

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

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| 1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Cieslak, Leonard J. | | 2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 33317427 | 3. GRADE T/5 | 4. ARM OR SERVICE Engineers | 5. COMPONENT AUS |
| 6. ORGANIZATION Company B 1340th Engineer Battalion | | 7. DATE OF SEPARATION 22 Mar 45 | | B. PLACE OF SEPARATION Camp Upton NY | |
| 9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 2545 E. Webb St., Philadelphia, Pa. | | | 10. DATE OF BIRTH 18 Jan 1920 | | 11. PLACE OF BIRTH Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT See 9 | | | 13. COLOR EYES Brown | 14. COLOR HAIR Brown | 15. HEIGHT 70" |
| 16. RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) | | 19. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) | 20. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | 21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. Truck Driver, Heavy 7-36.250 |

MILITARY HISTORY

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| 22. DATE OF INDUCTION 12 June 42 | | 23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 12 June 42 | | 24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 12 June 42 | | 25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE Ft. Meade Md. | |
| SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | 26. REGISTERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | 27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. unknown | | 28. COUNTY AND STATE Philadelphia, Pa. | |
| 30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. Carpenter, General 050 | | | | 31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) None | | | |
| 32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS Algeria-French Morocco Sicily Northern France Tunisia Normandy | | | | | | | |
| 33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS 5 Bronze Stars to European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon | | | | | | | |
| 34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION None | | | | | | | |
| 35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES | | | | 36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN | | | |
| SMALLPOX unknown | TYPHOID unknown | TETANUS unknown | OTHER (specify) unknown | DATE OF DEPARTURE 24 Oct 42 2 Jan 45 | DESTINATION African Theater USA | DATE OF ARRIVAL 5 Nov 42 15 Jan 45 | |
| 37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE | | | | 38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD T/5 | | | |
| CONTINENTAL SERVICE | | FOREIGN SERVICE | | | | | |
| YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS | YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS | | |
| 0 | 6 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 22 | | |
| 39. PRIOR SERVICE None | | | | | | | |
| 40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION Certificate of Disability for Discharge AR 615-361 & 1st Ind Headquarters 1234th SQ | | | | | | | |
| 41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED None | | | | | | 42. EDUCATION (Years) Grammar 5 High School 0 College 0 | |

PAY DATA

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| 43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES | | | 44. MUSTERING OUT PAY | | 45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS | | 46. TRAVEL PAY | | 47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER | |
| YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS | TOTAL \$ | THIS PAYMENT \$ | None | \$ 7.80 | \$181.70 | C K McALISTER, Col, FD | | |
| 2 | 9 | 11 | \$ 300 | \$ 100 | | | | | | |

INSURANCE NOTICE

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| IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL Lapse. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 48. KIND OF INSURANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X | | 49. HOW PAID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X | | 50. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance 31 Mar 1945 | | 51. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50) 30 April 1945 | | 52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH \$ 7.70 | | 53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Only <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue | |

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| RIGHT THUMB PRINT | 54. | | 55. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives) No time lost under AW 107. Lapel button issued. * ASF Convalescent Hospital (ZI), Camp Upton NY, dated 22 Mar 1945. | |
| | 56. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED | | 57. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) W. J. GOLDEN, WO1G, USA, 1234th SQ | |



~~A LETTER FROM THE REGIMENT TO THE MEN OF THE REGIMENT FROM THE HISTORICAL HISTORIAN~~

CHAPLAIN GARIENTER

Today, [REDACTED] is another milestone in the history of our Regiment. One year ago today the first elements of our Regiment, the Second Battalion, sailed from America for overseas service. The rest of the Regiment followed seven days later. Today is "birthday one" on foreign soil. Naturally, we must have our birthday cake. The cake with its single candle that appears at the top of this communication holds for all of us a special significance as we reflect today on the events of this, our first year in foreign service. ~~We notice that this cake is composed of three layers. Each layer has a name~~ which represents our contribution to the various phases of the war effort of our country.

The Second Battalion began to mix the ingredients for our first layer on the beaches of Fedala, French Morocco, in the early morning light of a November day of last year. This was the Regiment's first baptism of fire. The rapid deterioration of local resistance in this campaign limited our battle experience. This, however, was off-set by the herculean task of the reopening of the docks at Casablanca which had to receive all the supplies for future operations in this section of Africa. The Regiment worked day and night until ~~the docks were in operation. In this way our engineers became longshoremen~~ and worked so well that we almost lost our "Combat" status. The Regiment was selected to play a considerable part in the safety of the Casablanca Conference, and for this and the soldierly way in which the Regiment had performed its assignments, both General Marshall and General Patton gave us their highest commendations.

While the first layer of our cake was "cooling", we began to prepare the flour for our second layer, in the hills of Tunisia. The foot prints of

the 20th across the hills and sands of Tunisia are well marked by the sweat, toil, and blood of our men. We used different ingredients for this layer, and instead of dock repairing, unloading of ships, and guarding dignitaries, we mixed minefield removal, road construction under the bursting shells of the enemy, and infantry tactics to help clear the Germans from Bizerte.

We are now putting the icing on the third layer of our cake. This layer has its beginning on the sandy beaches near Licata, Sicily. Although our part in this campaign has not been as spectacular as in the Tunisian one, we have no reason to offer any apologies for the way we have carried out our assigned missions. In Tunisia we showed we were soldiers; in Sicily we demonstrated that we were engineers. Today the "red castle" of the 20th Engineers acts as bridge guides to all that travel from Palermo to Messina, and planes now touch down with more safety on some major air fields in Sicily because the men of the 20th have passed that way. When we make our departure from this island, we will leave the graves of our fallen comrades to stand guard over the spirit of our Regiment.

We have no way of knowing how many more layers will be added to our cake by the time the man with the large scythe makes another annual visit to our Regiment. We cannot project ourselves with any degree of certainty into the darkness of tomorrow, but from the after-glow of our yesterdays, we can all face it with calmness and confidence born in the courage and devotion to duty displayed by officers and men of the Regiment.

1902 - 1904
FRANK T. GIBBONS



QUALITY BEACH
D-DAY 1944

