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SOLDIERS' BONUS COMMISSION

Abstract: Card File, Applications – Denied, Applications – Approved, Correspondence (1922-1956)

Extent: 172 Hollinger boxes and 246 half Hollinger boxes, 127.5 cubic feet

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

On August 2, 1921 Missouri voters approved Constitutional Amendment No. 3, authorizing the General Assembly to issue bonds up to fifteen million dollars for “the

purpose of paying to each bona fide resident of the state of Missouri who served honorably in the military or naval forces of the United State of America at any time between the sixth day of April, Nineteen hundred and seventeen and the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and eighteen, a bonus of ten dollars for each and every month or major fraction of a month, that such resident was in active service.” (S.J. and C.R. No. 9, 1921 Laws of Missouri).

At the Second Extra Session of the Fifty-First General Assembly (November 11, 1921), the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1, which defined who was eligible for the bonus and created the Soldier’s Bonus Commission to administer the act. The Soldier’ Bonus Commission was to be a Bureau of the Adjutant General’s Office and consisted of the Adjutant General and two citizens appointed by the Governor.

Soldiers who were residents of Missouri for the 12 months prior to April 6, 1917 and served honorably between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 in the Army or Navy (including Army nurses) were eligible for \$10 per month, up to \$250. Heirs to deceased soldiers who would otherwise be eligible were able to collect on their behalf in the following order: surviving spouse, children (to be split equally), mother, father.

Soldiers were considered ineligible if they had received a bonus from another state for the same period of service or if they had received a dishonorable discharge for any reason. Soldiers were also not eligible if they were students in school or college training corps unless they also had service of “other character” in the Army or Navy. The bonus also did not include welfare workers like the Red Cross, Young Men’s Christian Association, Knights of Columbus, etc.

Soldiers’ whose claim was denied had 60 days to file a request for review. The Board of Review consisted of the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State and their decision was final.

SERIES

The records are broken down into the following series:

- Card File
- Applications – Denied
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- Correspondence
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- World War II Correspondence

CARD FILE, 1922-1956 (Bulk 1922-1925)

Extent: 246 half Hollinger boxes (57.5 cubic feet)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

The card includes the soldiers name, address, enlistment and discharge dates, claim number and whether or not the claim was approved. If the Claim was approved the card also indicates the approval date and the amount of money paid to the soldier.

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993	Adams, James – Askmit
993A	Alack – Allen, Harvey
994	Allen, Henry – Alyea
995	Amad – Andoe
996	Andrae – Arlotta
996A	Armantrout – Ashworth
997	Asikainen – Azbill
998	Baals – Baity
999	Baken – Balkey
1000	Ball – Barfield
1001	Barge – Baron
1002	Barr – Basye
1003	Batchelor – Bazzill
1004	Beach – Beckerman
1005	Beckert – Bellis
1006	Bello – Berin
1007	Berkbigler – Bidgood
1008	Bidleman – Bjornsen
1009	Blachert – Blazier
1010	Bleakley – Boessen
1011	Boettcher – Booten
1012	Booth – Bowker
1013	Bowler – Bradish
1014	Bradler – Braswell
1015	Bratcher – Breznik
1016	Brian – Bordzinski
1017	Broeckelman – Brown, Frederick
1018	Brown, Freeling – Browning, Russell I

Box	Contents
1019	Browning, Stephen – Bsizeidine
1020	Buard – Buoy
1021	Burack – Burns, Jessie
1022	Burns, Jewell – Butler, Phillip
1023	Butler, Ralph M. – Calkins
1024	Call – Camron
1024A	Canarn – Carothers
1024B	Carpenter, Carter, Israel
1025	Carter, Jacob – Catwood
1026	Caudel – Chartrand
1027	Chase – Chworowsky
1028	Ciagle – Clary
1029	Clasby – Coats
1030	Coatsworth – Cole
1031	Colbend – Comfort
1032	Comin – Cook, Everett
1033	Cook, Floyd – Corcran
1034	Cord – Cowell
1035	Cowen – Crandy
1036	Crane – Cronwall
1037	Crook – Cummings
1038	Cummins – Dail
1039	Dailey – Daues
1040	Daugherty – Davis, Ivy
1041	Davis, Jack – Deakins
1042	Dearl – Dell
1043	Dellenbach – DeVries
1044	Dew – Dillon, Lynn
1045	Dillon, Oscar – Dokes
1046	Dolan – Douglas, Howard
1047	Douglas, James – Driy
1048	Drochelman – Duncans
1049	Dunckel - Dzurick
1050	Eachus – Edmonston
1051	Edmund – Eldridge
1052	Eldringhoff – Emery
1053	Emhoff – Esry
1054	Ess – Ewings
1055	Exler – Farwig
1056	Faser – Fernow
1057	Ferrari – Finney
1058	Finnie – Flanders
1059	Flanegin – Fonville

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1060	Foody – Fourmy
1061	Fournel – Frazier, Horace
1062	Frazier, James – Fristoe
1063	Frith – Gaeth
1064	Gaffey – Garish
1065	Garl – Gaynor
1066	Gayou – Gholston
1067	Giacchero – Gilliam
1068	Gillian – Gloggen
1069	Glover – Goody
1070	Goodale – Govro
1071	Gowan – Grawe
1072	Gray – Greenwell
1073	Greenwood – Grills
1074	Grim – G’sell
1075	Gualdoni – Hactor
1076	Hadad – Hall, Buford
1077	Hall, Carl – Hamilton, Kenneth
1078	Hamilton, Len – Hanney
1079	Hanni – Harnett
1080	Harney – Harris
1081	Harrison – Harzfeld
1082	Hase – Haxton
1083	Hay – Hebold
1084	Hechlinger – Hellwig
1085	Helm – Henry, Charles F.
1086	Henry, Charles G. – Herzog
1087	Box does not exist – Number Skipped
1088	Hesch – Higgins
1089	Higginson – Hines, Joseph
1090	Hines, Lester – Hoepfner
1091	Hoer – Hollenbeak
1092	Hollenbach – Hood
1093	Hoodenpyle – Hostuttler
1094	Hotaling – Hoyez
1095	Hoyle – Hufty
1096	Hug – Hunt, Fred
1097	Hunt, Garrett – Hutsell
1098	Hutson – Irwin
1099	Isaac – Jacobs, Lewis
1100	Jacobs, Marcellus – Jeffers
1101	Jefferson – Johnson, Albert
1102	Johnson, Albin – Johnson, Leonard A.
1103	Johnson, Leonard J. – Jones, Charles

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1104	Jones, Charles A. – Jones, Roy Lee
1105	Jones, Roy M. – Kagle
1106	Kahan – Keaney
1107	Kearbey – Kellner
1108	Kellogg – Kenszezik
1109	Kent – Kilker
1110	Killalee – Kinnett
1111	Kinney – Kleinert
1112	Kleinhauser – Koch, Julius
1113	Koch, Louis – Kraeuchi
1114	Krafpt – Kudirka
1115	Kuebler – LaHue
1116	Laiben – Langdon
1117	Lange – Laughter
1118	Lauman – Leapler
1119	Lear – Leimkuhler
1120	Leinard – Lewine
1121	Lewis – Lilly
1122	Lima – Livingston, Otis
1123	Livingston, Paul – Long, Owen
1124	Long, Paris – Lownsdale
1125	Lowrance – Lyle
1126	Lyles – Madzen
1127	Maeder – Mamroth
1128	Manard – Marksbury
1129	Markt – Martin, Isaac Roy
1130	Martin, Jacob – Masucci
1131	Matalene – May
1132	Mayabb – McCanse
1133	McCard – McCormack, Howard
1134	McCormack, James – McDole
1135	McDonald – McGinley
1136	McGinness – McKey
1137	McKibben – McNamee
1138	McNard – Medvik
1139	Mee – Merritt
1140	Merriweather – Mezzacasa
1141	Micas – Miller, Emil
1142	Miller, Emmett – Miller, Walker D.
1143	Miller, Walter – Mitchell, Isham
1144	Mitchell, James – Montcain
1145	Montebello – Moore, Johnnie
1146	Moore, Joseph – Morphy
1147	Morrand - Moskus

Box	Contents
1148	Mosler – Muir
1149	Mulac – Murphy
1150	Murr – Nasa
1151	Nash – Nelson, Myrrell
1152	Nelson, Nels – Nichols, Joseph
1153	Nichols, Kenneth – Nolker
1154	Noll – Oberhaus
1155	Oberheide – O’Hanlon
1156	O’Hara – Ormsby
1157	Ornburn – Owens, Homer G.
1158	Owens, Homer Glenn – Paquin
1159	Parachomski – Parvin
1160	Pasacovich – Payne, Glen
1161	Payne, Harold – Penny
1162	Penrod – Peterson
1163	Petet – Phipps
1164	Phister – Pitrar
1165	Pitt - Polzin
1166	Pomatto – Powell, Joseph
1167	Powell, Kenneth – Priestley
1168	Prigel – Purrine
1169	Purscelley – Rahmoeller
1170	Raible – Ratz
1171	Rau – Reech
1172	Reed – Reily
1173	Reim – Rhiney
1174	Rhoad – Richarz
1175	Richbell – Riley, Luther
1176	Riley, Merle – Roberts, Fred
1177	Roberts, Frederick – Robinson, Victor
1178	Robinson, Wallace – Rogrs
1179	Rohacek – Ross, Austria
1180	Ross, Benedict – Roy, Omer
1181	Roy, Peter – Russell, Everett
1182	Russell, Florence – Sakowsky
1183	Sala – Santy
1184	Sapa – Schafnitt
1185	Schaible – Schmidli
1186	Schmidt – Schonstrom
1187	Schoo – Schuppmann
1188	Schureman – Scott
1189	Scotten – Semstead
1190	Sence – Shavers
1191	Shaw – Sherlock

Box	Contents
1192	Sherman – Showman
1193	Shrader – Simmons, Isaac
1194	Simmons, Jackson – Skelcher
1195	Skelley – Smith, Allen
1196	Smith, Allyn – Smith, Guy
1197	Smith, Hafford – Smith, Reynolds
1198	Smith, Rhea – Snow, Julian
1199	Snow, Leon – Speath
1200	Specht – Sskwor
1201	Staab – Stathis
1202	Statler – Stephens, Sydney
1203	Stephens, Stanley – Stigers
1204	Stiles – Stortz
1205	Story – Stryder
1206	Stuard – Summerlin
1207	Summers, Sweatnam
1208	Swick – Taxman
1209	Taylor – Temming
1210	Tempany – Thomas, Fred
1211	Thomas, Gardner – Thompson, Lillian
1212	Thompson, Lloyd – Tilley
1213	Tillman – Tootle
1214	Topel – Trost
1215	Troth – Turner, Curtis
1216	Turner, David – Unverferth
1217	Upchurch – Vanslyke
1218	VanSmith – Vihos
1219	Vilbert – Wackman
1220	Waddell – Walker, Everett
1221	Walker, Ewing – Wallwork
1222	Walpen – Wares
1223	Warf – Watson, Kenneth
1224	Watson, Lafe – Webster
1225	Wechselberger - Wellpott
1226	Wells – Westcott
1227	Westemeyer – White, Frederick
1228	White, Gene – Whitton
1229	Whitwell – Wilhelmson
1230	Wilhite – Williams, Freeman
1231	Williams, Gale – Williamson, John
1232	Williamson, L. E. – Wilson, Kenneth
1233	Wilson, L. A. – Winters
1234	Winthrop – Wolgast
1235	Wolk – Woodstrom

Box	Contents
1236	Woodward – Wright, Wesley
1237	Wright, Wilbur – York, James
1238	York, John – Zdvorak
1239	Zebert - Zytowski

Applications – Denied, 1922-1956

Extent: 144 Hollinger Boxes (60 cubic feet)

Arrangement: Chronological by claim number

Scope and Content

Claim files for those applications whose claims were denied by the Soldiers' Bonus Commission. Records include the application form, the denial form indicating the reason for denial, and any additional correspondence.

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3	6291 – 10176
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12	35907 – 38338
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16	47364 – 50727
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22	64093 – 66220
23	66227 – 68217
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25	70386 – 72381
26	72427 – 74432
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28	76838 – 78166
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30	80109 – 81750
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32	83628 – 85192
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34	87089 – 88896
35	88914 – 91241
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40	98115 – 99982
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42	101928 – 103878
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51	112663 – 113686
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57	118554 – 119462
58	119489 – 120485
59	120516 – 121513
60	121517 – 122361
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62	123324 – 124436
63	124440 – 125362
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65	126378 – 127181
66	127184 – 128066
67	128076 – 128977
68	128981 - 129851
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70	130552 – 131130
71	131133 – 131740

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73	132319 – 133167
74	133170 – 133836
75	133853 – 134448
76	134455 – 135035
77	135042 – 135505
78	135508 – 136035
79	136037 – 136534
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81	136931 – 137376
82	137380 – 137873
83	137895 – 138415
84	138428 – 138962
85	138965 – 139488
86	139491 – 139920
87	139921 – 140343
88	140346 – 140630
89	140635 – 141057
90	141156 – 141621
91	141622 – 142119
92	142122 – 142447
93	142454 – 142973
94	142977 – 143393
95	143394 – 143712
96	143714 – 144086
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98	144375 – 144707
99	144716 – 145112
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101	145403 – 145764
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103	146075 – 146372
104	146380 – 146653
105	146659 – 146942
106	146943 – 147267
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110	148254 – 148650
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135	153828 – 154094
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Applications – Approved, 1922-1956

Extent: 19 Hollinger boxes (7.8 cubic feet)

Arrangement: Chronological by claim number

Scope and Content

These applications were originally denied, but were eventually approved between 1954 and 1956. While a handful of these files were originally denied for reasons such as residency, the majority of these approved files were soldiers enlisted in the Students Army Training Corps (SATC) and were denied based on the definition of “soldier” in the enacting law, Senate Bill 1, 1921.

A 1938 Attorney General opinion determined that the enacting legislation in the statutes was unconstitutional, since the constitutional amendment approved by the voters was for all “active duty” and the War Department defined SATC service as “active duty.” A test case was filed in the courts and in 1954 the SATC claims were finally paid.

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153	155900 – 155999
154	156000 – 156099
155	156100 – 156199
156	1556200 – 156299
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158	156380 – 156479
159	156480 – 156579
160	156580 – 156679
161	156680 – 156779
162	156780 – 156878
163	156880 – 156958
164	156959 - 156973

Correspondence Files

Extent: 4.5 Hollinger boxes (1.8 cubic feet)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Requests for information related to a Soldier's bonus that is not associated with a claim file.

Container List

Box	Contents
164	A - B
165	C - G
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167	Mc - Sh
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Vouchers

Extent: 1.5 Hollinger boxes (0.6 cubic feet)

Arrangement: Chronological by claim number

Scope and Content

Vouchers document the payment of approved claims. The majority of these vouchers were paid between 1954 and 1956, with a few from earlier dates.

Container List

Box	Contents – Claim Numbers
168	#733 - #81,292
169	#97,911 - #155,999

World War II Correspondence

Extent: 3 Hollinger boxes (1.2 cubic feet)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

These correspondence files are questions related to whether there is a World War II Bonus and how to apply for the Bonus. Missouri did not issue any bonus payments for World War II soldiers.

Container List

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170	A - H
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