

World War I Martin J. Flanagan

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Martin J. Flanagan was the son of Patrick J. Flanagan and Anna Kane. He was born in Chicago, IL on 11/7/1888 and was baptized at Holy Family Church in the Near West Side neighborhood. The Flanagan family lived in the McKinley neighborhood for most of Martin's life prior to World War I. Martin spent most of his career working as a brick maker. He primarily lived with his mother Anna (Kane) Flanagan until his marriage in 1922, but probably had briefly resided near his employment.

Martin served with the 23rd Engineers (Wagon Company 1) in France during World War I. The 23rd Engineers were known as the road builders of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF). He was promoted from Private to Private 1st Class at the end of the war while still in France.

He enlisted at the Jackson Barracks near St. Louis, Missouri on 12/7/1917, at the age of 29, and formally joined Wagon Company 1 of the 23rd Engineers on 1/12/1918. Discharge took place at Camp Grant in Rockford, Illinois on 6/20/1919.

Martin J. Flanagan married Marie T. Talbot on 5/22/1922 at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago (the same church where Marie's parents Edward H. Talbot and Kittie A. Rooney were married in 1880). Marie Talbot was the granddaughter of prominent early Chicago settlers William Rooney and Julia Phelan who date back to 1835. Martin was 33 and Marie was 31 years old. After their marriage, Martin and Marie lived in the Brighton Park and Gage Park neighborhoods before returning to Bridgeport in the late 1920s. They remained in Bridgeport for the remainder of their lives. Their daughter Marie C. Flanagan married Michael S. Byczek at St. Bridget's in Bridgeport in 1950. They are Michael E. Byczek's grandparents.

Martin J. Flanagan passed away on 10/22/1947 while the family lived at 2888 S. Archer. He was buried with his parents in the Patrick and Anna Flanagan family plot at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Chicago. Marie (Talbot) Flanagan passed away on 2/14/1957 while living with her daughter Marie Byczek at 2520 S. Stark in Bridgeport. She was buried with her daughter Anna, parents, and paternal grandparents in the Thomas and Hannah Talbot family plot at Calvary Cemetery in Evanston, IL.

Michael E. Byczek, great-grandson of Martin J. Flanagan, compiled a comprehensive HTML-based World War I online archive with documents, videos, photographs, and books. The archive was originally compiled in November 2022 to commemorate Veteran's Day and is available at:

<https://michaelbyczek.pro/genealogy/worldwar1/martinflanagan.html>

Martin J. Flanagan's son-in-law Michael S. Byczek served with the 81st Division Infantry (321st Regiment), known as the "Wildcats" during World War II in the Pacific. His grandson Michael M. Byczek served in the Naval reserves during the Vietnam Era (officially entered the Navy just prior to being drafted into the Army).

From Marie (Flanagan) Byczek's perspective, her father, husband, and eldest son all served in the military.

Martin's mother Anna (Kane) Flanagan used her son's service during World War I as a crucial fact to fix a naturalization mistake that originated from Martin's grandfather James Flanagan in Port Huron, Michigan in the 1860s.

FLANAGAN MARTIN

11-17-47
C 2060988

Pvt 1cl Wag Co 1 23 Engrs

K

3029 W 41 St Chicago Ill

A

1 403 790

Ss 177 983

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T

1 041 312

Born 11/7/88

R

Enl 12/7/17

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6/20/19

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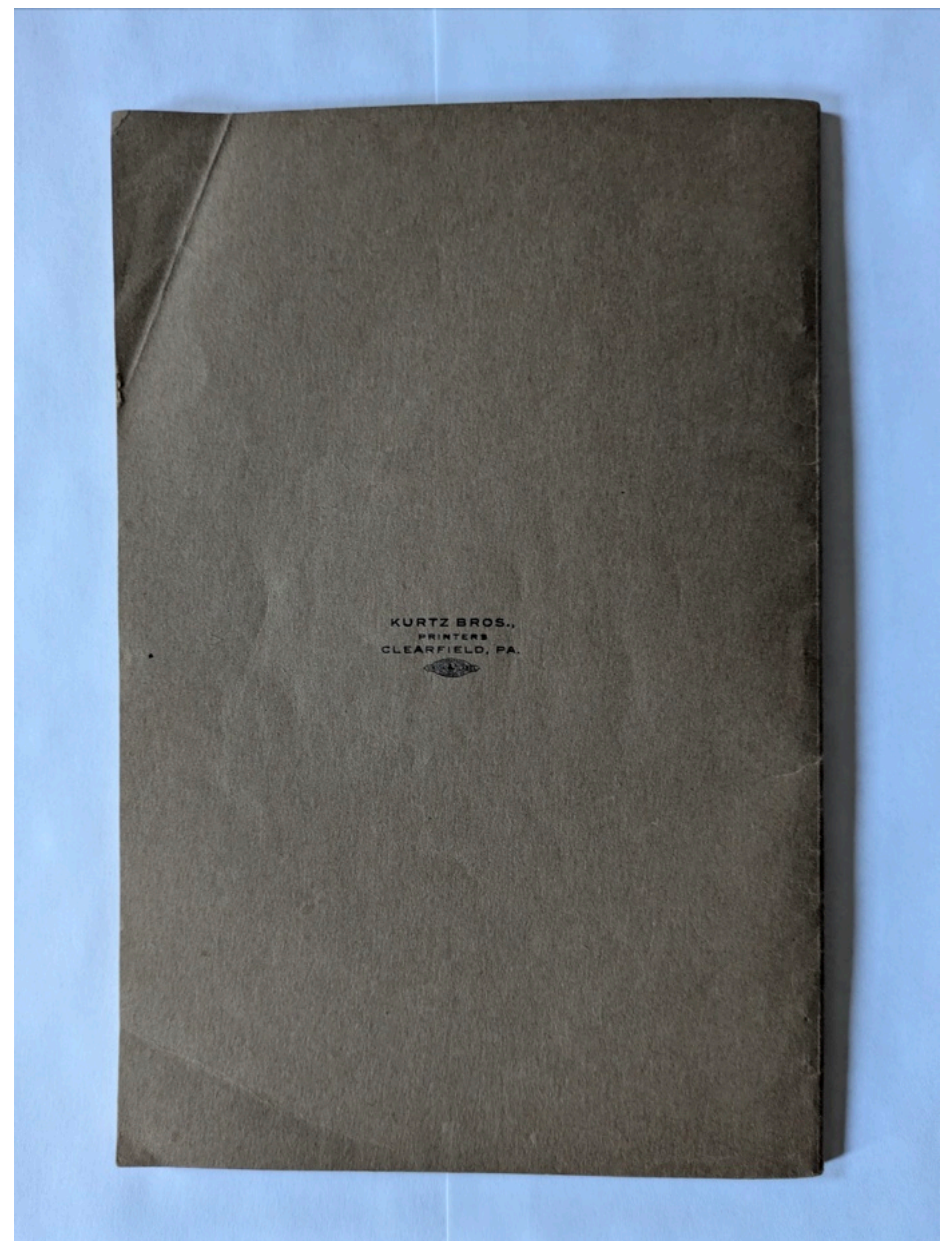
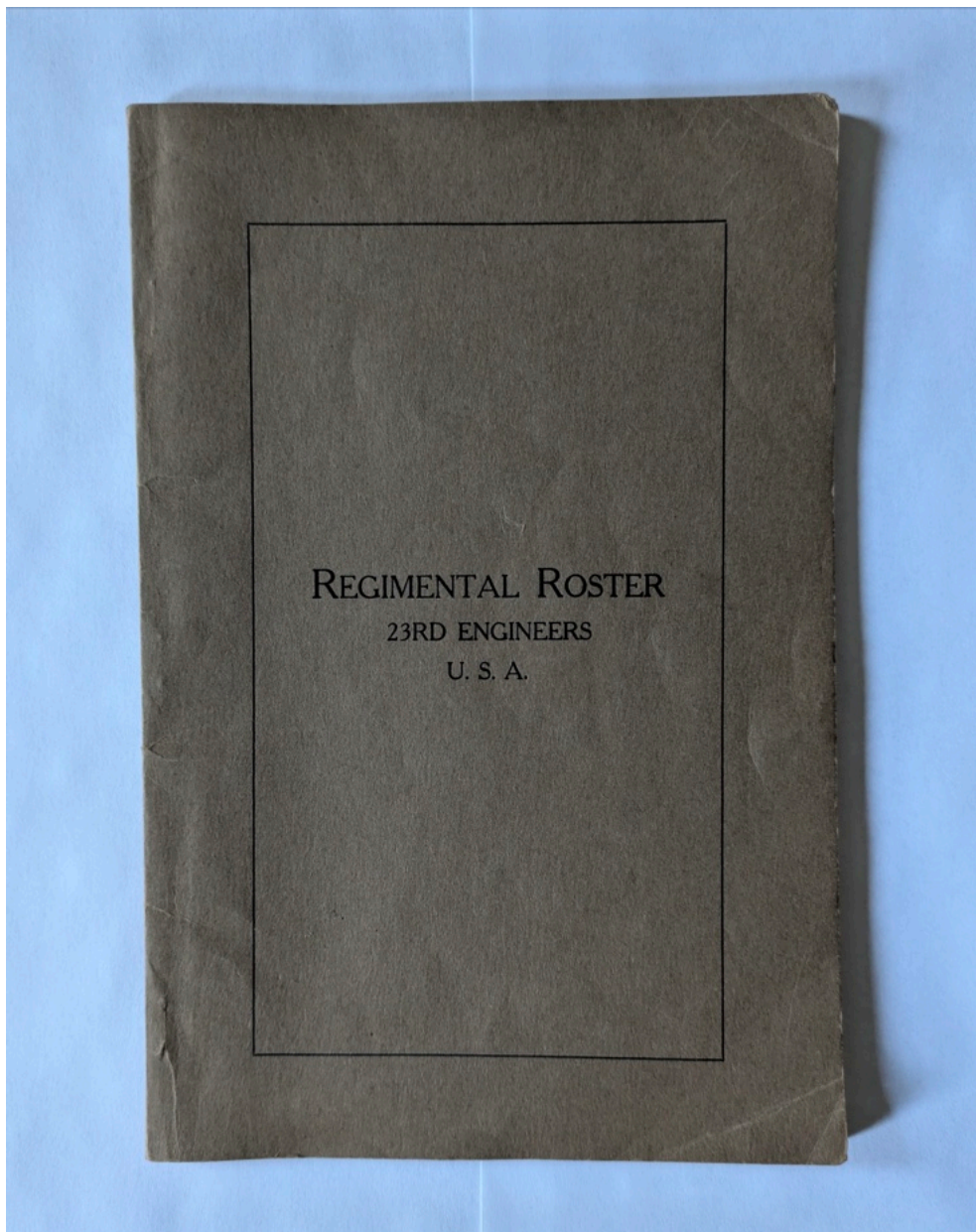
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

GPO 2-13962 9/49

Veteran Index Card



World War I Regimental Roster for the 23rd Engineers
(compiled using the Flanagan family's address at the beginning of the war)
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Fisher, Lewis A.,Co. H..17	Murtland Ave., Washington, Pa.
Fisher, William A.,Wagon 4..110	Whitney St., Stephens Pt., Wis.
Fisher, William C.,	.....Co. C..101	Chelsea Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.
Fitzerald, Martin C.,	....Train 3..150	Northwestern Ave., Det., Mich.
Fitzmaurice, Clark A.,	.....Co. L..	Little Silver, N. J.
Fitzpatrick, Brandon,	.....Co. B..	Columbus, Texas.
Fitzpatrick, Joseph,	.....Co. L..101	Talmadge St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Fitzpatrick, Matthew J.,	..Train 8..101	Talmadge St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Fitzsimmons, Willis C.,	.....Co. L..10	Ellsworth Terrace, Pitts., Pa.
Flack, Otto L.,	.....Co. I..	Laketon, Ind.
Flanagan, Martin,	.....Wagon 1..3525	S. Paulina St., Chicago, Ill.
Flansburg, Clarence L.,	....Co. I..718	New York Ave., Toledo, Ohio.
Flaro, Francis J.,	.....Co. M..213	5th St., Unionhill, N. J.
Fleckenstein, Frederick S.,	..Co. K..11	West 129th, New York, N. Y.
Fleming, Quincy R.,	.....Co. H..	Indianapolis, Ind.
Fleming, Ray C.,	.....Train 8..	Madison, S. D.
Fletcher, Edwin C.,	.....Co. L..3809	19th Ave., Seattle, Wash.
Fletcher, Eric P.,	.....Co. L..	Osceola, Ark.
Fletcher, Walter G.,	.....Co. E..235	California St., Newton, Mass.
Flint, Theodore S.,	.....Co. A..	Los Gatos, Cal.
Flockhart, Louis E.,	Train 7..652	Charles St., Santa Rosa, Cal.

Entry for Martin Flanagan in the 23rd Engineers Regimental Roster
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Form 1 **1746 REGISTRATION CARD** No. **396**

1 Name in full **M. Flanagan** Age in yrs. **28**
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address **3525 S. Paulina St. Chicago Ill**
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth **November 7, 1888**
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? **Natural born**

5 Where were you born? **Chicago Ill**
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? **Brick maker 10**

8 By whom employed? **Barr Clay Co.**
Where employed? **Streator Ill.**

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? **No**

10 Married or single (which)? **Single** Race (specify which)? **Caucasian**

11 What military service have you had? Rank **None**; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State _____

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? **No.**

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

5 **M. Flanagan** #1882
(Signature) (Date)

If person is of African descent, tear at this corner

12-1-11-A

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? **Medium** Slender, medium, or stout (which)? **Medium**

2 Color of eyes? **L. Blue** Color of hair? **B. Brown** Bald? **No**

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? **No.**

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

H. W. Kimmey
(Signature of Registrar)

Precinct **19 1st 6** Co Clerk, **Portage Ill.**

City or County **Chicago**

State **Illinois** **5-31-17**
(Date of registration)

Local Board
For Division No. 11
2040 W. 35th St.
Chicago, Ill.

b.

World War I Draft Card

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U <u>1091</u>		1. NAME (Print) <u>MARTIN</u> <u>FLANAGAN</u> (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) <u>3062</u> <u>LYMAN</u> <u>ST.</u> <u>CHICAGO</u> <u>COOK</u> <u>ILL.</u> (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)				
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]				
3. MAILING ADDRESS <u>3062</u> <u>LYMAN</u> <u>ST.</u> (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)				
4. TELEPHONE		5. AGE IN YEARS <u>54</u> DATE OF BIRTH <u>NOV. 7</u> <u>1888</u> (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		6. PLACE OF BIRTH <u>CHICAGO</u> (Town or county) <u>ILL.</u> (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <u>MARIE FLANAGAN</u> <u>3062 LYMAN</u>				
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <u>BURKE BRICK CO.</u>				
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <u>394 CICEIRO AVE</u> <u>CICEIRO</u> <u>COOK</u> <u>ILL.</u> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)		16-21630-2		<u>Martin Flanagan</u> (Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5'5 1/2	170	Sallow	
	EYES	HAIR	Light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negro	Blue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

HEARING

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for Local Board.....

(Signature of registrar)

(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration

Local Board No. 19 61
Chicago City 731

019

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

1106 West 35th Street

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant must be placed in the above space)

16-21630-1

Sheet No. Two.

UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE

PASSENGER LIST

HQ. PORT OF EMBARKATION

HOBOKEN, N. J.

Class

OF

ORGANIZATIONS AND CASUALS

(1) COMPANY Transport (2) 116 Sailing Date JAN 23 1918 (2) HOBOKEN, N. J.
 Organization Wagon Co. 1, 23rd. Commercial Str. Port HOBOKEN, N. J.
Engineers.

NO.	NAME (1)	RANK (1)	ORGN. OR DEPT. (1)	NOTIFY IN EMERGENCY (1)	RE-LATION-SHIP (1)	ADDRESS (1) STREET, NUMBER, CITY, STATE
			1st.			

74	Collins, James	Pvt.	"	Mr. Daniel Collins,	Father	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
75	Flanagan, Martin	Pvt.	"	Mrs. Ann Flanagan,	Mother	3525 S. Polina St. Chicago, Ill.
76	Aiton, Bill	Pvt.	"	Miss A. H. Aiton,	Aunt.	McDonald. Oregon.

World War I Outgoing Ship Manifest

Sheet No. 6 ⁷
3rd Class

PASSENGER LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND CASUALS RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES

INSTRUCTIONS

Separate lists of TWELVE COPIES EACH will be accomplished by each company or detachment commander as follows:
1st Class: Officers arranged according to Rank, Nurses, Army Field Clerks, Field Clerks Q. M. C., Civilian Employees. Names to be numbered consecutively beginning with No. 1.
2nd Class: Non-commissioned Officers down to and including Color Sergeant (See A. R. Par. 9).
3rd Class: All enlisted men below Color Sergeant (A. R., Par. 9), arranged according to usual formation of the Company, that is, BY SQUADS.

This form when used to list CASUAL military passengers will be accomplished in like manner, but within each class all casualties will be sub-grouped under the following headings with reference to the reason for their return, not more than one such sub-group being listed on the same sheet: (1) Deceased, (2) Sick and Wounded (3) Prisoners, (4) For Duty, (5) On Leave or Furlough, (6) Miscellaneous. The word "Casuals" and the name of the group will be entered in the space provided for name of organization, and the Embarkation Personnel Adjutant will sign his name in the space provided for the signature of organization commander.

To be filled in by company or detachment commander		Give full name of organization including company and regimental designation ENGINEER WAGON COMPANY NUMBER ONE, 3RD ENGINEERS		To be filled in by Embarkation Personnel Adjutant, U. S. A.	
To be filled in by Embarkation Personnel Adjutant, A. E. F.		Name of vessel U.S.S. CAP FINISTERRE	Port of sailing BREST FRANC	Date of sailing JUN 1 1919	Date of Arrival
No.	NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER Example: HENDERSON, HARRIS F. 1,234,567	Rank & Arm or Staff Corp. Example: Capt A. G.	Organization (regiment and company or detachment)	NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. (Give name in full, for example; Mrs. Mary A. Smith.)	Relationship Example: Foster-mother ADDRESS (Number, Street, City and State) Do not abbreviate.
Leave double space between entries. All typewriting must be in CAPITAL LETTERS.					
101	HARRIOTT, GEORGE S. 177995	WAG. ENGRS 1, 23RD ENGRS	WAG CO. HOLLIS SA DID NOT SAIL	BROTHER	WOLF POINT, MONTANA.
102	FLANAGAN, MARTIN 177983	PVT. 1/C ENGRS	WAG CO. MRS. ANNA FLANAGAN	MOTHER	5623 SOUTH ASHLAND AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

World War I Incoming Ship Manifest

NAME

OCCUPATION IN EMERGENCY
NOTIFY

ENLISTED RANK COMPANY
AT

FLANAGAN Martin
3525 S Paulina St
Chicago Ill

Brick maker Mrs Ann Flanagan Jefferson
Mother-3525 S Paul-Bks Mo
ine St Chicago Ill Dec 7/17

Pvt

Hoboken Embarkation Personnel File
Jefferson Barracks listed as point of enlistment

Final Payment Roll

Martin Flanagan was discharged at Camp Grant (Rockford, IL) on 6/20/1919. The ship arrived at Hoboken, NJ on 6/4/1919. It appears that Martin was part of a segment of the 23rd Engineers that were demobilized at Camp Mills, NY on 6/19/1919. When Martin Flanagan was discharged at Camp Grant, he was listed as part of a demobilization unit.

Martin received \$77.82 cash in hand as final pay.

3359

Camp Grant, Ills
(Station)

June 20, 1919
(Date)

I CERTIFY that the men borne on this roll were discharged this date; that this roll exhibits the true pay status of each man borne herein on such date; that the entries opposite the name of each man are correct; that, unless otherwise noted in the remarks, each man borne herein is entitled to travel allowances and to foreign service pay to include June 11, 1919 (date of arrival in U. S.), and was last paid to include May 31, 1919.

by J J Walsch Capt, Quartermaster, and
are entitled to bonus of sixty dollars, act
approved Feb. 24, 1919

Frederick Steschi
1st Lieut. Inf. U.S.A.
Personnel Adjutant

I CERTIFY that I witnessed the payment of this roll and that prior to the signing of this certificate each man received the amount set opposite his name, with the exception of those men marked "Not paid."

NOTE.—This certificate to be signed only on the copy of the pay roll which bears signatures of the men for payment in cash.

I CERTIFY that this roll is a true copy of the roll upon which payment, witnessed by me, was made, excepting as to the signatures in the receipt column and the certificate as to witnessing the payment thereof.

NOTE.—This certificate to be signed only on the copy of the roll not receipted, and which constitutes the quartermaster's retained voucher.

Final Pay
Cover Sheet

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(Organization, regiment, staff corps, or department.)

(Date of discharge.)

Soldier's Initials Type written Army Serial Number Grade	Date and place of acceptance for enlistment, or place of receipt of notice for active duty, by reservist; induction; reporting for duty as National Guardsman under call or draft by the President, to which entitled to travel allowances	Enlistment period	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAY Q. M.	ALLOTMENTS			TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALLOT- MENTS Pl. A.	PARTIAL PAY PREVI- OUSLY RECEIVED See instruc- tions No. 4 Pl. A.	CREDITS	
				CLASS A AND B Pl. A.	INSUR- ANCE PRE- MIUM Pl. A.	CLASS E AND ALLOTS TO BANKS OTHER THAN SEC. OF TREAS. Pl. A.			NET PAY Q. M.	INTEREST Q. M.
Remarks must be confined to these three columns										

[illegible]

CREDITS—Continued			TOTAL CREDITS	COLLECTIONS			TOTAL AMOUNT OF STOPPAGES	BALANCE PAID TO SOLDIER	<p>Received Payment in Cash of S. H. Francis, Capt. Q. M. C. Disbursing Quartermaster (Name of Quartermaster)</p> <p>Name, Grade, and Organization</p> <p>Soldier's name will be typewritten, surname first, and he will sign above it in same space, Christian name first.</p>
DEPOSITS	CLOTHING	TRAVEL PAY		POST EXCHANGE	POST LAUNDRY	OTHER STOPPAGES			
Pl. A.	Pl. A.	Q. M.	Q. M.	Pl. A.	Pl. A.	Q. M.	Q. M.	Q. M.	

19			7.25	100.74				7.25	Graham, Donald D.	19
20									PRIVATE, 1st	20
21			4.50	77.82				77.82	Martin Flanagan	21
22	5.00		4.50	83.00				83.00	Flanagan, Martin. Richard E. Snyder	22

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Morning Reports

Wagon Company 1 of the 23rd Engineers, as did other units, maintained a daily log called the “Morning Reports”. This crucial source of military history detailed an outline what the 23rd Engineers did every day from the first to the last day of the war. This is the only known daily chronology of events for the 23rd Engineers.

Martin Flanagan is mentioned 14 times and these documents are the only source of information to know exactly what he did on a daily basis in France:

January 1918 - Assigned to Wagon Co 1

May 1918 - Special duty to construct new camp

May 1918 - Restored from special duty

September 1918 - Special duty with Company C 23rd Engineers

September 1918 - Restored from special duty with Company C

November 1918 - Special duty at Bernecourt

November 1918 - Restored from special duty at Bernecourt

November 1918 - Special duty at “Woinville”

November 1918 - Restored from special duty at “Vernville”

December 1918 - On Leave in Aix-les-Bains

January 1919 - Returned from Leave

February 1919 - Sick in Hospital

March 1919 - Returned to duty from hospital

May 1919 - Promotion

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
		For Men.		For Animals.	
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
	Placed under arrest with Company (+4) late	4			
	Arrived Laurens 4:30 P.M. Quarters old fertile mill night of 10th.				
12	Company moved into quarters at camp Laurel P.M. 11th. Pvt. Martin				
	Flanagan, John P. Murray, John E. McCaffrey & Ely George assd. to				
Fr Detch. 23	Co. P.M. 11th. (+36) Pvt. Harry L. McWhitt fr. Duty to arrest, await	36			
Engns. Camp Meade	ing trial for violation of article of war. late.				
13	Pvt. George fr. assigned to Camp Meade (-8). Pvt. DeMay				
	fr. Camp Meade, 23rd Detach. To assigned (+8) Pvt. Nielott	8	9		
	fr. arrest to released. P.M.				
14	Sik. Apt. 13th. sergts. Coberly & Wright fr. Duty to Hosp				
	Wright Pvl's. Trevathan, Hannon, Turner, Daniels, Wright, Shker,				
	Wilson, Nevius, Frye, Steritt & Hudson assgd to Co. fr. 23rd Det.				
	(+57) 19 men, Wagon Co #2 attached to Co (+133) Pvl's, Tamayo,				
	Miller, Wm F., Mayo, & Hickey fr. Confinement to Parole				
	late.	360			
15	Pvt. Nevius fr. assgd. to Co. to Trans. Co H. (-7)		7		
	(over)				

January 12, 1918 - Assigned to Wagon Co 1

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
		For Men.		For Animals.	
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
13	<p>Pvt. W. W. 2357622 Winchester dropped for rations 5-12-18</p> <p>Sgt Woods 2506593 George E. Corp. Siste 2506569 James L. Wag</p> <p>aner Kennedy 2506524 Charles C. Pvt 1st Cl. Herald 2506456 Stanley</p> <p>T. Pvt 1st Cl. Devillards 2506483 Charles S. Pvt Chadbourne 2506473</p> <p>Charles W. Pvt Frost 2506494 George C. Pvt Hutcherson 2506518</p> <p>Harry B. Pvt Michael 2506523 Joseph J. Pvt Scott 2506563</p> <p>James H. Pvt Sherburn 2506566 ERVING Pvt Smith 2506570</p> <p>George W. attford duty returned to Wagon Co #3 per RSO 98</p> <p>Par. #3 May 8-18</p>				
14	<p>Moved Camptr Quebec to Rangeval Lt Fraser + 26 men</p> <p>on special Rangeval Camp restored to duty status.</p> <p>Drawing rations for 3 Officers + 3 Sanitary men at</p> <p>Drawing rations for 105 enlisted men + 6 animals. 82 Horses</p> <p>Turned over to Wagon Co #2 - 6 Mules turned over Wagon Co #2 5-13-18</p>				
15	<p>56 Mules reported P.M. per S.O. 56 Hq. SOS Base Sect. 4 May 8-18</p> <p>Drawing rations for 105 enlisted men + 117 animals.</p>				

May 14, 1918 - Restored from special duty

Note: There is a general remark about those on special duty having been restored to the company

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
		For Men.		For Animals.	
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
13	Mr. Sully duty with 21st ENGRS. Wag. Hickey 177986 Daniel P. Miller Turner 178003 Charles W. at Manassas, (Lt. Gray) Wag. Parker 177999 Charles W. + Wag. Miller 177961 Clarence at Manassas (Capt. Fasset) 1 Team at Louy (Capt. Minor) // On S. D. with Co. C. 23rd ENGRS. Corpl. Campbell 2357618 Jayce Pvt. Bradshaw 2357538 Raymond L. Pvt. Clark 2357541 John C. Pvt. Currier 2357542 Harold F. Pvt. Flanagan 177983 Martin Pvt. Fruhmman 2357543 Maurice Pvt. Gilpatrick 2357547 Veraine E. Pvt. Hall 2357548 Richard J. Pvt. Hansen 177985 Hans R. Pvt. Herrick 2357550 Millard F. Pvt. Hayes 2357549 Brooks R. Pvt. Weidner 2357565 Warren E. Pvt. Ruder 2357568 Edward B. Pvt. Seiler 2357594 Arthur H. Pvt. Trevathen 178004 Wm. L. Wag. Marriott 177995 George S. Wag. Nutter 177963 Louis I. Wag. Wright 178006 Homer Pvt. Benson 2357620 Bonny H. Corpl. Dompsey 177941 Earl, Corpl. Peterson 177967 Palmer S. // On S. D. with 524 ENGRS, Sgt Barton 177921 Ell, Corpl. Wiles 177929 Buford E. Wag. Collins 177940 James. Wag. Cooper 177936 Peter H. Wag. Huston 177954 Harvey M. Wag. Wallace 177977 Chester A. Pvt. Wilson 178005 William				

September 13, 1918 - Special duty with Company C 23rd Engineers

Day of
month.

STATION AND RECORD OF EVENTS.
From the eleventh to the twentieth day of the month.
(See instructions 4, 5, 6, and 7. See also model on page 16.)

Cook K. Melott 177962 Harry L. Corpl. Henderson 2357585 Cash, Wag. Aitan
177922 Bill, Pvt 1st Cl. Barnes 177929, Charles C. Pvt 1st Cl. Mayo 177993 Leopold
Pvt 1st Cl. Summitt 178001 Eugene, Wag. BENNEN 177933 Frank X Pvt Burnet
177932 Albert L. Pvt. Bauman 2357535 George C. Pvt. Booth 2357536 Karl M.
Pvt. BROOKER 2357539 Joseph H. Pvt. Charboneau 2357582 Arthur H. // 29
14 Pvt. Byers 179474 Grover F. 26th Engrs. dropped fr rations 5 yrs Sept. 13/18. 39
15 Corpl. Campbell 2357618 Joyce, Pvt. Bradshaw 2357538 Raymond L. Pvt. Clark 2357541 John C.
Pvt. Currier 2357542 Harold F. Pvt. Flanagan 177983 Martin Pvt. Frushman 2357545 Maurice
Pvt. Gilpatrick 2357547 Jerome E. Pvt. Hall 2357548 Richard J. Pvt. Hansen 177985 Hans R.
Pvt. Herrick 2357550 Millard F. Pvt. Hayes 2357549 Brooks R. Pvt. Weidner 2357569
Warren E. Pvt. Ruder 2357568 Edward B. Pvt. Seiler 2357 Arthur H. Pvt. Trevelyan
178004 William L. Wag. Marriott 177995 Georges Wag. Nutter 177963 Louis / Wagoner
Wright 178006 Homer Pvt. BENSON 2357620 Bonny H. Corpl. Dempsey 177941
Earl Corpl. Peterson 177967 Palmer S. O. S. P. with Co. C. to duty with Co. Sept. 14/18
Sgt. Barten 177921 Ell, Corpl. Wiles 177979 Buford E. Wag. Collins 177940 James S. Wag. Cooper
177936 Peter H. Wag. Huston 177934 Harvey M. Wag. Wallace 177977 Chester A.
Pvt. Wilson 178005 William W. Cook K. Melott 177962 Harry L. Corpl. Henderson 2357585 Cash

September 15, 1918 - Restored from special duty with Company C

REMARKS (CONT'D)

Nov 14. The following moves were made per written order dated Nov. 9, 1918 by direction of
 Chief Engr., 2nd. Army-through Maj. 1st. Bn. 28rd. Engrs. Fr. D with Co. at Wainville (on Hill)
 to ^{SD at} St. Remy, Capt. C.E.R. Fraser, C.O. Sgt. Anale 177422 James A, Mess Sgt. Shelby 177425 Henry
 T, Corpl. Carlson 177437 Arthur H, Corpl. Wiles 177479 Buford E, Corpl. Henderson 2357585 Cash,
 Corpl. Fischer 177445 Robert R, Ck. Farrell 177424 James A, Waq. Aiton 177427 Bill, Waq.
 Collins 2506477 Peter H, Waq. Hickey 177486 Daniel, Waq. Klett 177455 Ray A, Waq. Materka
 177459 Arthur H, Waq. Nutter 177463 Lewis I, Waq Mayo 177443 Leopold A, Pvt. Charboneau 2357582
 Arthur J, Pvt. Berndt 177432 Albert J, Pvt. Benson 2357620 Bonny H, Pvt. Bradshaw 2357538
 Raymond L, Pvt. Hayes 2357544 Brooks R, Pvt. Klauss 2357557 Ernest W. Pvt. Murray 177446 John
 A, Pvt. O'Brien 177420 James R, Pvt. Trevathan 178004 William L, Pvt. Rice 2357566 Albert D.
 Fr D with Co. to SD at Bernecourt 1st. Lieut. A.S. McMaster, Sgt. Nodre 177409 Geo. W. Sgt. Todd
 177419 Ottis, Corpl. Peterson 177467 Palmer S, Corpl. Croul 177439 John E, Corpl. Dowd 177481 John J.
 Waq. Holcomb 177453 Norman W. Waq. Wallace 177477 Chester A, Waq. Bennen 177433 Frank X,
 Waq. Daniels 177442 Fred, Waq. Cooper 177436 Peter H, Waq. Chaffee 177438 Byron, Waq. Hamby
 177451 Clay E, Waq. Collins 177440 James, Waq. Whitson 177476 Edward B. Waq. Miller 177461 Clarence,
 Pvt. Wilson 178005 Williams, Pvt. Bauman 2357535 George C, Pvt. Flanagan 177483 Martin, Pvt. Summitt
 178001 Eugene, Pvt. Jacobs 2357552 Harry T, Pvt. Brooner 2357534 Joseph H, Pvt. Booth 2357536 Karl M,
 Pvt. Hansen 177486 Hans R.
 Fr. D with Co. to SD at Neuward, 1st. Bn. Hqs. 1st. Sgt. Smith 177410 Geo. E. Jr., Sgt. Frye 177484 John,

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Cont. 177959 Arthur J, Pvt. Barnard 177932 Waq. Nutter 177963 Louis J, Waq. Mayo 177943 Leopold A, Pvt. Charboneau 2357582 Arthur J, Pvt. Benson 2357620 Bonny H, Pvt. Bradshaw 2357538 Raymond L, Pvt. Hayes 2357549 Brooks R, Pvt. Klauess 2357577 Ernest W, Pvt. Murray 177946 John, Pvt. O'Brien 177920 James R, Pvt. Trevelyan 178004 William L, Pvt. Rice 2357566 Albert J, Fr. SD at Bernecourt to Dwith Co. 1st Lieut. A. S. M. Sgt. Noake 177909 Geo. W, Sgt. Todd 177919 Otis W, Corp'l. Peterson 177967 Palmer S, Corp'l. Croul 177939 John E, Corp'l. Dowd 177981, John J, Waq. Holcomb 177953 Norman W, Waq. Wallace 177977 Chester A, Waq. Bennen 177933 Frank X, Waq. Daniels 177992 Fred, Waq. Cooper 177936 Peter, Waq. Chaffee 177938 Byron, Waq. Hamby 177951 Clay E, Waq. Collins 177940 James, Waq. Whitson 177976 Edward B, Waq. Miller 177961 Clarence, Pvt. Wilson 178005 William S, Pvt. Bauman 2357535 George C, Pvt. Flanagan 177983 Martin, Pvt. Summitt 178001 Eugene, Pvt. Jacobs 2357552 Harry T, Pvt. Brooner 2357539 Joseph H, Pvt. Booth 2357536 Karl M, Pvt. Hansen 177986 Hans. Fr. SD at Ba. Hqs. Nonsard to Dwith Co. 1st Sgt. Smith 177910 Geo E, Sgt. Frye 177934 John, Sgt. Coberly 177913 Otis W, Sgt. Matson, 177914 Alfred M, Sgt. Mydl and 177915 Geo. E, Corp'l. Drohan 177943 Malcom, Corp'l. Ferriby 2357960 Douglas, Corp'l. Campbell 2357618 Joyce, Mec. Islicker 177989 Ernest A, Mec. Gray 177948 Conrad, Waq. Chamberlain 2357615 Chas A, Waq. Marriott 177945 Geo S, Waq. Houston 177954 Harvey M, Pvt. Koonse 2357589 William J, Pvt. Lynch 2357560 Thos H, Pvt. Barnes 177929 Chas C, Pvt. Lab 2357559 Victor A, Pvt. Currier 2357542 Harold F, Pvt. Gilpatrick 2357547 Jerome E, Pvt. Harrick 2357550 Millard F, Pvt. Hocking 2357551 John, Pvt. Kaziak 2357555 John F, Pvt. Rudert 2357568 Edward A, Pvt. Matrange 2357542 Joseph, Pvt. Eubanks 177944 Kenard D, Pvt. Mc Fall 2357562 John R, Pvt. Miller 177980 William F, Pvt. Montomery 177911 Walter R, Pvt. Porter 2357963 Luther J, Pvt. Seiler 2357544 Arthur H, Pvt. Weidner 2357564 Warren E, Pvt. Van Ark 2357596 James F.

November 13, 1918 - Restored from special duty at Bernecourt

Day of month.		REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
			For Men.		For Animals.	
			Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
7	Nov. 16th.	Remks. confd. under Nov. 30th.				
16th.	stab.	<p>247 Barton 177921 Ell, Wag. Barber 177931 Chas. C, Pvt. Lark 2357541 John C, Pvt. Kramer 2357558 Emil W, Pvt. James 2357553 Harold S. fr S.D. at Puxenelle Forest to D with Co. / Pvt. Elwaaga 177955 Martin fr D with Co. to D at Varneville. Pvt. Froven 177966 James, Wag. McKay 2357563 Ralph L, Wag. Heath 177952 Dropped from rolls of Co. per C.H.G. Atr. Ser. 46 par. 7 (c)</p> <p>17th, Promoted to Corp'l. off. as of Oct. 1st, par. 221. Hq. 23rd Engrs. 34th P.C. Ch. Engr. 1st Army, AV 1/6 Engr 2357961 Joseph, Pvt. Rice 2357566 Albert V., Pvt. Benson 2357636 Benn. H. / Fr. S.D. at Sorey to D with Co. Pvt. Freshman 2357545 Maurice K, Pvt. Furbish 2357546 Cyrus L. 3. 1/2 bid in horses dropped fr. records to 1st. En. 1142. / Fr. D with Co. to S.D. at Wood per written inst. from Maj. W. B. / 1st Lieut. A.S.M. Master in charge, Spt. Coburn 177913 Chas. H, Spt. Matson 177914 Alfred M. Corp'l. Fisher 177945 Robert X, Corp'l. Henderson 2357585 Cash, Corp'l. Petersen 177967 Palmer E, Wag. Wallace 177977 Chester D, Wag. Brannen 177933 Frank X, Wag. Marrett 177995 Geo. S, Pvt. Treathan 178004 William A, Pvt. Murray 177996 John F, Pvt. Wilson 178005 Williams, Pvt. O'Brien 177920 James K, Wag. Collins 177940 James, Wag. Collins 2506427 Petach, Pvt. Baradt 177932 Albert X, Wag. Klett 177955 Asy A, Wag. Matoska 177959 Arthur H, Wag. Ayer 177927 Bill, Wag. Gopper 177936 Peter H, Wag. Hickey 177986 Daniel, Pvt. Herrick 2357550 Milard F, Pvt. Hecking 2357551 John, Pvt. Koonse 2357589 William J, Pvt. Lynch 2357580 Thomas H, Pvt. 1/6 Rybark 177944</p>				

November 16, 1918 - Special duty at "Woinville"

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
		For Men.		For Animals.	
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
17th	Kenard D, Pvt. Seiler 2357594 Arthur H, Pvt. Bradshaw 2357538 Raymond L, Pvt. Hansen 177985 Hans K, Pvt. McFall 2357562 John R, Pvt. Mc Summitt 178001 Eugene 178001				
18th	Patd. L. B. with Co. Jr. SD at Noel, 1st. Lieut. A. S. McWister 2nd Lt. G. G. G. 177913 D. H. G. 177913 Matson 177914 Alfred M, Corp'l Fisher 177945 Robert R, Corp'l Henderson 2357585 Cook Corp'l Peterson 177964 Palmer S, Wagoner Wallace 177977 Chester A, Wagoner Bensen 177933 E. G. S. Wagoner 177925 Bee S, Pvt. Trevathan 178004 Wm. L, Pvt. Murray 177996 John F, Pvt. Wilson 178005 Wm. S, Pvt. D.'Brien 177920 James K, Wagoner Collins 177946 James K, Wagoner Collins 177946 Peter H, Pvt. Burdett 177932 Albin J, Wagoner Klett 177- 177947 Ray L, Wagoner Matiska 177959 Arthur H, Wagoner Arton 177927 Bill, Wagoner Cooper 177- 177927 Peter H, Wagoner Nicholas 177926 Daniel, Pvt. Herrick 2357550 Millard F, Pvt. Hocking 2357551 John, Pvt. Dorse 2357589 William T, Pvt. Lynch 2357560 Thos. H, Pvt. Eubanks 177944 Kenard D, Pvt. Seiler 2357594 Arthur H, Pvt. Bradshaw 2357538 Raymond L, Pvt. Hansen 177985 Hans K, Pvt. McFall 2357562 John R, Pvt. Mc Summitt 178001 Eugene 178001 at Vernville at Noel - 1 riding horse, 10 draft horses, 20 draft mules. Fr. SD at Vernville led with Co. Sgt. Nease 177969 Geo. W, Wagoner Hamby 177951 Clay E, Wagoner Chaffee 177938 Eyrer Wagoner Miller 177961 Clarence, Wagoner Holcomb 177953 Norman W, Pvt. Flanagan 177983 North 8 mules and 4 dump wagons.				

November 18, 1918 - Restored from special duty at "Vernville"

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
		For Men.		For Animals.	
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
2357589	William D; Pvt. Weidner 2357569 Warren E; Pvt. Frohman 2357545 Maurice R; Pvt. Matrone 2357592 Joseph; Pvt. Kaziale 2357555 John F; Pvt. Planagan 177983 Martin; Pvt. Quenbach 2357565 John A; Pvt. Hayes 2357549 Brooks R, Lt duty to leave at Aix-les-Bains under Gen's 6 + 38, O.H.Q. A.B.F.C. Pts Meisel, Fox + Williams, Reuben carried all forations dropped w/ leave at Aix-les-Bains.				
20th	Capt Appleworth, Gault and 2nd Lt Wilbur W. Pundy, picked up on rolls as sk in hospital at the direction of the Wagon Train Commander 21st 1st Sgt. George E. Smith, Jr 177910 admitted to Evacuation Hospital #13 per 10th Bn Surgeon, December 20th, 1918.				
22nd	Wag. Shaffer 177911 Byron to duty. To sk in hospital per 10th Bn Surgeon. Dec 22nd, 1918.				
24th	1st Montgomery 177911 Matter C. to duty with Co. to 1st W.O. 6.				
25th	No changes.				

December 20, 1918 - On Leave in Aix-les-Bains

Note: The exact date is not entirely clear, but appears to be the 20th

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
		For Men.		For Animals.	
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
1st.	Corp. Rice 2357566 Albert D. fr D to Sk in hospital. <i>SG</i>				
2nd.	Pvt. Dupont 2357544 Ralph J. at present on SD with 1st Bn Hqs. 1st. To 1st Bn Hqs. Det. rec. Tank, BSO 276, Dec 30th, 1918. <i>SG</i>				
3rd.	No change. <i>SG</i>				
4th.	Corp. Carlson 177987 Arthur H.; Ck. Melott 177962 Harry L.; Wag. Whitson 177976 Edw. and B. Pts. Bennen 177983 Frank X.; Flanagan 177982 Martin; Hayes 2357549 Brooks R.; Kuziak 2357555 John P. Queebach 2357565 John A.; Weidner 2357569 Warren E. fr leave at Aix-les-Bains to duty. <i>SG</i>				
5th.	Sgt. Noake 177909 George W. and Pvt. Noake Koonse 2357589 Wm. J. fr leave at Aix-les-Bains to duty. Moved Camp from Wainville (Meuse) enroute to Belleville (Meurthe et Moselle). Stopped at D. m. exre-en-Haye for night - Pvt. Meisel 2357574 Joe & Pvt. Williams 1809 Peuben (vet Corps attached) rtd to duty fr Aix-les-Bains. <i>SG</i>				
6th.	Pvt. Wilson 178005 William S. fr D to Sk in hospital. <i>SG</i>				
7th.	Pvt. Frohman 2357545 Maurice R. fr leave at Aix to duty. <i>SG</i>				
8th.	Sgt. Mydland 177915 George W. Pvt. Bradshaw 2357548 Raymond L. <i>SG</i>				

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January 4, 1919 - Returned from Leave

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
		For Men.		For Animals.	
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
11th	Cpl. Doohan 177943 Malcolm to duty to skin hospital.				
14th	Pvt Flanagan 177913 Martin to duty to skin hosp. PVT Jacobs 2357 552 Harry Ten sk in hosp to duty. The following men of Co "I" carried "att for rat & gas" rtd to company Pvt Heseimeyer 2505187 G.W.; Wgo. Heseimeyer 2505226 W.H.; Pvt O'Connor 2505262 G.J.; Perkins 2505269 B.C.; Pvt Pollard 2505279 R.S.; Pvt Schneider 2505302 G.H.; Pvt Wilbur 2505342 H.J. Pvt Wright C. P. Jr. 2505342 J.; Pvt Barnes 2505106 P.A.; Pvt Bruce 2505116 W.H.; Cpl Jacobson 2505201 J.; Pvt Knodel 2505217 John; Cpl Quinn 2505212 J.W.; Pvt Wilk- inson 2505344 P.B. Pvt Wilson 2505348 P.A.				
20th	2nd Lt Paul R. Peak, Col E, att to co. rtd to duty with his company. Sgt. Mydland 177915 George W. to skin hospital to duty. Cpl. Campbell 2507618 Joyce; Cpl. Wiles 177979 Buford E.; Pvt H. S. Hamner 178001 Eugene; Pvt Lynch 2507961 Thomas H. & O'Brien 177920 James R. to duty. 1 mule, draft strayed & lost.				

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
		For Men.		For Animals.	
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
11th.	1st Lt. Arthur A. Beard att. for D per Par 1, SO #11, Hqs. Engr. Hq. Train Mar 7, 1919. Wagon Nutter 177963				
	Louis E. and Pvt. Flanagan 177983 Martin fr sk in Hosp to D with Co.				
12	Pvt. Caddle 2357540 Alvin C. fr sk in Hosp to D with Co.				
13th	No change.				
14th.	Pvt. Miller 177980 Wm F. fr sk in Hosp to D with Co. Pvt. Phelps 18279 Greenville, Vets. att. for D				
15	No change.				
16	Wagon Wallace 177977 Chester A, Corpl. Benson 2357620 Bonny H, Pvt. Mc Murphy 177958 Daniel R and Pvt. Hall 2357548 Richard J, ret'd to D fr leave at Monaca.				
17	No change.				
18	The following men promoted by Par 26, RSO 26, 3/2/19: - To be Sergeants: Cpl. Campbell 1257618 Joyce; Cpl. Frost 2357961 Jos. L; Cpl. Fernby 2357960 Douglas H & Ck Parrell 177924 James H. The following men promoted by Par 26 RSO 26, 3/2/19: - To be Corporals: Wagon Barber 177981 Charles S; Huston 177964 Harvey M; Parker 177999 Charles B; Shipley 177970 Grant B; Wallace 177977 Chester L; Wright 178006, Homen; Ck. Jopling 2357054 Homen H. Pvt. Hall 2357548 Richard J. The following men promoted				

March 11, 1919 - Returned to duty from hospital

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 17.)	RATIONS.		
		For Men.		For A
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.
8th	80 Mules shipped to Selles-sur-Cher. The following men from D to SD conveying mules: Sgt Wiles 177979 Buford E. Waags Bunt 177934 Chester H. Brecken 2357539 Jos. H. Ritsch Cl. Beeth 2357536 Karl H. Clark 2357541 John C. James 2357553 Harold S. Rits. Seiler 2357594 Arthur H. Conner 2357542 Harold S. Blancheneau 2357582 Arthur J. Keouse 2357559 William J. Lynch 2357561 Thomas H. The following men promoted by Company Order #24: To be horseshoer: Pvt Nichols 177997 William C. To be wagoner: Hudson 177957 Peter D. To be Pvt 1st Cl: Pvt Flanagan 177983 Mattie To be Bugler: Pvt 1st Cl. Van Ank 2357596 James F. Sgt. Rabinowitz 18281 Harry, + Pvt 1st Cl Fincovich 18276. Santo. Med. Snps ATT for duty per YCRC.		33	
10th	No change.			

May 8, 1919 - Promotion from Private to Private 1st Class

Wagon Company 1 Daily Chronology of Events from the Morning Reports

The following locations as a collective show Martin Flanagan's timeline in France. The logbooks are often written with phonetic spelling. Not all towns have been identified on a present-day map.

It appears that Wagon Company 1 stayed within the Meuse and Meurthe-et-Moselle "Departments".

All the known locations are near St. Mihiel and Nancy. The identified towns are in the same general area. It is presumed that the others that have not been found are nearby. Some towns are based on similarity in phonetic spelling and close proximity. The only location outside this area was Aix-les-Bains where Martin Flanagan was on leave. Some pages from the logbooks are unreadable due to LQ scans and faded ink.

Chronology

1/12/1918 - Martin Flanagan assigned to company from Detach 23rd Engineers at Camp Meade. Earlier that same day, company moved from Camp Meade to Camp Laurel

1/20/1918 - Wagon Co #1 consisted of 102 enlisted men and 1 captain. Left station with 1st Batt 23rd Engineers (Companies A, B, and C with Truck #1 and #2). Appears also had a detached Wagon Company #2 with 18 enlisted without officers.

1/21/1918 - Arrived at Jersey City, NJ. Boarded ship Huron in Hoboken, NJ.

1/24/1918 - Ship left Hoboken.

2/6/1918 - Arrived at Brest, France

2/7/1918 - Left ship Huron.

2/8/1918 - Boarded train. Arrived at Saint Nazaire.

2/9/1918 - Marched to American base (3 miles)

2/13/1918 - "Moved Camp"

2/21/1918 - Left Camp and marched to Saint Nazaire (possibly to board train)

2/23/1918 - "Laying at Toule" ?

2/24/1918 - Marched to Menil La Tour (?). Company divided. Smaller group (possibly 31 pvts) marched to Gerard Sas. Remainder marched to Burkey (Camp Burly?)

4/6/1918 - Moved camp from Camp Burly to Minilalauer (?)

5/5/1918 - Martin Flanagan (and others) placed on special duty to construct new camp at Rangeval

5/14/1918 - Moved camp from Minilateur (?) to Rangeval. Another entry shows moved camp from Ouebec to Rangeval. Those on special duty restored to regular duty.

9/13/1918 - Martin Flanagan (and others) on special duty with Company C 23rd Engineers. Returned to regular duty with strange notation. Entered on 9/15 with comment "Sept 14/18".

9/19/1918 - Moved camp from Flirey (?) to Arrecourt (Bernecourt?) via Camp La Reine

10/1/1918 - Moved camp from La Reine to Flirey.

10/16/1918 - Moved camp from Flirey to Essey (6 kilometers).

10/31/1918 - Left Essey for Weinville (12 kilometers) [Varneville ?]

11/11/1918 - Martin Flanagan on special duty (with others) at Bernecourt. Returned to regular duty on 13th.

11/16/1918 - Looks like Martin Flanagan something with Varneville D or SD from/to

11/18/1918 - Martin Flanagan (and others) D from SD at Varneville (can't make everything out)

12/20/1918 - Martin Flanagan (and others) on leave at Aix Les Bains (some illegible)

1/4/1919 - Martin Flanagan returned to duty from leave at Aix Les Bains

1/5/1919 - Moved camp from Wainville (Meuse) enroute to Belleville (Bellville) (Meurehe et Moselle?). Stopped at Demevre-en-Haye for night - Left on 6th. Appears 28 kilometers total first stage. Another 20 kilometers 2nd phase.

2/19/1919 - Martin Flanagan duty to sick in hospital

3/1-10/1919 - Hauling from Dieuloward (dievlovard) quarry (while at Belleville (M+M)

3/10/1919 - Martin Flanagan from sick in hospital to duty with company

4/22/1919 - Left Belleville for Sovilly (Meuse). Appears arrived at St. Mihiel (Meuse) (49 kilometers). Left St. Mihiel on 23rd and arrived at Sovilly (Meuse) , which was 28.9 kilometers.

5/8/1919 - Pvt Martin Flanagan promoted to Private 1st Class.

5/15/1919 - Train at Souilly for Le Mans (arrived 17th). Appears to be an embarkation center.

5/1919 (date illegible) - Left Le Mans railroad for Brest

5/31/1919 - Boarded ship Finisterre at Brest

6/1/1919 - Sailed for US

6/10/1919 - Arrived at Hoboken

Actual Video Footage from the National Archives

The U.S. National Archives have several digitized videos that show, or at least reference, the 23rd Engineers during World War I in France.

Video 1

1280 - Occupation of Lucey Sector (Lorraine, 8/10/1918 - 9/11/1918)

Scenes 13-15: 23rd Engineers directing the 508th Engineers. Appears to start at 3:05.

Video 2

1327 - The St Mihiel Offensive, 9/10/1918 - 9/25/1918)

Scene 35: 23rd Engineers tearing down building for material to repair roads. Appears to start at 7:39. Probably includes subsequent scenes, which appear continuous.

Video 3

1462 - March into Germany (Nov-Dec 1918)

It appears that this collection includes the scenes from #1280. The video clip itself does not show anything about the 23rd Engineers.

Video 4

1495: Part I, Part II - - Engineer Corps, Road Building (1918-1919)

Reel 1:

Scenes #10-16 are mostly 23rd Engineers Company C. It appears Scene #10 starts at 2:38. Scene #17 starts at 4:08.

Reel 2:

Scene #42: 23rd and 111th Engineers with 53rd Pioneers build road. Starts at 2:36.

Scenes #51, 53: 23rd Engineer stone crushers: Starts at 4:25.

Scenes #61-63: Company B 23rd Engineers working on roads. Starts at 6:31.

Note: Film 1495 is wrong about reel numbers. Reel 1 is actually Reel 2. Use above notation for proper links (Reel 1 is Part I).

Video 5

1497 - Engineer Corps, Standard Gauge Railway Activities (1918)

Scene #29: 23rd Engineers using steam roller (scene not all 23rd). Appears to start at 9:04.

Video 6

1498: Part I, Part II - Engineer Corps, Light Railway Activities (1918)

This film is more difficult to itemize which scenes are the 23rd Engineers. The opening statement appears to suggest that the 23rd Engineers are featured in numerous scenes without explicit reference.

Photographs and Detailed Reports from the National Archives and other Sources

There are numerous photographs of the 23rd Engineers available from the U.S. National Archives and other online sources.

At least three books commemorate the 23rd Engineers, but not specifically Wagon Company 1. These books contain photographs.

History of Engineer Wagon Company 5, 23rd Engineers (1920)

Company A, 23rd Engineers (1920)

Company C, 23rd Engineers (1922)

The website fold3.com also has digitized copies of Officer reports and cablegrams that portray daily activities of the 23rd Engineers.

General Information about the 23rd Engineers

The 23rd Engineers were activated on 9/5/1917 at Camp Meade, Maryland.

It appears that 23rd Engineers consisted of Companies A-M, Wagon Companies 1-5, and Truck Companies 1-10

Wagon Company 1 appears to have been attached to the 1st Battalion (Companies A, B, C)

However, it also appears that there were detachments of Wagon Company 1 dispersed to different areas with different groups. Therefore, it is unknown exactly where each member of Wagon Company 1 was most associated during their entire time in France.

The 23rd Engineers were called the “Road Builders of the American Expeditionary Forces” and also “The Highwayman”.

They are credited with participating in three battles:

- Lorraine
- Saint Michiel
- Meuse-Argonne

Generally, the 23rd Engineers were involved with the following activities:

- Build and maintain highways destroyed by shell fire
- Operated Quarries
- Transported crushed stone
- Built, repaired, widened roads, bridges, and rail road tracks
- Buried the dead
- Rehabilitate areas contaminated by chemical warfare
- Disposed ordinances

The 23rd Engineers published a form for men to apply and join based on their road building experience. Sources seem to say this is how the 23rd filled their ranks. Any American man between 18 and 40 who hadn't been called by a local board in the draft was eligible for these “special battalions”. All men must enlist as privates with rate of pay \$33 per month plus expenses. The application form asked to “state briefly your road-building or other construction experience” and “what machinery can you operate”.

Ad discussed modern road building machinery of rock-crushing plants, steam shovels, road rollers, tractors, graders, motor trucks, and pumps. Also have dump wagons, wheel and drag scrapers, and similar dirt-moving equipment.

They were looking for enlisted personnel with following skills: surveyors, draftsmen, clerks, stenographers, axmen, blacksmiths, machinists, gas-engine operators, repair, crusher operators, hand drill, air drills, quarrymen, powdermen, masons, teamsters, pile-driver operators, concrete, road and bridge men, tractor operators, grader operators, bridge carpenters, motor truck drivers, chauffeurs, cooks, auto repair, pipe fitters, electricians, horseshoers, tailors, shoemakers, musicians, mechanics, telephone operators, steamfitters, tool sharpeners, ditchers, boatmen, shovel runners, barbers, veterinarians, French interpreters, bituminous road men, iron workers, riggers, automobile drivers, and operators of gasoline machinery.

World War I ended on 11/11/1918. The 23rd Engineers remained in Europe through June 1919 for standard post-war clean up and repair.

Additional Information

Martin J. Flanagan and Marie T. Talbot are Michael E. Byczek's great-grandparents. Their eldest child, a daughter, Marie C. Flanagan (grandmother) married Michael S. Byczek at St. Bridget's in the Bridgeport neighborhood in 1950. Their eldest child, a son, Michael M. Byczek (father) married Betty A. Bykowski in 1974 at St. Helen's on Augusta and Oakley in Chicago. They have two children, Michael E. Byczek (the eldest) and Katherine S. Byczek, both born in the Bridgeport neighborhood.

Michael E. Byczek has been compiling actual records for the Flanagan and Talbot families for over 30 years. He has gathered an extensive collection of documents. This compiled documentary is an accurate source of genealogy for Martin J. Flanagan and his military service during World War I.

Feel free to send a message for more information or genealogy collaboration.

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