**Military Service Record**

This is the Military Service Record of **Charles Raymond Goddard**

**Note: This survey was typed by the respondent**

Born on March 25, 1888 In Southwick, Hampden County, Massachusetts, United States

Father’s Name: Clarence W. Goddard Born in USA

Mother’s Maiden Name: Etta C. Fullerr Born in USA

Are you white, colored, Indian, Mongolian: white

Citizen: Yes

Voter: Yes

Church: Congregational

Married: Single

Children: none

Fraternal Orders: None

Previous Military Experience: None

Occupation before entry to the service: Attorney-At-Law

Employer: None indicated

Residence before entry into service: #97 Bushnell Street, Hartford in Hartford County   
Present Home Address: #97 Bushnell Street, Hartford, Connecticut in Hartford County i

**War Record**

Inducted into service or enlisted on: Sept. 19th, 1917 In Hartford, Conn.

As a: Private In the: Machine Gun Section of the National Army

Identification number: 2,387,594

Assigned originally: CompanyB, 303rd Machine Gun Battalion, 76 Division at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

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| Trained or stationed before going to Europe:  School/camp/station/ship | From | To |
| Camp Devens | Sept. 20th 1917 | Feb. 6th, 1918 |
| Camp Greene | Feb. 9th, 1918 | April 6, 1918 |
| Camp Merritt | April 7th, 1918 | April 15th, 1918 |

Transferred to:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Company | Regiment | Division | Ship | Date | New location |
| G company | 61st Infantry | 5th Division | Click here to enter text. | Feb. 6th, 1918 | Camp Greene |
| Postal Detachment |  | 5th Division |  | Dec. 2, 1918 | Luxembourg |

Promoted- **no promotions**

Embarked from: Hoboken, NJ On the ship: Czar On April 16, 1918

And arrived at Brest, France. On April 28th, 1918

Proceeded from: Camp Pontenezen. To: Bar-Sur-Aube On:: May 2, 1918

From: Esch-Sur-Alzette, Luxembourg To: Brest, France On: July 4th, 1919

Trained or stationed abroad:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Country | Place | From | To |
| France | Click here to enter text. | April 28th, 1918 | Dec. 2nd, 1918 |
| Luxembourg and Germany | Click here to enter text. | Dec. 2nd, 1918 | July 4th, 1919 |
| France and Belgium | Click here to enter text. | July 5th, 1918 | July 13th, 1919 |

First went into action on July 20th, 1918 In Gerardmer Sector, Vosges

Participated in the following engagements: Gerardmer Sector, Vosges, Anould Sector, Vosges, St. Die Sector, Vosges, Saint Mihiel Sector, and Meuse-Argonne 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): **None awarded**

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

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Nature of casualty | Place | Date |
| Gassed | Meuse-Argonne Offensive | October, 1918 |

Under medical care:

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| Hospital | Location | From | To |
| Base Hospital | Camp Devens | Jan. 17th, 1918 | Jan. 31st, 1918 |
| Evacuation Hospital | Brueres, France | Aug. 28th, 1918 | Aug. 31st, 1918 |
| Base Hospital | Camp Upton | July 30th, 1919 | Aug. 6th, 1919 |

Permanently disabled (specify): Partial loss of eyesight

Arrived: Hoboken, NJ On the ship: Agamemnon On July 21st, 1919 From Brest

Discharged from service at: Camp Upton, NY On August 6th, 1919 as a Private

**Return to civilian life:**

Occupation: Attorney-At-Law

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**

**Additional information:**

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

It seemed in the national emergency that it was the duty of one to go as much as another and that the draft was the fairest determination both of the order in which we went to camp and of those entitled to exemption from service.

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

The calisthenics, hikes and regular habits were essential for the endurance which followed.

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

Drill and marches were very strenuous; was near the point of exhaustion many times.

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

That an advance was most successful after a short barrage followed by waves of mopping up parties.

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

I I believe in a short period of compulsory military service, the same being both beneficial to the men and affording the government an opportunity to rosterize men capable of military service at short notice in a national crisis.

Photographs: None submitted.

**Additional data: none submitted**

Signed in Hartford, Connecticut ON: August 28th, A>D. 19191 in Charleston, Ill.

**Signature:** Charles Raymond Goddard **Rank**: Private **Branch:** Infantry