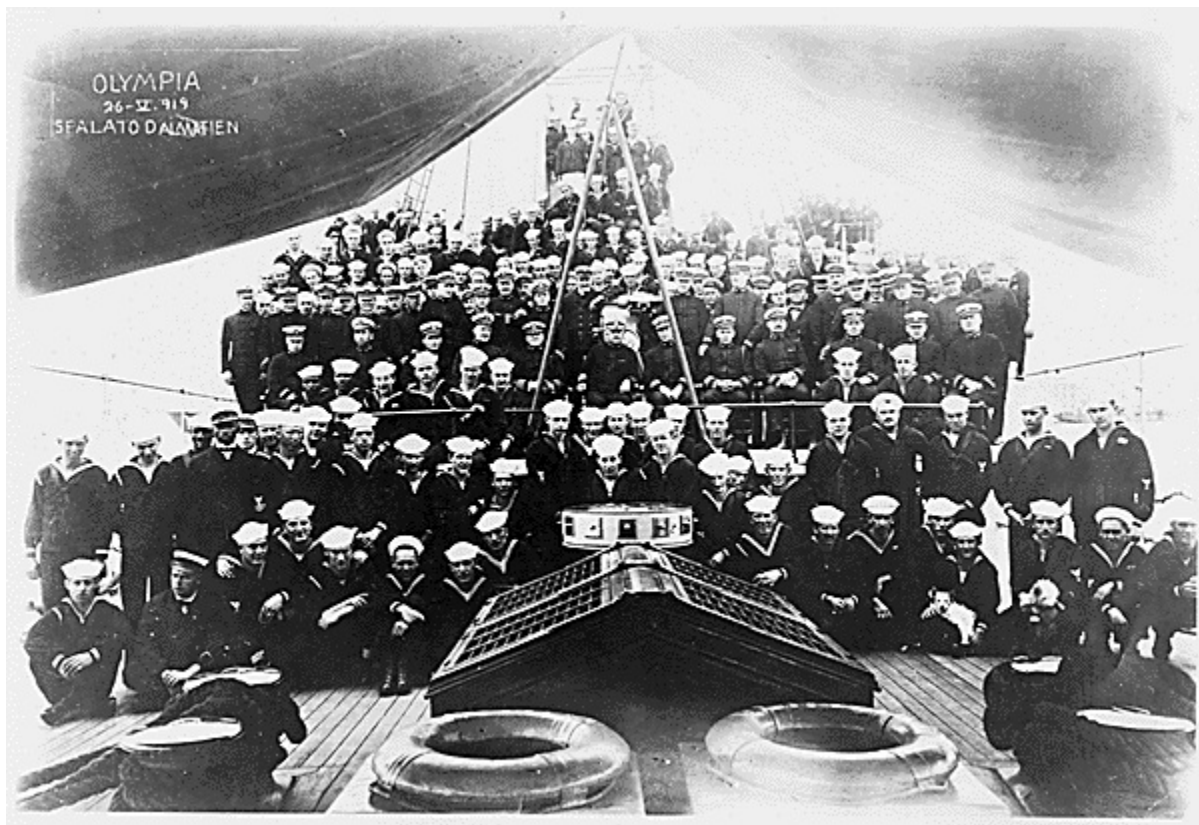


Guide to Records of American Involvement in World War I at the National Archives at Philadelphia

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Introduction

This is a subject guide to the records of American involvement in World War I (1917-1918) held within the collection of the National Archives at Philadelphia. The United States entered the Great War on April 6, 1917, and President Woodrow Wilson enacted the Selective Service Act of May 18, 1917, in order to draft men into military service. Germany formally surrendered on November 11, 1918, and all nations agreed to stop fighting while the terms of peace were negotiated.

Although the United States was involved in World War I for less than two years, the event formed and shaped many governmental institutions, and paved the way for American involvement in World War II. The National Archives at Philadelphia holdings were created by federal government agencies and courts based within the Mid-Atlantic States of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Some agencies also had jurisdiction in New Jersey.

This guide is sorted by topic to provide researchers with a better understanding of how to access records pertaining to American involvement in World War I. It is our hope that this guide helps enables students, citizen historians, and academics alike to discover records of World War I at the National Archives at Philadelphia. Each listed record is followed by a National Archives Identifier (NAID), which can be used to learn more about the records in [NARA's Online Catalog](#). The Record Group number—"RG" followed by a number—denotes which record group the record belongs to. Following this introduction is a list of Record Group numbers, and the agencies with which they are associated. Along with the records, each topic is followed by a series of possible discussion points and questions to help engage further thinking about World War I.

Record Groups

RG 4: Records of the United States Food Administration

RG 5: Records of the United States Grain Corporation

RG 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs

RG 17: Records of the Bureau of Animal Industry

RG 18: Records of the Army Air Forces

RG 21: Records of District Courts

RG 32: Records of the United States Shipping Board

RG 58: Records of the Internal Revenue Service

RG 85: Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service

RG 92: Records of the Quartermaster General

RG 156: Records of the Chief of Ordnance

RG 165: Records of War Department General and Special Staffs

RG 175: Records of the Chemical Warfare Service

RG 181: Records of Naval Districts and Shore Establishments

RG 392: Records of Army Coast Artillery Districts and Defenses

Military

Because the United States remained neutral for the majority of the war, there was significant work to be done by the military between the declaration of war and actual troop deployment. The various military administrations worked to ensure that troops and supplies would quickly reach Europe, ready for action. The East Coast not only prepared to send men to Europe, but also for potential battles on American soil. Bases served to train troops, distribute supplies, and defend the United States coast from enemy attacks. There are several overlapping records within these headings; those under “Administration” are organized by type of document while those under “Bases” by location.

Administration

NATIONAL SECURITY

Government agencies needed man power to provide adequate service during World War I. People who were employed had to be clear of any suspicious behavior and follow strict protocols to ensure confidentiality and protection for the American public.

- Card Register of Names and Subjects in Correspondence
 - [Baltimore, MD District Office \(No. 15\)](#), 1918-1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602358
 - [Philadelphia, PA District Office \(No. 6\)](#), 1917-1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602338
 - [Pittsburgh, PA District Office \(No. 7\)](#), 1918 – 1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602354
- Correspondence, 1917-1919,
 - [Baltimore, MD District Office](#), 1918-1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602358
 - [Philadelphia, PA District Office](#), 1917-1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602338
 - [Pittsburgh, PA District Office](#), 1918-1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602354

ARMY

The Army built up many branches in order to best serve in the war. The Air Service, Coast and Harbor Defenses, and the Quartermaster General trained troops, protected the East Coast, and prepared provisions and shipped supplies.

- General Orders
 - [Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA](#), 1917-1918, 1923-1938, (RG18) NAID: 563332
 - [Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA](#), 1918, (RG18) NAID: 562709
 - [Middletown, PA Air Depot](#), 1917-1939, (RG18) NAID: 563522
 - [Harbor Defenses of Baltimore, MD](#), 1911-1926, (RG392) NAID: 2668743
 - [Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay](#), 1914-1921, (RG392) NAID: 2669429
- General Orders Of The Air Service Flying School, 1918-1919, Records of Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA, (RG18) NAID: 563336
- Special Orders
 - [Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA](#), 1917-1919, 1921, 1924, 1926-1939, (RG18) NAID: 563333
 - [Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA](#), 1917-1918, (RG18) NAID: 563326

- [Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, PA](#), 1918-1939, (RG18) NAID: 563523
- [Harbor Defenses of Baltimore, MD](#), 1913-1927, (RG392) NAID: 2668748
- [Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay](#), 1917-1919, 1921-1922, (RG392) NAID: 2669431
- [Harbor Defense of Fort Du Pont, DE](#), 1913-1921, 1927, 1931-1933, 1937-1939, (RG392) NAID: 2674980
- [Special Court-Martial Orders](#), 1915, 1917-1918, Records of the Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay, (RG392) NAID: 2669432
- [Special Orders of the Air Service Flying School](#), 1918-1919, Records of Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA, (RG18) NAID: 563321
- [General and Special Orders, General Court-Martial Orders, and Other Orders](#), 1917-1919, General Records, Newport News, VA (RG92) NAID: 1011719
- [General Correspondence](#)
 - [Carnegie Institute of Technology](#), Pittsburgh, PA, 1918-1919, (RG18) NAID: 562708
 - [Depot Quartermaster's Office](#), Philadelphia, PA, 1917-1920, (RG92) NAID: 653092
- [Correspondence of Squadron and Detachments at the Field](#), 1918-1922, Records of Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA, (RG18) NAID: 562712
- [Correspondence Relating to Enemy Aliens](#), 1918, General Records, Newport News, VA, (RG92) NAID: 1011476
- [Register to General Correspondence](#), 1918-1919, Records of Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA, (RG18) NAID: 562708
- [Telegrams Sent and Received](#), 1917-1919, General Records, Newport News, VA, (RG92) NAID: 1011714
- [Incoming Telegrams](#), 1917-1919, Depot Quartermaster's Office, Philadelphia, PA, (RG92) NAID: 653933
- [Outgoing Telegrams](#), 1917-1919, Depot Quartermaster's Office, Philadelphia, PA, (RG92) NAID: 653934
- [Instructions of the Port Storage Officer to Men on Duty in the Storage Division](#), 1918-1919, General Records, Newport News, VA, (RG92) NAID: 1011800
- [History of the Philadelphia Depot](#), 1917-1945, Philadelphia, PA Quartermaster Depot, (RG92) NAID: 898729
- [Memoranda](#), 1918, Records of Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA, (RG18) NAID: 563322
- [Bulletins](#), 1918-1919, Records of the Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay, (RG392) NAID: 2669443

NAVY

The United States Navy countered enemy ships and U-Boat attacks while they transported soldiers and supplies to the front lines. The majority of the records listed below are not yet in NARA's online Catalog. If you would like to know more about these records, please contact staff at the National Archives at Philadelphia at Philadelphia.Archives@NARA.gov or at (215) 305-2044.

- Beneficiaries Files, U.S. Naval Home, Philadelphia, PA, Other Establishments, 1887-1960, (RG181) PH-6374
- Index to General Correspondence (Entry 446B), 3 containers, U.S. Naval Home, Philadelphia, PA, Other Establishments, 1910-1926, (RG181) PH-6373

- Correspondence, 1 container, Naval Aircraft Factory, Warminster, PA, Naval Air Installations, 1916-1930, (RG181) PH-6372
- Exhibit Photos, 4 containers, Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1774-1994, (RG181) PH-6354
- History, 11 containers, Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1801-1994, (RG181) PH-6345
- Information Files, 9 containers, Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1801-1995, (RG181) PH-6344
- Change of Command Files, 5 containers, Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1828-1996, (RG181) PH-6337
- Ship Photographs, 52 containers, Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1776-1991, (RG181) PH-6335
- Events, 65 containers, Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1861-1994, (RG181) PH-6334
- Daily Logs of Work Done, , Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1918-1921, (RG181) PH-6299
- [Log/Diary](#), 76 containers, Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1819-1944, PH-6287, (RG181) NAID: 4707519
- General Correspondence, , Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1910-1957, (RG181) PH-6273
- Index to general correspondence (entry 446B, Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1910-1926, (RG181) PH-6272
- Ships Files, 82 containers, Philadelphia, PA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1918-1926, (RG181) PH-6271
- [Log Book of US Navy Yard](#), , Norfolk, VA Navy Yard, Navy Yards, 1893-1939, PH-6244, (RG181) NAID: 4707059
- General Correspondence, , Norfolk, VA Navy Yard, 1901-1925, (RG181) PH-6211
- Historical background files, Norfolk, VA Navy Yard, 1917-1950, (RG181) PH-6210
- Central Subject Files Naval Powder Factory, 5th Naval District (Indian Head, MD), Naval Districts, 1907-1925, (RG181) PH-6192
- General Correspondence, 5th Naval District (Norfolk, VA), 1901-1925, (RG181) PH-6170

EMERGENCY FLEET CORPORATION

- [Office Files of the Secretary](#), Philadelphia, PA, 1918-1919, (RG32) NAID: 615209
- [General Records](#), August 1917-December 1922, Records Maintained by the Authorized Representative for the Merchant Shipping Corporation (Bristol, PA), (RG32) NAID: 617355
- [Indexes to the General Records](#), August 1917-December 1922, Records Maintained by the Authorized Representative for the Merchant Shipping Corporation (Bristol, PA), (RG32) NAID: 617355

Bases

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD

- [Correspondence Relating to Appropriations and Allotments](#), 1916-1918, (RG156) NAID: 635837
- [Office Orders and Memoranda of the Proving Ground](#), 1918, (RG156) NAID: 636129
- [Construction Orders](#), 1917-1919, Constructing and Inspecting Officer, (RG156) NAID: 636174
- [Circulars of the Proving Ground](#), 1918-1920, (RG156) NAID: 636132
- [Circulars and Orders Relating to the Construction of Aberdeen Proving Ground](#), October 1917-1918, Constructing and Inspecting Officer, (RG156) NAID: 636193

- [Circular Letters, Memoranda, and Orders of the Construction Division of the Army](#), 1918, Constructing and Inspecting Officer, (RG156) NAID: 636197
- [Telegrams Received](#), 1918, Constructing and Inspecting Officer, (RG156) NAID: 1138070
- [Memoranda and Cross-Reference Memoranda](#), 1917-1918, Constructing and Inspecting Officer, (RG156) NAID: 636186
- [General Records](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 636135
- [Name and Subject Indexes to Various Correspondence Series of the Aberdeen and Sandy Hook Proving Grounds](#), 1901-1941, (RG156) NAID: 635834
- [Cross-Reference Sheets to Correspondence in Series 1503 with U.S. Government Agencies and Officials in Washington D.C. \("Washington File"\)](#), 1917-1919, Constructing and Inspecting Officer, (RG156) NAID: 1138060
- [Special Court Martial Orders of the Proving Ground](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 636131
- [General Correspondence](#)
 - [Aberdeen Proving Ground](#), 1918-1920, (RG156) NAID: 635836
 - [Constructing and Inspecting Officer of Aberdeen Proving Ground](#), 1917-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1138060
 - [1st Company Coast Artillery Corps of Aberdeen Proving Ground](#), 1919-1920, (RG156) NAID: 636211
- [Special Orders](#), 1917-1919, (RG156) NAID: 636120

BALTIMORE ORDNANCE DEPOT, MD

- [Correspondence](#), 1918-1919,
 - [Baltimore Ordnance District](#), (RG156) NAID: 1353851
 - [Army Inspector of Ordnance at Poole Engineering & Machine Co. Plant](#), (RG156) NAID: 1506140

CAMP EUSTIS, VA

- [Field Returns for Battery "E" and 61ST Artillery](#), Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay, (RG392) NAID: 2678796

CURTIS BAY ORDNANCE DEPOT, MD

- [Correspondence](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1229750
- [General Orders](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1229751
- [Special Orders](#), 1917-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1229752

FORT DU PONT, DE

- [Fort Record Book](#), 1901-1943, (RG392) NAID: 2675026
- [Completion Report for the Coast Defenses of the Delaware](#), 1918, (RG392) NAID: 2675015
- [General Correspondence](#), 1910-1937, (RG392) NAID: 2674825
- [Harbor Defense of Fort Du Pont, DE](#), 1913-1921, 1927, 1931-1933, 1937-1939, (RG392) NAID: 2674980

FORT ARMISTEAD, MD

- [Fort Record Book](#), 1901-1943, (RG392) NAID: 2669152

FORT CARROLL, MD

- [Fort Record Book](#), 1901-1943, (RG392) NAID: 2669170
- [Battery Emplacement Book](#), 1902-1942, (RG392) NAID: 2669159

FORT HOWARD, MD – HARBOR DEFENSES OF BALTIMORE

- [Fort Record Book](#), 1901-1943, (RG392) NAID: 2669209
- [Battery Emplacement Book](#), 1902-1942, (RG392) NAID: 2669194
- [Correspondence, Reports, Maps, and Proceedings of a Board of Officers Relating to Land Defense Projects](#), 1911-1912, 1915-1918, (RG392) NAID: 2668641
- [Correspondence, Reports, Blueprints, and Maps Relating to Projects for Antiaircraft Gun Emplacements](#), 1916-1917, (RG392) NAID: 2668718
- [Semiannual Returns of Submarine Mine Property relating to Ordnance Testing Programs](#), 1916-1917, 1919, (RG392) NAID: 2669125
- [General Orders](#), 1911-1926, (RG392) NAID: 2668743
- [Special Orders](#), 1913-1927, (RG392) NAID: 2668748

FORT SMALLWOOD, MD

- [Fort Record Book](#), 1901-1943, (RG392) NAID: 2669406
- [Battery Emplacement Book](#), 1902-1942, (RG392) NAID: 2669405

FORT MOTT, NJ

- [Fort Record Book](#), 1901-1943, (RG392) NAID: 2678545
- [Battery Emplacement Book](#), 1902-1942, (RG392) NAID: 2678515

FORT MONROE, VA – COAST DEFENSE OF CHESAPEAKE BAY

- [Post Returns, Changes, Gains, and Losses](#), 1910-1920, (RG392) NAID: 2678781
- [General Orders](#), 1914-1921, (RG392) NAID: 2669429
- [Special Orders](#), 1917-1919, 1921-1922, (RG392) NAID: 2669431
- [Special Court-Martial Orders](#), 1915, 1917-1918, Records of the Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay, (RG392) NAID: 2669432
- [Bulletins](#), 1918-1919, Records of the Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay, (RG392) NAID: 2669443

FRANKFORD ARSENAL, PHILADELPHIA, PA

- [Name and Subject Indexes to Series 1252 and 1253](#), 1908-1937, (RG156) NAID: 1067626
- [Index to Correspondence with the Chief of Ordnance in Series 1252 and 1253](#), 1912-1937, (RG156) NAID: 1067628
- [General Correspondence](#), 1910-1937, (RG156) NAID: 1067683

LANGLEY FIELD, VA

- [General Orders](#), Field Installations, 1917-1918, 1923-1938, (RG18) NAID: 563332
- [General Orders of the Air Service Flying School](#), 1918-1919, Field Installations, (RG18) NAID: 563336
- [Special Orders](#), Field Installations, 1917-1919, 1921, 1924, 1926-1939, (RG18) NAID: 563333

- [Special Orders of the Air Service Flying School](#), 1918-1919, Records of Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA, (RG18) NAID: 563321
- [Correspondence of Squadron and Detachments at the Field](#), 1918-1922, Records of Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA, (RG18) NAID: 562712

MIDDLETOWN ORDNANCE & AIR DEPOT, PA

- [Records of Ordnance Company B](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1233837
- [Correspondence](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1233833
- [General Orders](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1233827
- [Special Orders](#), 1917-1919, (RG 156) NAID: 1233830
- [General Orders](#), 1917-1939, (RG18) NAID: 563522
- [Special Orders](#), 1918-1939, (RG18) NAID: 563523

NEWPORT NEWS, VA

- [General and Special Orders, General Court-Martial Orders, and Other Orders](#), 1917-1919, General Records, (RG92) NAID: 1011719
- [Correspondence Relating to Enemy Aliens](#), 1918, General Records, (RG92) NAID: 1011476
- [Telegrams Sent and Received](#), 1917-1919, General Records, (RG92) NAID: 1011714
- [Instructions of the Port Storage Officer to Men on Duty in the Storage Division](#), 1918-1919, General Records, (RG92) NAID: 1011800

PENNIMAN ORDNANCE DEPOT, VA

- [General Correspondence](#), 1910-1937, (RG156) NAID: 1236999
- [Correspondence](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1525777
- [General Orders](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1525804
- [Special Orders](#), 1917-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1525860

PHILADELPHIA ORDNANCE DEPOT, PA

- [Correspondence, Reports, and Drawings Relating to the Construction of the Morgan, NJ Ordnance Depot](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1361621
- [Miscellaneous Records \(Bills of Lading and Forms\)](#), 1918-1919, Records of the General Ordnance Depot of Philadelphia, PA, (RG156) NAID: 1237001
- [General Correspondence](#), 1910-1937, (RG156) NAID: 1237000
- [Minutes of Meetings](#)
 - [District Claims Board](#), 1918-1921, (RG156) NAID: 1356158
 - [Subcontract Branch of The District Claims Board](#), 1919-1920, (RG156) NAID: 1356160
 - [Expediting Staff Branch of the District Claims Board](#), 1919-1920, (RG156) NAID: 1356162
 - [District Salvage Board](#), 1921-1924, (RG156) NAID: 1361619

PHILADELPHIA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, PA

- [General Correspondence](#), 1917-1920, (RG92) NAID: 653092
- [Incoming Telegrams](#), 1917-1919, (RG92) NAID: 653933
- [Outgoing Telegrams](#), 1917-1919, (RG92) NAID: 653934
- [History of the Philadelphia Depot](#), 1917-1945, (RG92) NAID: 898729

PIG POINT ORDNANCE DEPOT, VA

- [General Correspondence](#), 1910-1937, (RG156) NAID: 1237003

PITTSBURGH ORDNANCE DEPOT, PA

- [Account Book of the Neville Island Gun Plant](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1366926
- [Final Audit Report and Statements on the Neville Island Gun Plant](#), 1919, (RG156) NAID: 1366928
- [Ledgers of Allotments and Disbursements](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1366860
- [Contract and Settlements of the U.S. Steel Corp, Agent for the Construction and Operation of the Neville Island Gun Plant](#), 1918, (RG156) NAID: 1366925
- [General Correspondence](#), 1910-1937, U.S. Steel Corp at Neville Island Gun Plant, (RG156) NAID: 1366923

SANDY HOOK PROVING GROUND, NJ

- [Instruction to Ordinance Inspectors](#), 1917-1918, (RG156) NAID: 1174229
- [Special Orders](#), 1917-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1174225

TOBYHANNA ORDNANCE DEPOT, PA

- [General Correspondence](#), 1910-1937, (RG156) NAID: 1244165
- [Correspondence](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1244170
- [General Orders](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1244166
- [Special Orders](#), 1917-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1244166

Different Perspectives

The United States did not join World War I until 1917 and had not prepared to enter the war before this point. Mobilization happened quickly and the military grew from a few hundred thousand to millions.

What are some of the difficulties that the military administration may have faced in light of this? Were they successful at mobilizing quickly? Why or why not?

Mobilization

Nearly 5 million men served the U.S. military during World War I, over half of whom were drafted. These men contracted illnesses and injuries on the front lines as well as on the home front.

Recruits

The Selective Service Act of 1917 enlisted millions of men nationwide into military service. The personnel records from World War I, including the records of the Selective Service Administration, are held at the [National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records \(NPRC-MPR\)](#). The U.S. Draft Registration Cards and Classification Books can be accessed for free on [FamilySearch](#), or through at the [National Archives at Atlanta](#). Although not held at the National Archives at Philadelphia, recruit records provide a personal view of what life was like during the war.

Orders and Training

- General Orders
 - [Harbor Defenses of Baltimore, MD](#), 1911-1926, (RG392) NAID: 2668743
 - [Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA](#), 1918, (RG18) NAID: 562709
 - [Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, PA](#), 1917-1939, (RG18) NAID: 563522
 - [General Ordnance Depot of Curtis Bay, MD](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1229751
- Special Orders
 - [Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA](#), 1917-1919, 1921, 1924, 1926-1939, (RG18) NAID: 563333
 - [Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, PA](#), 1918-1939, (RG18) NAID: 563523
 - [General Ordnance Depot of Middletown, PA](#), 1919, (RG156) NAID: 1233830
 - [Harbor Defenses of Baltimore, MD](#), 1913-1927, (RG392) NAID: 2668748
 - [Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay, VA](#), 1917-1919, 1921-1922, (RG392) NAID: 2669431
 - [Harbor Defense of Fort Du Pont, DE](#), 1913-1921, 1927, 1931-1933, 1937-1939, (RG392) NAID: 2674980
- [Special Court-Martial Orders](#), 1915, 1917-1918, Records of the Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay, (RG392) NAID: 2669432
- [Special Orders of the Air Service Flying School](#), 1918-1919, Records of Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA (RG18) NAID: 563321
- [Special Orders of the District Ordnance Enlisted Detachment](#), 1918-1919, Records of Philadelphia Ordnance District, PA (RG156) NAID: 1361623
- [Memoranda of the Headquarters Detachment](#), Seventh Group, 1920-1921, Records of Field Installations, Langley Field, Hampton, VA (RG18) NAID: 562711
- [Memoranda](#), 1918, Records of Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA (RG18) NAID: 563322
- [Numbered and Unnumbered Memorandums](#), 1917-1920, Records of the Coast Defense of Chesapeake Bay, (RG392) NAID: 2669436
- [Correspondence Relating to Personnel Matters](#), 1918, General Records of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD (RG156) NAID: 636105
- [Correspondence Relating to Personnel \("201" File\) of the Signal Office](#), 1918, General Records, Newport News, VA (RG92) NAID: 1012519
- [Correspondence of the Depot Headquarters Company](#), 1918-1919, Records of the General Ordnance Depot of Curtis Bay, MD (RG156) NAID: 1229747
- [Correspondence of Company A](#), 1918-1919, Records of the General Ordnance Depot of Curtis Bay, MD (RG156) NAID: 1229750
- [Correspondence of the Chemical Warfare Service Detachment](#), 1918-1919, Records of the U.S. Chemical Plant Number Four Saltville, VA (RG175) NAID: 2770029

Deployment

- Correspondence Relating to—, General Records, Newport News, VA
 - [Military Units](#), 1918-1920, (RG92) NAID: 1011460
 - [Movement of Troops](#), 1918, (RG92) NAID: 1011465

- [Correspondence and Confidential Orders Relating To The Shipment Of Troops](#), 1918-1919, General Records, Newport News, (RG92) NAID: 1011709
- Special Orders
 - [Harbor Defenses of Baltimore, MD](#), 1913-1927, (RG392) NAID: 2668748
 - [General Ordnance Depot of Curtis Bay, MD](#), 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1229752
 - [General Ordnance Depot of Middletown, PA](#), 1919, (RG156) NAID: 1233830
 - [General Ordnance Depot of Tobyhanna, PA](#), 1919, (RG156) NAID: 1244166
- [General Orders of the Depot](#), 1919, Records of the General Ordnance Depot of Tobyhanna, PA, (RG156) NAID: 1244166

Health Management

Soldiers' health was of utmost importance. It was crucial to prevent the spread of disease and to properly treat "shell shock," a newly-emerged condition that afflicted soldiers during and after the war. These records detail the ways in which hospitals treated physically or mentally sick soldiers, as well as how the government handled those who were faking illness to get out of service.

- Correspondence, 1918-1920, General Records, Newport News, VA
 - [Relating to Military Units](#), 1918-1920, (RG92) NAID: 1011460
 - [Relating to Illness, Disability, and Other Health Problems](#), 1918-1919, (RG92) NAID: 1011572

Standing Down

Soldiers returning to the United States after the Great War needed help to readjust to life outside of war. Soldiers and the government faced old and new mental and physical health problems, resulting from trench warfare, and chemical and mechanized weapons. Some medical historians believe that returning soldiers brought with them the Spanish Influenza, which killed more people in total than the war itself during the [Influenza Epidemic of 1918](#). To aid the adjustment process, the government created special programs for veterans and active duty soldiers. In some cases, United States immigrants who fought for the U.S. during the war were able to petition for naturalization afterward.

Immigration

- Military Petitions for Naturalization
 - [Delaware](#), 1802-1991, (RG21) NAID: 567323
 - [Baltimore, MD](#), 1918-1923, (RG21) NAID: 3083600
 - [Camp Lee, VA](#), 1851-1991, (RG21) NAID: 1168978
 - [Camp Humphreys, VA](#), 1918-1919, (RG21) NAID: 874103

Health Management

- Correspondence, 1918-1920, General Records, Newport News, VA
 - [Relating to Military Units](#), 1918-1920, (RG92) NAID: 1011460
 - [Relating to Illness, Disability, and Other Health Problems](#), 1918-1919, (RG92) NAID: 1011572

NATIONAL HOME, SOUTHERN BRANCH, HAMPTON, VA

- [Sample Case Files of Members](#), 1871-1933, (RG15) NAID: 562694

SCHUYLKILL ARSENAL, PA

- [General Correspondence](#), 1917-1920, (RG 92) NAID: 653092
- [Incoming Telegrams](#), 1917-1919, (RG 92) NAID: 653933
- [Outgoing Telegrams](#), 1917-1919, (RG 92) NAID: 653934

PHILADELPHIA NAVAL HOME, PA

- [General Correspondence](#), 1910-1940, (RG 24) NAID: 2600757
- [Station Logs](#), 1842-1942, (RG 24) NAID: 2600788

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, PHILADELPHIA, PA

- [Reports of Autopsies \(Post Mortem Books\)](#), 1909-1918, (RG 52) PH-2984

Veterans Affairs

Following the end of World War I, over two million soldiers returned home without employment and many without any job training. Since the beginning of U.S. involvement in the War, Congress had been working to have benefit programs available for the returning servicemen. The result was the passage of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1918, the Veterans Bureau Act of 1921, and the World War Veterans' Act of 1924. These acts set up the Federal apparatus to provide training and financial support to veterans.

NATIONAL HOME, SOUTHERN BRANCH, HAMPTON, VA

- [Sample Case Files of Members](#), 1871-1933, (RG15) NAID: 562694

REHABILITATION DIVISION, BALTIMORE, MD

- [General Office Files](#), 1920-1926, District and Regional Files, (RG15) NAID: 562695
- [Subject Office Files](#), 1920-1926, District and Regional Files, (RG15) NAID: 562704
- [Record Cards Listing the Subject Headings Used in the District and Regional Files](#), 1918-1925, District And Regional Files, District 3: Pennsylvania and Delaware, (RG15) NAID:5888579
- [Record Cards Listing the Subject Headings Used in the District and Regional Files](#), 1918-1925, District And Regional Files, District 4: District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, (RG15) NAID: 5888981

Different Perspectives

The Great War was the first fully mechanized war. Machine guns, shells, poisonous gases—each of these left physical scars on soldiers, but the mental damage was more extensive than anyone could have expected. Soldiers returning from the war not only had to adjust to life with physical disabilities, but many also developed mental health issues. The numerous acts pushed through on behalf of veterans indicate that the government sought to help them adapt to post-war life.

What are some examples of the ways in which the government cares for veterans today? How might soldiers be prepared for the mental anguish of war?

Home Front

Military success in wartime depends on the work of the home front. During World War I, the American home front played a crucial part in providing necessities to allied soldiers. Various agencies were created or tasked with new programs to get civilians involved with the war effort.

Food Conservation & Production

The United States remained physically untouched by the war, making it possible to feed the American soldiers along with the starving European allies. However, farmers and civilians needed to learn how to minimize waste and how to maximize conservation and production. The government developed several programs and agencies to aid in this effort.

CONSERVATION

Office of the Federal Food Administrator

- General Correspondence
 - [Maryland](#), 1917-1919, (RG4) NAID: 613644
 - [Philadelphia](#), 1917-1918, (RG4) NAID: 614522
 - [Pennsylvania 1](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614237
 - [Pennsylvania 2](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614243
 - [West Virginia](#), 1917-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614574
 - [Virginia](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614548
- General Correspondence of...
 - [J.H. Brennan, WV](#), 1917-1918, (RG4) NAID: 614575
 - [B.L. Purcell, VA](#), 1918, (RG4) NAID: 567990
 - [N.L. Lapsley, VA](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614552
- Correspondence
 - [Talbot County, MD](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614214
 - [Washington County, MD](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614218
 - [Worcester County, MD](#), 1918, (RG4) NAID: 614220
- Correspondence with...
 - [PA County Food Administrators](#), 1917-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614240
 - [WV County Food Administrators](#), 1917-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614576
 - [VA County and City Administrators](#), 1918, (RG4) NAID: 614562
 - [Washington D.C. Office](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614247
- [Subject Headings General Correspondence File](#), PA, 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614237
- [Vouchers and Related Correspondence](#), WV, 1917-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614577
- [Vouchers for Sugar Equalization Board Expenses](#), WV, 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614578
- [Record Book of Disbursements](#), WV, 1917-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614579
- [Printed Material](#), MD, 1917-1919, (RG4) NAID: 613646

Office of Director of Food Administration, WV

- [Correspondence with the County Food Administrators](#), 1917-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614580
- [Record Book of Enforcement Cases](#), 1918, (RG4) NAID: 614587
- [Proceedings in Enforcement Cases](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614586

- [Duplicates of Reports Sent to Washington by Licensees](#), 1918, (RG4) NAID: 614585
- [Duplicates of Bakers' Reports](#), 1918, (RG4) NAID: 614584

Division of County Administration, PA

- Correspondence with:
 - [PA County Food Chairmen](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614314
 - [PA County Food Administrators](#), 1917-1918, (RG4) NAID: 614327

Division of Conservation

- [General Correspondence](#), PA, 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614519
- [Food Conservation Train](#), PA, 1917-1918, (RG4) NAID: 614520

The Enforcement Division

- Correspondence File of...
 - [E.S. McConky, MD](#), 1918, (RG4) NAID: 614174
 - [P.A. Grill, MD](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614180
 - [J.T. Bethel, VA](#), 1918, (RG4) NAID: 614569
- [Record of Complaints and Enforcements](#), MD, 1917-1918, (RG4) NAID: 614189
- [General Correspondence](#), PA, 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614350
- [Correspondence relating to Food Distribution](#), PA, 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614362
- [Index to Active & Inactive Cases and General Correspondence](#), PA, 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614350
- [Index to Cases of William Barclay](#), PA, 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614350

Office of the State Merchant Representative, MD

- [Correspondence and Files](#), 1918, (RG4) NAID: 614211

Office of the State Library Director, MD

- [Correspondence and Files](#), 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614209

Division of Dairy Interests

- [Correspondence](#), PA, 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614517

Division of Press News

- [Historical Materials](#), PA, 1918-1919, (RG4) NAID: 614521

PRODUCTION

- [General Correspondence](#), 1917-1918, Office of the Second Vice President, Baltimore Agency, MD, (RG5) NAID: 570964
- [General Subject File](#), 1918-1919, Office of the Second Vice President, Baltimore Agency, MD, (RG5) NAID: 570964
- [Letters Sent](#), 1887-1918, Records of the Baltimore, MD Station, (RG17) NAID: 616310

Education

War provided opportunities for education programs that had not previously existed or been necessary, including education about food conservation as well as military training for the Air Services.

ABOUT FOOD CONSERVATION & PRODUCTION

- [Food Conservation Train](#), 1917-1918, Records of the Division of Conservation, PA, (RG4) NAID: 614520

FOR MILITARY

- [Register to General Correspondence](#), 1918-1919, Records of Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA, (RG18) NAID: 562708
- [General Correspondence](#), 1918-1919, Records of Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA, (RG18) NAID: 562708
- [General Orders](#), 1918, Records of Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA, (RG18) NAID: 562709
- [Special Orders](#), 1917-1918, Records of Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA, (RG18) NAID: 563326
- [Memoranda](#), 1918, Records of Radio Schools, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA, (RG18) NAID: 563322

Women

Since the country's founding, women have led programs and worked in industries reserved for men during wartime. The female workers of World War I contributed in numerous ways to the war effort, and some even sought to leave the U.S. to serve on the battlefield as military nurses.

- [Food Conservation Train](#), 1917-1918, Records of the Division of Conservation, PA, (RG4) NAID: 614520
- [History of the Philadelphia Depot](#), 1917-1945, Philadelphia, PA Quartermaster Depot, (RG92) NAID: 898729
- [Aliens' Applications for Permission to depart from the United States](#), 1918-1919, District 4, Philadelphia, PA, (RG85) NAID: 567234

Immigration

During World War I, the government sought to prove the loyalty of immigrants, especially those from enemy countries. This included interrogating those who sought to return to their home countries in the last moments of the war and right after it was over. Immigrants who fought for the U.S. military and were honorably discharged were also eligible to apply for naturalization.

- [Aliens' Applications for Permission to depart from the United States](#), 1918-1919, District 4, Philadelphia, PA, (RG85) NAID: 567234
- [Correspondence Relating to Enemy Aliens](#), 1918, General Records, Newport News, VA, (RG92) NAID: 1011476
- [Military Petitions for Naturalization](#)
 - [Delaware](#), 1802-1991, (RG21) NAID: 567323
 - [Baltimore, MD](#), 1918-1923, (RG21) NAID: 3083600
 - [Camp Lee, Richmond, VA](#), 1851-1991, (RG21) NAID: 1168978

- [Camp Humphreys, Alexandria, VA](#), 1918-1919, (RG21) NAID: 874103

Civilian Employees

- [Correspondence, Reports, and Other Records Relating to Civilian Construction Laborers \(“Labor File”\)](#), 1918, General Records of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, (RG156) NAID: 636108
- [General Correspondence](#), 1917-1919, Constructing and Inspecting Officer of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, (RG156) NAID: 1138060

Defense

Though the United States had not been attacked on its own land, the government worked to uphold national security. As a precaution to keep civilians safe from enemy attack, the U.S. built up defenses throughout major port cities.

- [Correspondence, Reports, Maps, And Proceedings Of A Board Of Officers Relating To Land Defense Projects](#), 1911-1912, 1915-1918, Records of the Harbor Defenses of Baltimore, (RG392) NAID: 2668641
- [Correspondence, Reports, Blueprints, And Maps Relating To Projects For Antiaircraft Gun Emplacements](#), 1916-1917, Records of the Harbor Defenses of Baltimore, (RG392) NAID: 2668718
- [Special Orders](#), 1913-1921, 1927, 1931-1933, 1937-1939, Records of the Harbor Defense of Fort Du Pont, DE, (RG392) NAID: 2674980
- [Fort Record Books](#)
 - [Fort Carroll, MD](#), 1901-1918, (RG392) NAID: 2669170
 - [Fort Armistead, MD](#), 1901-1918, (RG392) NAID: 2669152
- [Battery Emplacement Books](#)
 - [Fort Carroll, MD](#), 1903-1921, (RG392) NAID: 2669159
 - [Fort Howard, MD](#), 1902-1927, (RG392) NAID: 2669194

Different Perspectives

When looking at history, it is important not to focus solely on the obvious. Missing perspectives in records can reveal a lot about an era. On the home front, there are not many records about women or minorities. Why might this be?

Just two years after the war concluded, women won the right to vote. Nearly forty years later, soon after the conclusion of World War II, people began to fight for the civil rights of all races. How might turbulent times push political movements? Can you identify any examples of this happening today?

Other Government Operations

The U.S. government strived to end the war quickly. Through developing new technologies, working with non-government businesses, creating new taxes, and transporting supplies, the United States helped the Allied powers end the war and begin reconstruction.

Weapons Development & Testing

World War I marked a drastic change in warfare as weapons became mechanized. The United States worked hard to develop new and efficient weapons to use in the war.

- Card Register of Names and Subjects in Correspondence
 - [Baltimore, MD District Office \(No. 15\)](#), 1918-1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602358
 - [Philadelphia, PA District Office \(No. 6\)](#), 1917-1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602338
 - [Pittsburgh, PA District Office \(No. 7\)](#), 1918 – 1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602354
- Correspondence
 - [Baltimore, MD District Office](#), 1918-1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602358
 - [Philadelphia, PA District Office](#), 1917-1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602338
 - [Pittsburgh, PA District Office](#), 1918 – 1919, (RG165) NAID: 2602354
- [General Correspondence](#), 1915-1918, General Records of the Sandy Hook, NJ Proving Ground, (RG156) NAID: 1174196
- [Correspondence Relating to the 16" Gun Turrets](#), 1916, General Records of the Sandy Hook, NJ Proving Ground, (RG156) NAID: 1174220
- [Reports, Studies, and Other Records Relating to Antiaircraft Systems and Weapons \("Antiaircraft Reference File"\)](#), 1918-1935, General Records of the Frankford Arsenal, PA, (RG156) NAID: 1068213
- [Daily Reports of Velocities of Guns Fired at the Proving Ground](#), 1918-1940, General Records of the Aberdeen, MD Proving Ground, (RG156) NAID: 1138053

Contracts

The U.S. government worked with private companies, contracting their services for industrial goods to be used in the war effort.

- General Correspondence
 - [Office of the Second Vice President, Baltimore, MD Agency](#), 1917-1919, (RG5) NAID: 570964
 - [General Ordnance Depot of Pig Point](#), VA, 1918-1919, (RG156) NAID: 1237003
- Correspondence, 1918-1919,
 - [Army Inspector of Ordnance at the Poole Engineering and Machine Co. Plant](#), Baltimore and Hagerstown, MD, (RG156) NAID: 1506140
 - [District Claims Board of Baltimore, MD Ordnance District](#), (RG156) NAID: 1353851
- [Correspondence Relating to Cancellation of Group Two Contracts](#), 1919-1922 Records Maintained by the Authorized Representative for the Merchant Shipping Corporation (Bristol, PA), (RG32) NAID: 635817
- [General Subject File](#), 1918-1919, Office of the Second Vice President, Baltimore, MD Agency, (RG5) NAID: 570964
- [Records Relating to Contracts](#), September 1917-November 1922, Records Maintained by the Authorized Representative for the Merchant Shipping Corporation (Bristol, PA), (RG32) NAID: 635809
- [Minutes of Meeting of the Forms and Methods Committee of the District Claims Expediting Staff Branch](#), 1919, Records of Philadelphia, PA Ordnance District, (RG156) NAID: 1361616

- [Summary Statements of the District Claims Board Relating to the Settlement of Subcontracts](#), 1919-1920, Records of Philadelphia, PA Ordnance District, (RG156) NAID: 1361617

Finances

The U.S. government helped to fund the war by imposing or increasing taxes on non-essential goods and services. In the World War I period the tax on beer and wines was increased, additional occupational taxes were imposed, and admissions to theaters, circuses, bowling alleys, and billiard parlors were taxed. A tax was imposed on telegrams and telephone calls and on steamship tickets for destinations abroad. The income tax was increased and an estate tax, a capital stock tax, and a tax on munitions makers were levied. In 1921 rates were lowered on some taxes, and other taxes were abolished. Grains for making beer were taxed, and the responsibility for the enforcement of prohibition was assigned to the Bureau of Prohibition until 1927.

- [Register Of Sales Tax](#), December 1917-February 1918, Records of the Baltimore, MD District Office, (RG58) NAID: 4717591
- [Register Of Uncollectible Taxes Abated](#), 1884-1922, Records of the Baltimore, MD District Office, (RG58) NAID: 4717592
- [Daily Record Of Spirit Stamps](#), 1915-1921, Records of the Baltimore, MD District Office, (RG58) NAID: 4734298
- [Tax Assessment Lists](#)
 - [Maryland](#), 1893-1919, (RG58) NAID: 4713143
 - [New Jersey](#), 1867-1917, (RG58) NAID: 4779024
 - [Virginia](#), 1862-1953, (RG58) NAID: 4713149

Legal

Case law gives insights into both routine life and war-related issues. Criminal cases include actions brought under Espionage Act of 1917, the Trading with the Enemy Act of 1917; alien registrations; and investigations of Socialist Party activities

- [Military Petitions for Naturalization \(RG 21\)](#)
Act of May 9, 1918 allowed aliens serving in the U.S. Army to petition for citizenship.
 - [Delaware](#), 1802-1991, NAID: 567323
 - [Baltimore, MD](#), 1918-1923, NAID: 3083600
 - [Camp Lee, Richmond, VA](#), 1918-1919, NAID: 1168978
 - [Camp Humphreys, Alexandria, VA](#), 1918-1919, NAID: 874103
- Admiralty law
Apart from statutory provisions as to registry, licensing, inspection, navigation, and seizure and forfeiture of vessels and cargo, American admiralty law deals with such matters as prizes, ransom, military salvage, and a great variety of maritime contracts and torts. Suits and proceedings could be brought against things as well as individuals.
 - [Case Files and related records \(RG 21\)](#):
 - [Baltimore, MD](#): 1790-1966, NAID: 278848; [dockets and index](#): NAID: 654301
 - Baltimore, MD: [Case Files Regarding Wages of Deceased and Deserting Seamen](#), 1872-1959, NAID: 3720077
 - [Charleston, WV](#): 1911-1948, PH-1755; [dockets](#), 1901-1948, NAID: 4706947
 - [Norfolk, VA](#): 1909-1948, NAID 571571; [dockets](#): 1811-1952, NAID: 609227

- [Philadelphia, PA](#): 1789-1966, NAID: 559889; [dockets](#): 1802-1966, NAID: 566738
 - [Pittsburgh, PA](#): 1846-1966, NAID: 571591; [dockets](#): 1856-1966, NAID: 650863
 - [Richmond, VA](#): 1867-1930, NAID: 1168951
 - [Wheeling, WV](#): 1853-1966, NAID: 609027
 - [Wilmington, DE](#): 1834-1966, NAID: 571585; [dockets](#): 1809-1966, NAID 650026
 - [Dockets and indices](#):
 - [Erie, PA](#): 1867-1939, NAID: 2838922
 - Writs of survey (RG 21):
 - Philadelphia, PA: 1840-1939, NAID: [566278](#), and 1789-1940, NAID: [566274](#); index: 1843-1926, NAID: [2771692](#)
- Civil Law (RG 21)
 - [Land Condemnation Case Files](#): Clarksburg, WV: 1832-1986, (RG 21) NAID: 2321389
 - Common Law case records:

Common Law actions include non-criminal cases that did not fall under admiralty (maritime), bankruptcy, contract or property (equity) matters.

 - Case files:
 - [Abingdon](#), VA, NAID 636734, [dockets](#): NAID 2279465
 - [Baltimore](#), MD, NAID 636727, [dockets](#): NAID 654102
 - [Big Stone Gap](#), VA: NAID 636742, [dockets](#): NAID 4526881
 - [Charlottesville](#), VA, NAID: 636741, [dockets](#): NAID 4502699
 - [Clarksburg](#), WV, NAID 637513, [dockets](#): NAID 651437
 - [Cumberland](#), MD: NAID 655525, [dockets](#): NAID 655522
 - [Danville](#), VA, NAID 636737, [dockets](#): NAID 4509710
 - [Elkins](#), WV, NAID 637544, [dockets](#): NAID 4688331
 - [Fairmont](#), WV, NAID 637545
 - [Harrisonburg](#), WV, NAID 636738, [dockets](#): NAID 4529436
 - [Lynchburg](#), VA, NAID 636739, [dockets](#): NAID 4490387
 - [Martinsburg](#), WV: NAID 637541, [dockets](#): NAID 4685882
 - [Parkersburg](#), WV, NAID 637542, [dockets](#): NAID 4700586
 - [Philadelphia](#), PA: NAID 783962, [dockets](#): NAID 783946
 - [Philippi](#), WV, NAID 637543, [dockets](#): NAID 4687898
 - [Roanoke](#), VA, NAID 636740, [dockets](#): NAID 4522165
 - [Scranton](#), PA, NAID 636731, [dockets](#): NAID 655595
 - [Wheeling](#), WV, NAID 637514, [dockets](#): NAID 4683833
 - [Wilmington](#), DE, NAID 561850, [dockets](#): NAID 650720; index: NAID 3768789
- Criminal Law
 - U.S. Attorney precedent case files (RG 118):
 - [Eastern District of Pennsylvania](#) (based in Philadelphia), NAID 32199689 (1908-1987)
 - [Middle District of Pennsylvania](#) (based in Harrisburg), NAID 29007799 (1919 – 1980)
 - U. S. District Court case files (RG 21):

- [Abingdon](#), VA, NAID 593067; [dockets](#) NAID 2279471. and NAID [2279528](#)
 - [Alexandria](#), VA, NAID 571616; [dockets](#) NAID 2771583
 - [Baltimore](#), MD: NAID 278859; [dockets](#) NAID 654306
 - [Big Stone Gap](#), VA, NAID 593073; [dockets](#) NAID 2774961
 - [Bluefield](#), WV, NAID 593075
 - [Charleston](#), WV: NAID 593076; [index](#) NAID 4706837; [dockets](#) NAID 2771751
 - [Charlottesville](#), VA, NAID 593068; [dockets](#) NAID 2774959
 - [Clarksburg](#), WV: NAID 593077; [dockets](#) NAID 2788676
 - [Cumberland](#), MD, NAID 570403; [dockets](#)
 - [Danville](#), VA, NAID 593069; [dockets](#) NAID 719857
 - [Elkins](#), WV: NAID 593079; [dockets](#) NAID 2788744
 - [Harrisonburg](#), VA, NAID 593070; [dockets](#) NAID 2771964
 - [Huntington](#), WV, NAID 593081; [dockets](#) NAID 2771754
 - [Lynchburg](#), VA, NAID 593071; [dockets](#) NAID 2771967
 - [Martinsburg](#), WV, NAID 593084; [dockets](#) NAID 2788689
 - [Norfolk](#), VA: NAID 570404; [dockets](#) NAID 1112228
 - [Parkersburg, WV](#): NAID 593085; [dockets](#) NAID 561851
 - [Philadelphia](#), PA: NAID 279067; [dockets](#) 2770229
 - [Philippi](#), WV, NAID 593086; [dockets](#) NAID 2788695
 - [Pittsburgh](#), PA, NAID 572204; [index](#), NAID 2837560; [dockets](#) NAID 2771434
 - [Richmond](#), VA: NAID 570402; [dockets](#) NAID 1168975
 - [Roanoke](#), VA, NAID 593072; [dockets](#) NAID 2774958
 - [Scranton, PA](#): NAID 572150
 - [Wheeling](#), WV, NAID 593088; [dockets](#) NAID 2788736
 - [Wilmington](#), DE: NAID 570387; [index](#) NAID 3794070; [dockets](#) NAID 2771443
- District court related records:
 - Habeas corpus case files, [Pittsburgh](#), PA, NAID 2837530
- Circuit Courts of Appeals:
 - Third Circuit (based in Philadelphia; includes cases referred from federal district courts in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the Virgin Islands)
 - [Briefs and Appendices](#) NAID 279186
 - [Files relating to the Designation of Judges to other Jurisdictions](#) NAID 2133092
 - [Correspondence Relating to Cases](#) NAID 572256
 - [Rolls of Attorneys](#) NAID 572220
 - Fourth Circuit (based in Richmond, VA; includes cases referred from federal district courts in Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia)
 - [Brief and Appendices](#) NAID 572646
 - [Briefs and Appendices Relating to Patent Cases](#) NAID 572651
 - [Memorials](#) NAID 572352
 - [Transcripts](#) NAID 572348
 - [Correspondence Relating to Cases](#) NAID 572344
 - [Opinions](#) NAID 572343
 - [Dockets](#) NAID 572316; [Rough Dockets](#) NAID 572310
 - [Minutes](#) NAID 572285

Supplies

Several military bases were involved with the transportation of supplies to Europe, including air depots, proving grounds, the Quartermaster General and the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

- [General Orders](#), 1917-1939, Records of the Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, PA, (RG18) NAID: 563522
- [Special Orders](#), 1918-1939, Records of the Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, PA, (RG18) NAID: 563523
- [General Correspondence](#)
 - [Ordnance School at Aberdeen, MD Proving Ground](#), 1918-1920, (RG156) NAID: 636235
 - [Depot Quartermaster's Office at Philadelphia, PA](#), 1917-1920, (RG92) NAID: 653092
 - [Newport News, VA](#), 1917-1920, (RG92) NAID: 1011456
 - [Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD Transportation Office](#), 1918-1920, (RG156) NAID: 636207
- [Correspondence Relating To the Movement of Troops](#), 1918, General Records, Newport News, VA, (RG92) NAID: 1011465
- [Subject Card Index to Series 1512](#), Ordnance School of Application of the Aberdeen, MD, Proving Ground, (RG156) NAID: 636235
- [Office Files of the Secretary](#), 1918-1919, (RG32) NAID: 615209
- [Incoming Telegrams](#), 1917-1919, Depot Quartermaster's Office, Philadelphia, PA, (RG92) NAID: 653933
- [Cargo Lists and Other Records of the Signal Office Relating to the Shipment of Material](#), 1918, General Records, Newport News, VA, (RG92) NAID: 1012520

Different Perspectives

While taxes can be an area of contention for the public, the government used the revenue to help fund the war and to promote food conservation. Aside from taxes, how did the government raise money towards the war effort?

Part of the funding went towards weapons development and testing. World War I saw brutal battles and many questioned the use of some weapons such as poisonous gases. Is there such thing as humane war? Why was World War I the stage for the mechanization of war and the abandonment of old war ceremony?

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DocsTeach: these are two of many activities developed by the National Archives Education Team regarding WWI –

<https://www.docsteach.org/activities/teacher/americans-on-the-homefront-helped-win-world-war-i>

<https://www.docsteach.org/activities/teacher/artists-document-world-war-i>

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