

World War I and the AEF “Road Builders”

**Pvt. 1st Cl. Martin J. Flanagan
Wagon Company 1, 23rd Engineers, American Expeditionary Forces**

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Great-Grandson

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:

<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 is an honorably discharged Naval Air Reservist (Vietnam Era).

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

11-17-17
C 2060988

Pvt 1cl Wag Co 1 23 Engrs

K

3029 W 41 St Chicago Ill

A

1 403 790

Ss 177 983

Died

10-22-17

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1 041 312

Born 11/7/88

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Enl 12/7/17

Dis 6/20/19

Ct.

241 942

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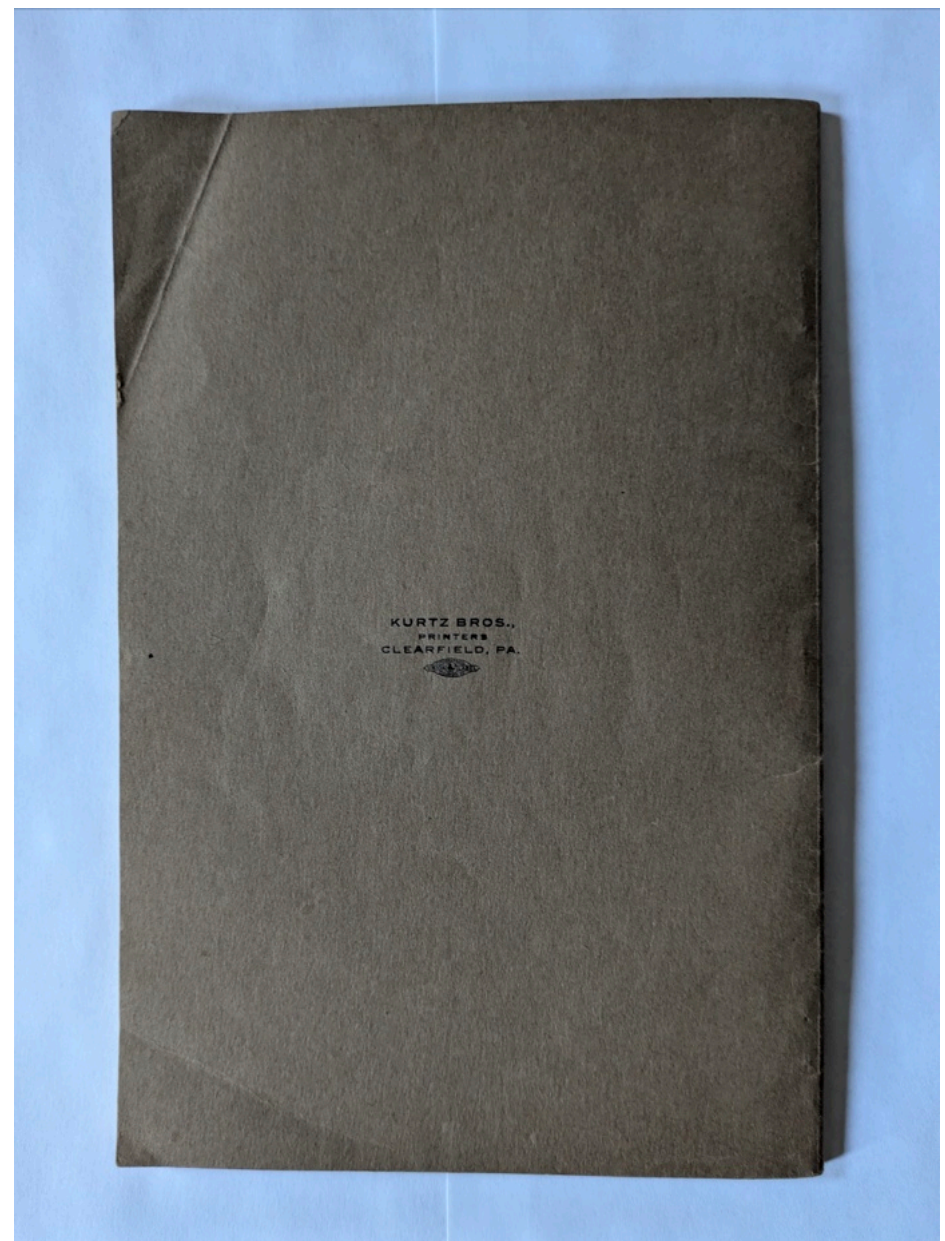
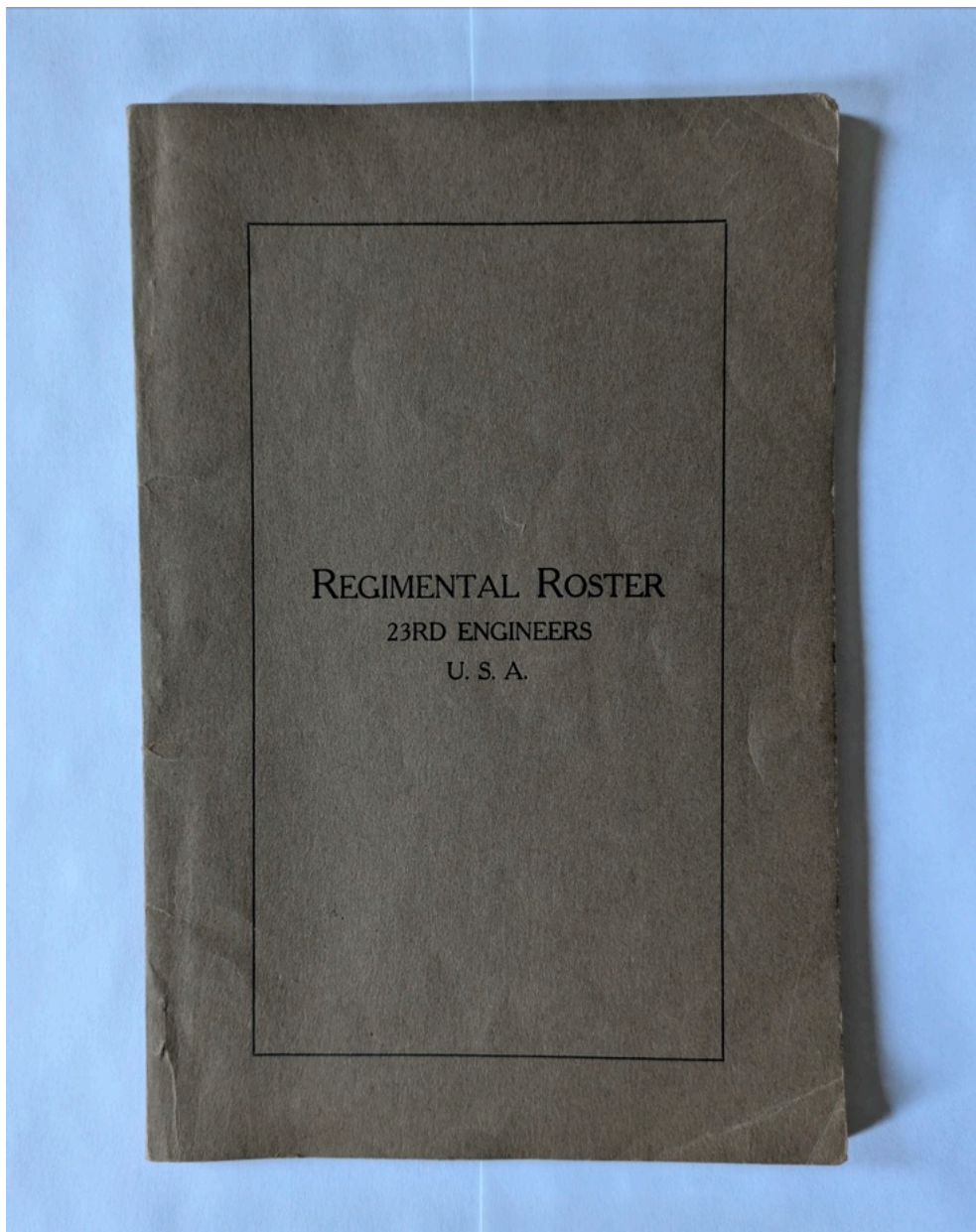
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MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

GPO 2-13969

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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.
Fitzgerald, 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**
(Signature) (Date) #1882

If person is of African descent, tear off 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:

J. W. Kenny
(Signature of Registrar)

Precinct **19 1/2 6** Co Clerk, **Vonstede 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.

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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 LYMAN ST. CHICAGO COOK 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 LYMAN 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 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 3062 LYMAN</u>			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <u>BURKE BAKK CO.</u>			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <u>394 CICERO AVE</u> <u>CICERO</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)	(over)	16-21630-2	<u>Martin Flanagan</u> (Registrant's signature)

World War II Draft Card - Part 1

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White ✓	5'5 1/2	190	Sallow	
	EYES	HAIR	Light	✓
Negro	Blue ✓	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray ✓	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Fillipino				

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:

Jack Flynn
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board.....
(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
shall 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

92

(1) COMPANY Transport (2)
Organization Wagon Co. 1, 23rd. Commercial Str. Sailing Date 116 JAN 23 1918 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. 67
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, 4th MOB 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	Port of sailing	Date of sailing	Port of Arrival	Date of Arrival
	U.S.S. CAP FINISTERRE	BREST FRANC	JUN 1 1919		

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.
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Leave double space between entries. All typewriting must be in CAPITAL LETTERS.

101	HARRIOTT, GEORGE S. 177995	WAG.	WAG CO. HOLLIS SA RICHTT ENGRS 1, 23RD ENGRS	BROTHER	WOLF POINT, MONTANA.
102	FLANAGAN, MARTIN 177983	PVT.	WAG CO. MRS. ANNA FLANAGAN 1/C 1, 23RD ENGRS ENGRS.	MOTHER	5623 SOUTH ASH- LAND AVENUE, CHI- CAGO, 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.

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Camp Grant, Ills (Station) / June 20, 1919 (Date)

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."

[Signature]
Commanding Organization.

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 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

[Signature]
1st Lieut. Inf. U.S.A.
Personnel Adjutant

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.

~~Commanding Organization.~~

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

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Final Pay
Cover Sheet

FINAL PAY ROLL OF CASUALS ATTCHED TO DEMOB GROUP *June 1918* From ~~MAY 31~~ 1918, to June 20 1918
 (Organization, regiment, staff corps, or department.) (Date of discharge.)

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

Remarks must be confined to these three columns

19	177947	Cohatoka Wis	10-17								
20		PRIVATES IS GL									20
	MF	12/7/17									
21	177983	Chicago Ill	1	833	10 00		10 00		7237		21
	RWB	11/6/17									
22	177973	Chicago Ill	1	833	10 00		10 00		7337	18	22
	no no 1	copy 7/25/18 \$5.00									
23											23

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> <hr/> Name, Grade, and Organization <hr/> Soldier's name will be typewritten, surname first, and he will sign above it in same space, Christian name first.
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			17.25	100.74			118.00	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

Final Pay - Page 2

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

Generally, a wagoner was responsible for driving and maintaining horse-drawn wagons in the AEF, carrying supplies and equipment close to front-line operations.

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 Laural 4:30 P.M. Quarters old fertile mill night of 10th.				
12	Company moved into quarters at camp Laural P.M. with Pvt's. Martin Flanagan, John P. Murray, John E. McCaffrey & Ely George assd. to Co. P.M. 11th. (+36) Pvt. Harry L. Mellett fr. Duty to arrest, awaiting trial for violation of article of war. late.	36			
13	Pvt. George fr. assigned to Camp Meade (-8). Pvt. DeMay fr. Camp Meade, 23rd Detach. To assigned (+8) Pvt. Mellett fr. arrest to released. P.M.	8	9		
14	Sik. Apt. 13th. sergts. Coberly & Watson fr. Duty to Hosp. Pvt'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) Pvt'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) (over)		7		

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 oner Kennedy 2506524 Charles C. Pvt 1st Cl. Arnold 2506456 Stanley T. Pvt 1st Cl. Devillards 2506483 Charles S. Pvt Chadbourne 2506473 Charles W. Pvt Frost 2506494 George C. Pvt Hutcherson 2506518 Harry B. Pvt Michael 2506523 Joseph J. Pvt Scott 2506563 James H. Pvt Sherburn 2506566 ERVING Pvt Smith 2506570 George W. att for duty returned to Wagon Co #3 per RSO 98 Par #3 May 8-18</p>				
14	<p>Moved Camp to Quebec to Rangeval Lt Fraser + 56 men on special Rangeval Camp restored to duty status. Drawing rations for 3 Officers + 3 Sanitary men at Drawing rations for 105 enlisted men + 6 animals. 82 Horses Turned over to Wagon Co #2 - 6 Mules turned over Wagon Co #2 5-13-18 56 Mules reported P.M. per S.O. 56 Hq. SOS Base Sect. #4 May 8-18 Drawing rations for 105 enlisted men + 117 animals.</p>				

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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 Manassasville (Capt. Fasset) 1 Team at Louy (Capt. Minor) // On S. D. with Co. C. 23rd ENGRS. Serpl. Campbell 2357618 Jayce Pvt. Bradshaw 2357538 Raymond L. Pvt. Clark 2357541 John C. Pvt. Currier 2357542 Harold F. Pvt. Flanagan 177983 Martin Pvt. Fruhmant 2357545 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 2357268 Edward D. Pvt. Seiler 2357594 Arthur H. Pvt. Trevaughn 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 Melott 177962 Harry L. Corpl. Henderson 2357585 Cash, Wag. Aitan
177927 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 Burndt
177932 Albert L. Pvt. Bauman 2357535 George C. Pvt. Booth 2357536 Karl M.
Pvt. Brauner 2357539 Joseph H. Pvt. Charboneau 2357582 Arthur H. // 29
14 Pvt. Byers 179474 Grover F. 26th Engrs. dropped for rations 19rs Sept. 13/18. 29
15 Corpl. Campbell 2357618 Joyce. Pvt Bradshaw 2357538 Raymond L. Pvt. Clark 2357541 John C.
Pvt. Carrier 2357542 Harold F. Pvt. Flanagan 177983 Martin Pvt. Frushman 2357542 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. Trevathan
178004 William L. Wag. Marriot 177995 George S. Wag. Nutter 177963 Louis I. 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
177934 Peter H. Wag. Huston 177934 Harvey M. Wag. Wallace 177977 Chester A.
Pvt. Wilson 178005 William W. Cook Melott 177962 Harry L. Corpl. Henderson 2357585 Cash

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

REMARKS (CONT'D)

Nov 10. 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 2357549 Brooks R, Pvt. Klaus 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 Ott's, 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 S, Pvt. Bauman 2357535 George C, Pvt. Flanagan 177483 Martin, Pvt. Summitt 178001 Eugene, Pvt. Jacobs 2357552 Harry T, Pvt. Brouner 2357534 Joseph H, Pvt. Booth 2357536 Karl M, Pvt. Hansen 177486 Hans R. Fr. D with Co. to SD at Nonsard, 1st. Bn. Hqs. 1st. Sgt. Smith 177410 Geo. E. Jr., Sgt. Frye 177484 John,

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Cont. 177959 Arthur J, Pvt. Barnat 177932 Waq. Nutter 177963 Louis J, Waq. Mayo 177993 Leopold A,
Pvt. Charboneau 2357582 Arthur J, Pvt. Benson 2357620 Bonny H, Pvt. Bradshaw 2357538 Ray -
mond L, Pvt. Hayes 2357549 Brooks R, Pvt. Klaus 2357577 Ernest W, Pvt. Murray 177946 John, Pvt,
O'Brien 177920 James R, Pvt. Treathan 178004 William L, Pvt. Rice 2357566 Albert J,
Fr. SD at Bernecourt to Dwith Co. ~~1st Lieut. A. S. M. M.~~ Sgt. Noake 177909 Geo. W, Sgt. Todd 177919 Otis,
Corpl. Peterson 177967 Palmer S, Corpl. Croul 177939 John E, Corpl. Dowd 177981, John J, Waq. Itelcomb
177953 Norman W, Waq. Wallace 177977 Chester A, Waq. Bennen 177933 Frank X, Waq. Daniels 177,
992 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 Da. Hqs. Nonsard to Dwith Co. 1st Sgt. Smith 177910 Geo E, Sgt. Frye 177984 John, Sgt. Coberly 177913
Otis W. Sgt. Matson, 177914 Alfred M, Sgt. Mydland 177915 Geo. E, Corpl. Drohan 177943 Malcom, Corpl.
Ferryby 2357960 Douglas, Corpl. Campbell 2357618 Joyce, Mec. Islicker 177989 Ernest A, Mec. Gray 177948
Conrad, Waq. Chamberlain 2357615 Chas A, Waq. Marriott 177995 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. Mont-
gomery 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

		Nov. 16th. Remks. confd. under Nov. 30th. 94		RATIONS.					
Day of month.	stab.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)		For Men.		For Animals.			
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.		
16th.	547	Barton 177921 Ell, Wagon Barber 177931 Chas. C, Pvt Lark 2357541 John C, Pvt Kramer 2357588 Emil W, Pvt James 2357553 Harold S. fr S.D. at Puxenelle Forest to D with Co. Pvt Flanagan 177952 Martin fr D with Co to D at Varneville. Pvt Froven 177966 James, Wagon McKay 2357563 Ralph L, Wagon Heath 177952 ¹⁰ Dropped from rolls of Co per C.H.G. A.F. Sur. 46 par. 7 (c)							
17th.		Promoted to Corp. off. as of Oct. 16th, par. 221. Hq. 23rd Engrs. 31st P.C. Chgo. 1st Army. Av 1/6 Frost 2357961 Joseph, Pvt Rice 2357566 Albert V., Pvt Benson 2357620 Penn. H. Fr. S.D. at Sorey to D with Co. Pvt. Frushman 2357545 Maurice R, Pvt Furbish 2357546 Cyrus L. 2nd Aid in harness dropped fr. records. 1st. En. Hq. Fr. D with Co to S.D. at Wood per written instr from Maj. W. Br. 7th. Lt. Asst. Master in charge, Spt. Coberly 177913 Ches. H., Spt. Matson 177914 Alfred W. Corp. Fisher 177945 Robert R, Corp. Henderson 2357585 Cash, Corp. Petersen 177967 Palmer E, Wagon Wallace 177971 Chester D, Wagon Beaman 177933 Frank X, Wagon Marrett 177995 Geo. S, Pvt. Treathan 178004 William A, Pvt Murray 177996 John F, Pvt Wilcox 178005 Williams, Pvt O'Brien 177920 James R, Wagon Collins 177940 James, Wagon Collins 2506427 Petech, Pvt. Baradt 177932 Albert J, Wagon Klett 177955 Roy A, Wagon Matoska 177959 Arthur H, Wagon Aiken 177927 Bill, Wagon Gepper 177936 Peter H, Wagon Hickey 177986 Daniel, Pvt. Herrick 2357550 Millard F, Pvt. Hecking 2357551 John, Pvt. Koonse 2357589 William J, Pvt. Lynch 2357560 Thomas H, Pvt. McEubanks 177944							

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 ¹⁷⁷⁹⁸⁵				
18th	at Woel, 1st. Lieut. A. S. McWalter Capt. Cobler, 177913. Otho W, Sgt. Matson 177914 Alfred M, Corp'l Fisher 177945 Robert R, Corp'l Henderson 2357585 Cash				
	Corp'l Petersen 177964 Palmer S, Wagoner Wallace 177977 Chester A, Wagoner Bennet 177933				
	Ernest S, Wagoner Barrett 177955 Bee S, Pvt. Trevathan 178004 Wm. L, Pvt. Murray 177996				
	John F, Pvt. Wilson 178005 Wm. S, Pvt. O'Brien 177920 James K, Wagoner Collins 177946				
	James, Wagoner Collins 2357527 Peter H, Pvt. Burndt 177932 Albert J, Wagoner Klett 177-				
	1779 Kayst, Wagoner Matarka 177959 Arthur H, Wagoner Aston 177927 Bill, Wagoner Cooper 177-				
	1779 Peter H, Wagoner Hickey 177926 Daniel, Pvt. Herrick 2357550 Millard F, Pvt. Hocking 2357551				
	John, Pvt. Dorse 2357589 William T, Pvt. Lusch 2357560 Theo H, Pvt. Eubank 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 ¹⁷⁷⁹⁸⁵				
	at Woel - 1 riding horse, 10 draft horses, 20 draft mules. Fr. SD at Vornville				
	led with Co. Sgt. Neuba 177909 Geo. W, Wagoner Hamby 177951 Clay K, Wagoner Chaffee 177938 Byron				
	Wagoner Miller 177961 Clarence, Wagoner Holcomb 177953 Norman W, Pvt. Flanagan 177983 Martin ¹⁷⁷⁹⁸⁵				
	8 mules and 4 dump wagons. ¹⁷⁷⁹⁸⁵				

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. Frushman 2357545 Maurice R; Pvt. Matranga 2357592 Joseph; Pvt. Kaziale 2357555 John F; Pvt. Flanagan 177983 Martin; Pvt. Quenbach 2357565 John G; Pvt. Hayes 2357549 Brooks R, on duty to leave at Aix-les-Bains under Gen's 6 + 38, O.H.Q. A.B.F.S. Pts Meisel, Fox + Williams, Reuben carried all rations dropped w/ leave at Aix-les-Bains. <i>gg</i>				
20th	Capt Appleworth, Gault and 2nd Lt Wilbur W. Pundy, picked up on rolls as sick in hospital at the direction of the Wagon Train Commander 21st Lt Sgt. George E. Smith, Jr 177910 admitted to Evacuation Hospital # 13 per Order Bn Surgeon, December 20th, 1918. <i>gg</i>				
23rd	Wagon Chaffer 177911 Byron on duty to sick in hospital per VOBn Surgeon Dec 23rd, 1918. <i>gg</i>				
24th	Lt Montgomery 177911 Walter C. on duty with Co. to 3, W.O. 6. <i>gg</i>				
25th	No changes. <i>gg</i>				

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. f. D to Sk in hospital. 29				
2nd.	Pvt. Dupont 2357544 Ralph J. at present on S.D. with 1st Bn Hqs. 1st to 1st Bn Hqs. Det. per Tank, BSO 276, Dec 30th, 1918. 29				
3rd.	No change. 29				
4th.	Corp. Carlson 177987 Arthur H.; Ck. Melott 177962 Harry L.; Wag. Whitson 177976 Edward B.; Pts. Bennen 177933 Frank X.; Flon- gan 177982 Martin; Hayes 2357549 Brooks R.; Kuziak 2357555 John P. Overbach 2357565 John A.; Weidner 2357569 Warren E. f. leave at Air-les-Bains to duty. 29				
5th.	Sgt. Noake 177909 George W. and Pvt. Noake Koonse 2357589 W/m f. leave at Air-les-Bains to duty. Moved Camp from Wainville (Meuse) enroute to Belleville (Meurthe et Moselle). Stopped at D. m- estre-en-Haye for night - Pvt. Meisel 2357574 Joe + Pvt. Williams 1809 Peuben (vet Corps attached) rd to duty fr. Air-les-Bains. 29				
6th.	Pvt. Wilson 178005 William S. f. D to Sk in hospital. 29				
7th.	Pvt. Frohman 2357545 Maurice R. f. leave at Air to duty. 29				
8th.	Sgt. Mydland 177915 George W., Pvt. Bradshaw 2357548 Raymond L. 29				

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. Drohan 177943 Malcolm to duty to skin hospital.				
14th	Pvt Flanagan 177913 Martin to D to sk in hosp. PVT Jacobs 2557 552 Harry Ten sk in hosp to duty. The following men of Co "I" carried "att for rat & gas" rtd to Company Pvt Hessemeyer 2505187 G.W.; Wgo. herezynski 2505226 W. U.; 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. F. Jr. J.; Pvt. Barnes 2505106 P. A.; Pvt Bruce 2505116 Witt; Cpl Jacobson 2505200 J.; Pvt Knodel 2505217 John; Cpl Quinn 2505210 J. W.; PVT Will- insen 2505344 P. B. PVT Wilson 2505348 P. H.				
20th	2nd Lt Paul R. Teak, Co F, att to co. rtd to duty with his company. Sgt. Mydland 177915 George W. to skin hospital to duty. Cpl. Campbell 2557618 Joyce; Cpl. Wiles 177979 Buford E.; PVT Mc 178001 Eugene; PVT Lynch 2557961 Thomas H + O'Brien 177920 James R. to duty. 1 mule, draft strayed & lost.				

February 19, 1919 - Sick in Hospital

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. Reg. Train Mar 7, 1919. Wagon Nutter 177963 Louis F., and Pvt. Flanagan 177933 Martin fr sk in Hosp to D with Co.				
12	Pvt. Cuddle 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 1st Sergeants: Cpl. Campbell 2357618 Joyce; Cpl. Frost 2357961 Jos. Lt. Cpl. Ferraby 2357960 Douglas H + Ck Parrell 177924 James A. The following men promoted by Par 26 RSO 26, 3/2/19: - To be Corporals: Wagon Barber 177981 Charles S; Huston 177904 Harvey M; Parker 177999 Charles B; Shipley 177970 Grant B; Wallace 177977 Chester H; Wright 175006, Homer; Ck. Jopling 2357054 Homer A; 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 7.)	RATIONS.		
		For Men.		For A
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.
8th	<p>Luther J. Ford to SD conveying mules to Selles-sur-Cher. 99 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 W. Baccena 2357539 Jos. H. Ritschl. Beeth 2357536 Karl W. Clark 2357541 John C. James 2357553 Harold S. RITS. Seiler 2357594 Arthur H. Currier 2357542 Harold S. Blancheneau 2357 582 Arthur J. Kocuse 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 Mating To be Bugler: Pvt 1st Cl. Van Ank 2357596 James F. 99 99 9th. Sgt. Rabinowitz 18281 Harry, + Pvt 1st Cl. Finocchil 18276. Santo. Med. Corps ATT for duty per YORC. 99 10th No change. 99</p>			33

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

Chronology of Martin Flanagan's Service — Based on Unit 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.

Where original logbook entries are unclear or spelled phonetically, conclusions about locations are based on the closest plausible modern place-name within documented unit movements.

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 Nazoire.

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

2/13/1918 - "Moved Camp"

2/21/1918 - Left Camp and marched to Saint Nazoire (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.

Additional Information

Michael E. Byczek, an Illinois attorney and managing real estate broker, has compiled original records for genealogy since 1992. Research and analysis have been published on family websites for over 30 years. A project to compile comprehensive digital, print, and video documentaries for every direct blood ancestor began in September 2024 for accurate online genealogy.

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 is the eldest and was born in the Bridgeport neighborhood.

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