell explosion and being thrown into a trench by the explosion in Verdun on October 24, 1918 .

**Under medical care**:

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| Hospital | Location | From | To |
| Evac #7 | Near Chateau Thierry | July 23 | July 24 |
| Base Hosp #15 | Chaumont | July 25 | Aug. 20/18 |
| Evac #6 | Souilly | Oct 24 | Oct 26 |
| Base Hosp #1 | Vichy | Oct 27 | Dec 6 1918 |

**Permanently disabled (specify):** no

**Arrived in:** Hoboken NJ On the ship: Finland On Feb 14, 1919 From: St. Nazaire, France

**Discharged at** Camp Devins, Mass. On Feb 24, 1919 As a private 1st class

**Return to civilian life:**

**Occupation**: Salesman (same position for 3 months- resigned 6/18/19

**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:** Spent summer at the sea shore. Just returned (8/23/19) not working yet.

**Additional information:**

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

I was anxious to go. Wanted to see what war was like (and did). I would have been ashamed to have been drafted. I saw the need and didn’t believe in waiting for a “personal invitation.”

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

Effects were good physically, but very monstrous and depressing mentally and morally. It made me depend upon myself. I found that I could do the right thing when I had only myself to answer to.

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

I feel that my experience overseas broadened me physically, mentally and morally. It made me dependent on myself. I found that I could do the right thing when I had only myself to answer to.

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

I was scared stiff, but I was afraid to show it. I saw so many killed that I lost all fear of death. My only fear was the thought of how the folks at home would receive notice of my death.

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

I am more inclined to be serious and less inclined to waste time (or anything). And I can’t go Bolshiviki, profiteers, Bevo or other cooties.

Photos: 3 Enclosed

**Additional data:**

This was my last war- absolutely. There were too many this time who stayed home and “made money while the boys fought.” The old saying slightly twisted.

**Signed in** New Britain, Connecticut On August 26, 1919

Signature: Raymond Joseph Queenin Rank: Pvt. 1st Cl. Branch: Co. E. 102nd Infantry

**The information contained was obtained in this record, unless otherwise indicated, was obtained from the following persons or sources**: Discharge papers and memory and diary.