### SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS WORLD WAR I

Record Group 163

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All males born between September 1872 and September 1900 (citizens and aliens alike) who were not already in U.S. military service were required by congressional conscription acts to register for the draft in light of the Great War—World War 1. In 1917 and 1918 twenty-four million men in the United States and her Territories registered for the draft.

In July 1973 fire destroyed about 80% of the records of Army personnel discharged between 1 November 1912 and 1 January 1960 on file at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. This includes most of the men who served with the Army during World War I. We, therefore, need to turn to other sources

# THOSE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR THE DRAFT

- Those with age limitations and/or previously registered
- Those already serving in the U.S. military, either as officers or enlisted men
- Diplomatic representatives, technical attachés of foreign embassies and legations, consuls general, consuls, vice consuls and consular agents of foreign countries, residing in the U.S. who are not citizens of the U.S.

Individuals who had been mustered out of the National Guard had to register even if they expected to be recalled.

#### WHY CAN'T I FIND HIM? PROBLEMS YOU MAY ENCOUNTER

- Presently enlisted in U.S. or foreign military service
- Handwriting (including spelling)
- Clerical filing errors
- · Residence is unknown
- Residing at a temporary address
- Registered with a board that was more convenient to his work place.
- Late registration (card may be in different location)
- Prisoner
- Draft Dodger (Slacker)

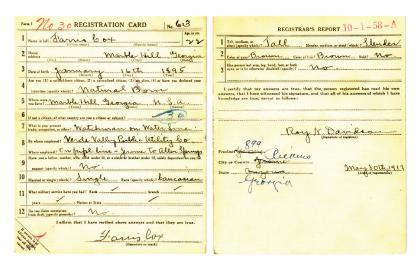
#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT ATLANTA

5780 Jonesboro Road Morrow, Georgia 30260 Tel: (770) 968-2100

E-mail: atlanta.center@nara.gov website: http://www.nara.gov/southeast

Research Hours 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

#### Samples ~ Regular Population



**(A)** 5 June 1917

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**(B)** JUNE & AUGUST 1917

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**(C)** 12 SEPTEMBER 1918

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## Summary of World War I Draft Registration Card Information

	Registration Date							
	June 5, 1917	June & Aug. 1918	Sept. 12, 1918					
	(A)	(B)	(C)					
		Age of men registered						
Information asked at specific registrations	21–31	21 since 5 Jun 1917	18–21 & 31–45					
Name and residence	✓	✓	✓					
Date of birth and age in years	✓	✓	✓					
Birth place (town, state, nation)	✓	✓	no					
Father's birthplace	no	✓	no					
Race	✓	✓	✓					
Citizenship: natural born, naturalized, alien, intentions filed if not a citizen, or what Nation are you a citizen or subject?	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>					
Present trade, occupation, or office	✓	no	✓					
By whom and where employed	✓	✓	✓					
Dependents (father, mother, wife, child or sibling under 12) state which	<b>√</b>	no	no					
Married or single	✓	no	no					
Name and address of nearest relative	no	✓	✓					
If exemption claimed, on what grounds	✓	no	no					
Previous military service (rank, branch, years, Nation or State)	✓	no	no					
Signature (or mark) of registrant	✓	✓	✓					
Physical Description								
Color of eyes and hairs	✓	✓	✓					
Height (tall, medium, short) and build (slender, medium, stout)	✓	<b>√</b>	✓					
Lost arm, leg, hand, foot or both eyes (to be specified)	✓	<b>√</b>	✓					
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Date and location of registration	✓	✓	✓					
Signature of registrar	✓	✓	✓					

#### **Selected Related Federal Resources**

- Lists of Men Ordered to Report to Local Boards for Induction
- 1930 and 1940 Federal Population Census (veterans were identified).

#### Files Related to Unit Records

- RG 391—Records of U.S. Army Mobile Commands
- RG 120—Records of the American Expeditionary Forces (WWI)

Files Related to Personnel

- National Personnel Records Center–Military Personnel Records (9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132)
- RG 147—Records of the Provost Marshal General
- RG 17—Records of the US Army Air Forces
- RG 127—Records of the U.S. Marine Corps
- RG 407—Records of the Adjutant General's Office
- RG 163—Soldiers' Homes; Records of the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard; Selective Service Records
- RG 92—Records of the Office of the Quaratermaster General

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