Military Service Record

This is the Military Service Record of **Clarence McGregor Thompson**

Born on August 18, 1881

In Saint Mary’s, Ohio in the USA

Father’s Name: Henry M. Thompson Born in the USA

Mother’s Maiden Name: Elizabeth R. McGregor: Born in the USA

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

Citizen: YES

Voter: YES

Church: Baptist

Married: Yes on June 22, 1905 in Providence, RI

To: Martha P. Cristy Born on Jan. 28, 1882

Children: Ruth Estelle Thompson Born on: May 5, 1907 in Latonia, Tenn.

Cristy McGregor Thompson Born: Oct. 26, 1915 in Hartford, Conn.

Fraternal Orders: Masons

Previous Military Experience: Conn. National Guard 1913-

Occupation before entry to the service: secretary & agent, “The Connecticut Prison Association

Employer: The Connecticut Prison Association

Residence before entry into service: 42 Oak St., Hartford, Connecticut in Hartford County

Present home address: 12 Ravine Ave., Glen Cove, NY in Nassau County.

**War Record**

Inducted into service or enlisted on: Called out by the President’s Proclamation on March 26, 1918 in Hartford as a Captain

In the: Infantry Section of the National Guard (Connecticut)

Identification Number: **None indicated**

Assigned originally to: Company K , 1st Conn. lot, 102nd Infantry Regiment, 26th Division

in New Haven

**Trained or stationed before going to Europe** at Camp Yale from July 1917 to Sept. 15, 1917.

Transferred to: **None Indicated**

Promoted from the rank of Captain to the rank of Major on Aug. 2, 1918.

Embarked from: Montreal, Canada On the SS Canada On Sept. 16, 1917

And arrived in Liverpool, Eng.

Proceeded from: Liverpool, Eng. To: Southhampton

From: Southhampton To Le Harre, France On Oct. 2, 1917

Trained or stationed abroad in Certilleux, France from Oct. 6, 1917 to Feb. 2, 1918; in Langres, France from Oct. 1, 1918 to Dec. 31, 1918 and in Paris France from March 1, 1919 to May 22, 1919.

First went into action on March 1, 1918 in Chemin des Dames

Participated in the following engagements: Chemin des Dames (defensive), Toul Sector (defensive), Seichprey, Marne-Aisne (defensive and offensive), Saint Mihiel (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 (Seichprey, April 21, 1918)

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

Under medical care: **None indicated.**

Permanently disabled: **None indicated**

Arrived in Brooklyn, NY On the ship: USS Frederick on June 2, 1919 From Brest, France

Discharged as a: Major

**Return to civilian life:**

Occupation: Agent, Phoenix Mutual Life Ins. Co.

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,**

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 or in England or elsewhere?** None indicated, crossed out.

**If you took part in 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 on canvas, but I therefore do not XXXX to the conclusion that there are not worse evils which XXX war can overcome.

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

**Additional data:**

(Cover letter on Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. letterhead) Addressed to: George S. Goddard, state librarian, Hartford, Conn. My dear Mr. Goddard: Nearly a year ago I filled out the enclosed form and put it away because it seemed so futile to try to express one’s 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, Clarence Thompson

Signed at New York On Oct. 28, 1919

Signature: Clarence M. Thompson Rank: Majr Branch: Infantry

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