



Walter E. Gremiak  
Private First Class  
191st General Hospital  
United States Army  
World War Two



## Civilian Conservation Corps

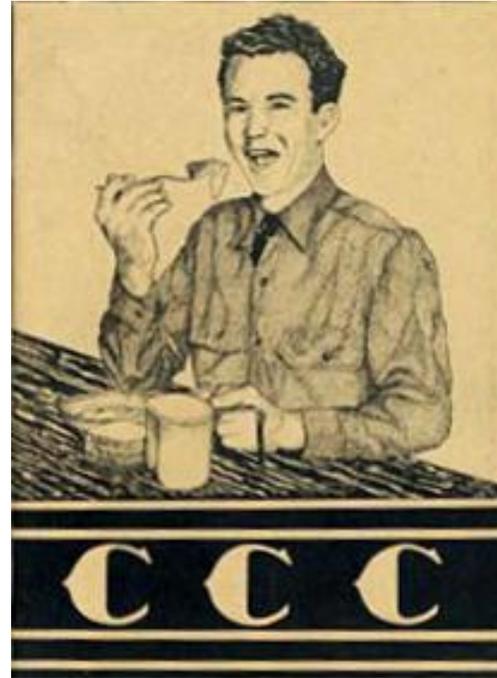
Walter was a Chicago native, having been born in 1917. Prior to the United States entering into World War Two, Walter was serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps as a truck driver and mechanic. He was assigned to Company 3690 which was stationed in Oregon and known as the "Jordan Roundup."



CCC Patch



Walter's Nameplate



Walter's footlocker with CCC artwork



In 1940, Walter registered for the draft, he was inducted into the US Army on July 23, 1942 and separated at Camp Grant Illinois on March 12, 1946. He first served with a military police escort unit assigned to Tishomingo Prisoner of War Camp, guarding German POWs in Tishomingo, Okla.

SERIAL NUMBER *2558* *State (Print) Ill. Rec. 3-12-46* ORDER NUMBER *233*

1. NAME (Print) **WALTER EDWARD GRAMIAK**

2. ADDRESS (Print) *2046 W. Thomas St. Chicago Cook Ill*

3. TELEPHONE *NONE*

4. AGE IN YEARS *23*

5. PLACE OF BIRTH *CHICAGO*

6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP *U.S.A.*

7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS *MRS. KATHERINE GRAMIAK*

8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON *MOTHER*

9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON *2046 W. THOMAS ST. CHICAGO COOK ILL.*

10. EMPLOYER'S NAME *MILLED SCREW PRODUCTS CO.*

11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS *2016 W. Lake St. Chicago Cook Ill*

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1

*Walter E. Gramiak* (Registrar's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>5'10 1/2"</i>	<i>156</i>	Sallow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	EYES	HAIR	Light	
Negro	Blue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar for *William T. Udelsman* (Signature of registrar)

*Chubbush School Chicago Ill* (Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration *10/16/40*

Chicago Local Board No. 40  
 859 N. DAMEN AVENUE  
 CHICAGO 22, ILL.

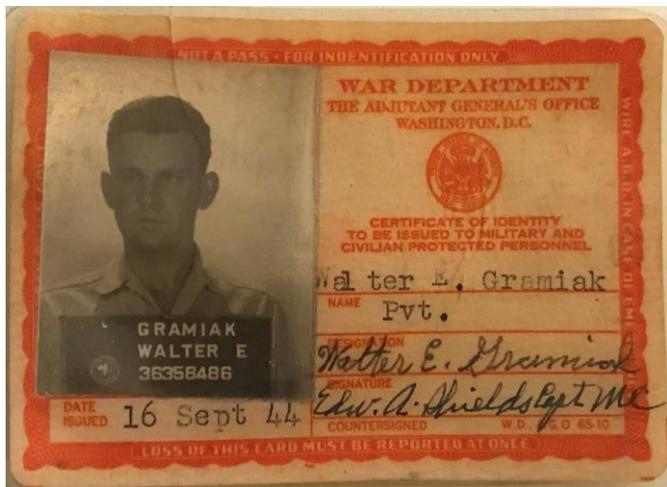
STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD

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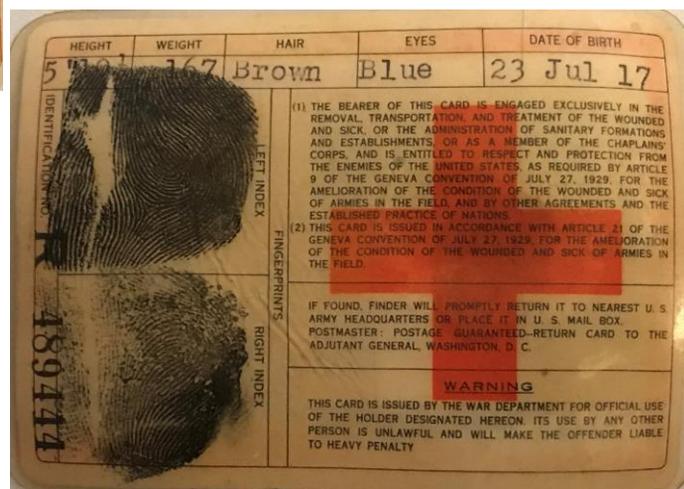


German POWs from the Tishomingo POW camp were involved in the construction of the Denison Dam.

PFC Gremiak served in the European Theater of Operation from October 31, 1944 through February 26, 1946. In 1944, his unit retrained as medics, and he was assigned to the 191st General Hospital. They shipped out on a converted luxury liner, the USS West Point which, without a convoy, and made a record ocean crossing in four days.



Private Gremiak's military medic ID card and medic collar brass.

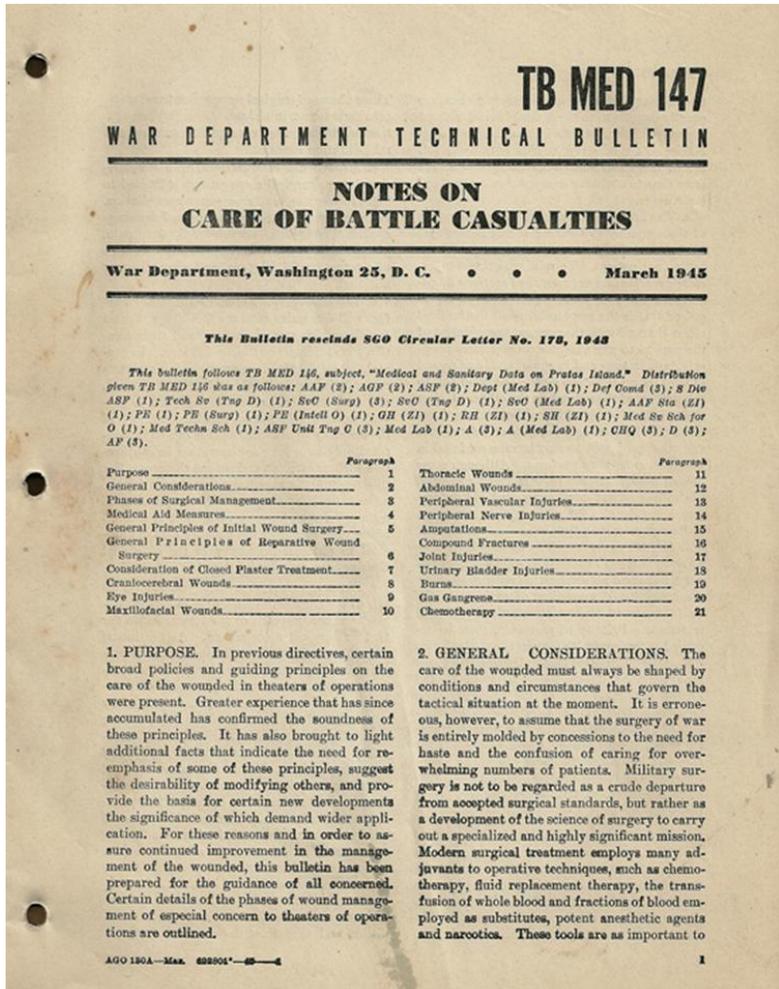


USS West Point (AP-23)



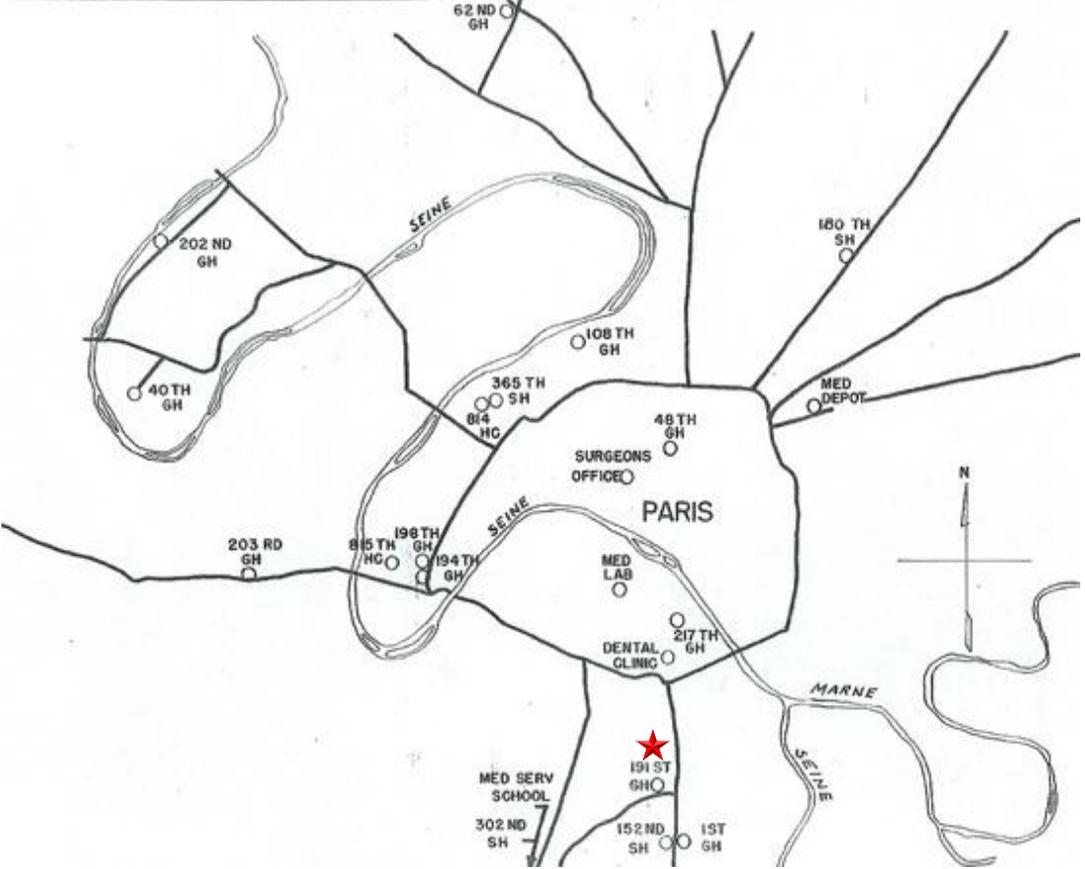
After spending about six weeks in England, he and the 191st General Hospital were assigned to the 814th Hospital Center in Paris and set up a 1000-bed general hospital. They would remain there until the war's end.

Paris, France, 1945. Illustration showing one of the buildings used by units pertaining to the 814th Hospital Center.



TB MED 147 – War Department Technical Bulletin, “Notes on Care of Battle Casualties”, March 1945. This 18-page bulletin (following TB MED 146 “Medical and Sanitary Data on Pratas Island”) covers general considerations, surgical management, aid measures, and general principles of initial and reparative wound surgery.

Seine Section, Paris, France booklet, prepared by the 660th Engineer Topographic Battalion (ETO), and distributed by the Seine Section in 1945 (Brigadier General Pleas B. Rogers, Commanding).



General map illustrating the location of the 814th Hospital Centers (red star by 191<sup>st</sup> General Hospital) near the Seine River, Paris, France. Other Hospitals spread over the French Capital are also shown on the map.

# PFC Walter Gremiak's Honorable Discharge

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION  
BOOK 259 PAGE 346 HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>GRAMIAK WALTER E</b>		2. ARMY SERIAL NO.		3. GRADE <b>PFC</b>	4. ARM OF SERVICE <b>MD</b>	5. COMPONENT <b>AUS</b>
6. ORGANIZATION <b>191 GENERAL HOSP</b>		7. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>12 MAR 46</b>		8. PLACE OF SEPARATION <b>SEPARATION CENTER CAMP GRANT ILLINOIS</b>		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES <b>2046 W THOMAS ST CHICAGO 22 ILLINOIS</b>			10. DATE OF BIRTH <b>23 JUL 17</b>		11. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>CHICAGO ILLINOIS</b>	
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT <b>SEE 9</b>			13. COLOR EYES <b>BLUE</b>		14. COLOR HAIR <b>BROWN</b>	
15. DANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			16. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED		17. NO. DEPEND. <b>0</b>	
18. WHITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			19. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. <b>MACHINE OPERATOR 5-13 004</b>	

**MILITARY HISTORY**

22. DATE OF INDUCTION <b>10 JUL 42</b>		23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT <b>23 JUL 42</b>		24. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>CAMP GRANT ILLINOIS</b>	
25. SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED		26. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. <b>40</b>		27. COUNTY AND STATE <b>COOK CO ILLINOIS</b>	
28. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. <b>PLUMBER 164</b>		29. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND RATE (E.G. Industry, aviation and marksmanship in badges, etc.) <b>SS W/CARBINE MM W/RIFLE M1917</b>			
30. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS <b>NORTHERN FRANCE</b>					
31. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS <b>2 OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS 1 SERVICE STRIPE AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL* GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL</b>					
32. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION <b>NONE</b>					
33. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES SMALLPOX: <b>IN JUL 44</b> TYPHOID: <b>ST FEB 45</b> ST: <b>SEP 44</b>		34. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>31 OCT 44</b>		35. DATE OF ARRIVAL <b>8 NOV 44</b>	
36. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE CONTINENTAL SERVICE: <b>2</b> YEARS <b>3</b> MONTHS <b>13</b> DAYS FOREIGN SERVICE: <b>1</b> YEAR <b>4</b> MONTHS <b>4</b> DAYS		37. HIGHEST GRADE HELD <b>PFC</b>		38. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>26 FEB 46</b>	
39. PRIOR SERVICE <b>NONE</b>					
40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION <b>CONV OF GOVT RR 1-1 (DEMOBILIZATION) AR 615-365 DATED 15 DEC 1944</b>					
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED <b>NONE</b>					
42. PAY DATA YOU 25742					
43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS: <b>3</b> MONTHS: <b>0</b> DAYS: <b>3</b>		44. MUSTERING OUT PAY TOTAL: <b>\$300</b> THIS PAYMENT: <b>\$100</b>		45. TRAVEL PAY <b>NONE</b>	
46. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TOTAL: <b>\$440</b>		47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER <b>123 70 GF DOLBEAR CAPT FD</b>			
48. INSURANCE NOTICE IMPORTANT: IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WITHIN THIRTY-DAY PERIOD, INSURANCE WILL Lapse. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF ARMY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.					
49. KIND OF INSURANCE U.S. Govt. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Govt. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> V.A. <input type="checkbox"/>		50. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ALIEN <b>31 MAR 46</b>		51. PREMIUM RISE <b>\$6.70</b>	
52. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO Continue <input type="checkbox"/> Quit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		53. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN <i>Walter E. Gramiak</i>			

54. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives)

LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED ASR SCORE (2 SEPT 45) 48  
ERC TIME FROM 10 JUL 42 TO 22 JUL 42  
\* W/1 BRONZE BATTLE STAR

55. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED  
*Walter E. Gramiak*

56. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Name, grade and organization)  
**ISABEL A BOONE 1ST LT WAC**

WD AGO FORM 25-55  
1 November 1944

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION  
BOOK 259 PAGE 346 HONORABLE DISCHARGE

**Army of the United States**

**Honorable Discharge**

This is to certify that  
**WALTER E GRAMIAK**  
PFC 191 GENERAL HOSPITAL

**Army of the United States**

is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military service of the United States of America.

This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service to this country.

Given at SEPARATION CENTER CAMP GRANT ILLINOIS  
Date 12 MARCH 1946

*Isabel A Boone*  
ISABEL A BOONE 1ST LT WAC

*A. F. LaRouche*  
A. F. LA ROUCHE MAJOR, INF.

# PFC Walter Gremiak's Separation Qualification Record



## SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

SAVE THIS FORM. IT WILL NOT BE REPLACED IF LOST

This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The veteran may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL <b>GRAMIAK WALTER E</b>			MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS		
2. ARMY SERIAL NO.	3. GRADE	4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	10. MONTHS	11. GRADE	12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY
	Pfc		3	Pvt	Basic MD 657
5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State) <b>2046 W Thomas St Chicago, Ill.</b>			5	Pfc	Barracks Orderly 590
6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE			8	Pfc	Military Policeman 657
7. DATE OF SEPARATION			4	Pfc	Carpenter 050
8. DATE OF BIRTH			6	Pfc	Plumber 164
9. PLACE OF SEPARATION <b>Separation Center Camp Grant, Ill.</b>					

### SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

13. TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

**PLUMBER 164**

Installed, assembled, bent, cut, and treaded pipe and fittings for various systems. Reamed end of cut pipe. Bent pipe by hand driven and power driven machines. Ground valves and cleaned steam traps.

### MILITARY EDUCATION

14. NAME OR TYPE OF SCHOOL—COURSE OR CURRICULUM—DURATION—DESCRIPTION

*[Faint, illegible text]*

### CIVILIAN EDUCATION

15. HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED <b>8</b>	16. DEGREE OR DIPLOMA <b>Grammar School</b>	17. YEAR LEFT SCHOOL <b>1934</b>	18. OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING	
19. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>			20. COURSE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL—DATE	21. DURATION
19. MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY				

### CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS

22. TITLE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER—INCLUSIVE DATES—DESCRIPTION

**MACHINE OPERATOR 5-13-004**

Made repairs, set up and operated screw machine. Read blueprints in setting up machine to manufacture various parts. Operated single spindle drill press and a milling machine.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23. REMARKS

Served one half year in CCC as a truck driver and mechanic.

24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED <i>Walter E. Gramiak</i>	25. SIGNATURE OF SEPARATION CLASSIFICATION OFFICER <i>Arthur P. Stokes</i>	26. NAME OF OFFICER (Typed or Stamped) <b>ARTHUR P STOKES 1st LT AGD</b>
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This form supersedes WD AGO Form 100, 15 July 1944, which will not be used.



SEINE SECTION, COM Z (2)  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, US ARMY

**CLASS B PASS**

Date issued 1 January 1945

To M. Sgt. Richard F. Peacock, 6856022  
(Name, Rank, ASN)

Organization 814th Hospital Center

Entitles holder, whose signature appears below, to the privileges stated on the reverse side

*Wallace W. MacDonald*  
Wallace W. MacDonald  
(Organization Commander)

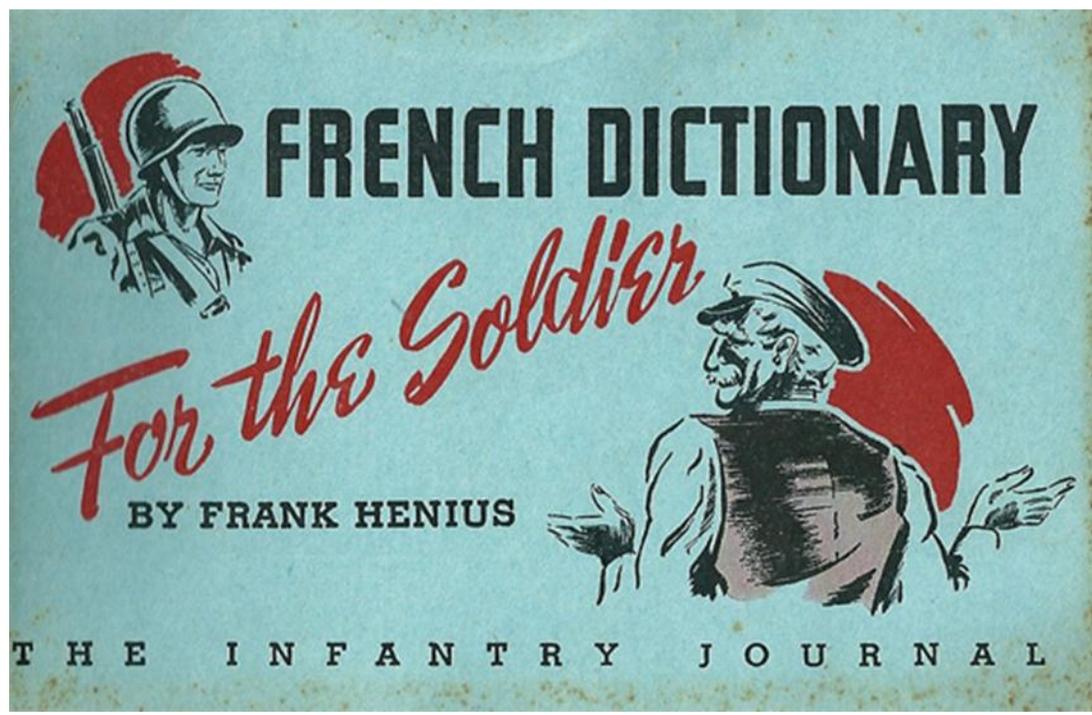
Captain, MAC

*Richard F. Peacock*  
(Signature of soldier)

(Rank)

Number A No 047340

Illustration of pass used by M/Sgt Richard F. Peacock, ASN 6856022, member 814th Hospital Center, Seine Section, Communications Zone, Paris, France.



“French Dictionary for the Soldier”. Pocket edition by Frank Henius, published by the Infantry Journal Inc. June 1944. Widespread booklet useful and helpful to the US Armed Forces and Military Administrators.

# UNITED STATES ARMY

## PARIS GUIDE

### For Leave Troops

To : Officers and Men Arriving in Paris on Leave.  
You have been selected by your Commanding Officer as deserving of a pass to Paris.

As Commanding General of Seine Section, Communications Zone, ETOUSA, I welcome you to Paris. I want to assure you that I, as well as all the members of my command, desire greatly to do everything in our power to make your stay, however long it is, as enjoyable and worthwhile as possible.

Take advantage of the things that interest you among the great and varied number of activities Paris has to offer. We have endeavored to guide you and to aid you in doing this.

Call upon us, any of the personnel of Seine Section, for anything we can do to make your visit to Paris a truly pleasant and valuable experience.

PLEAS B. ROGERS  
Brigadier General, USA.  
Commanding

#### CENTRAL REGISTRATION BUREAU

11, Rue Scribe — Métro : OPERA

This bureau is operated jointly by Sp & Info Sv Section, Seine Section, and the American Red Cross. All troops on overnight leave receive billet assignments here.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ASN \_\_\_\_\_

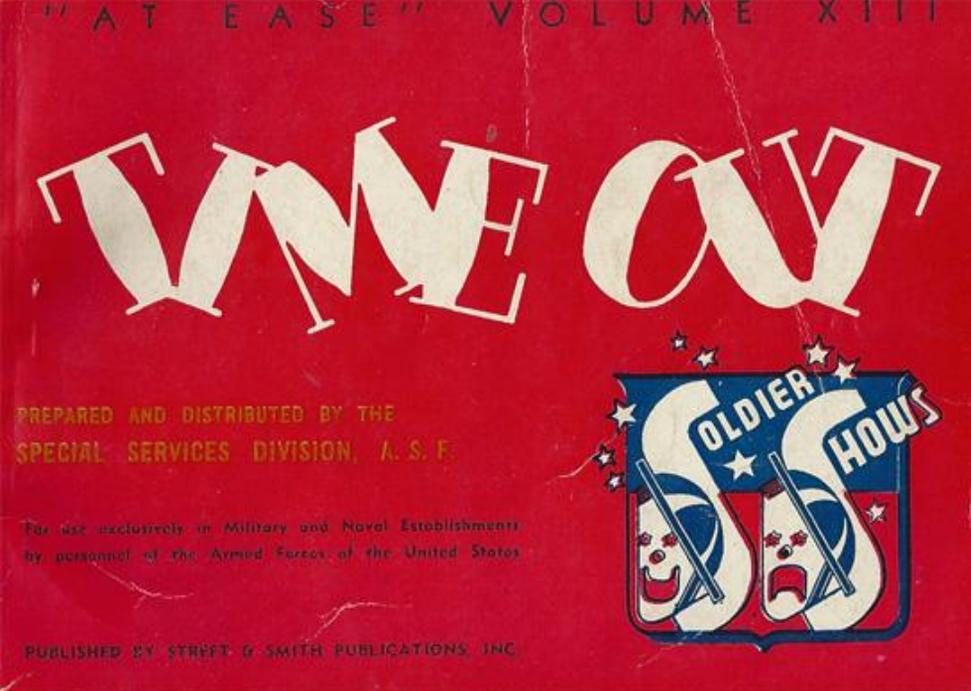
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Leaflet specially distributed by the Seine Section addressed to Officers and Enlisted Men arriving in Paris on leave. This also applied to convalescent and military personnel residing in Paris, France. The document printed in March 1945 and signed by the CG, Seine Section, Brigadier General Pleas B. Rogers, provided servicemen with plenty of useful information such as a Leave Clubs, Army Exchanges, religious services, security instructions, traveling by subway, purchases, athletics, entertainment, and miscellaneous information.

**“Greetings, Service Man!” – small pocket size booklet prepared by the YMCA (Young Men’s Christian Association) and the Salvation Army, with the help of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 1943, and distributed by the USO (United Service Organizations) to military personnel who were to be sent overseas. Filled with a number of tips for the soldier.**





“At Ease”, Volume XIII, by Mimi Dworsky, 1944, a book of informal games. Prepared and distributed by The Special Services Division, Army Service Forces for use exclusively in Military and Naval Establishments. Often distributed to patients as a part of the US Army recreational program.

**Happy faces! Infantry, Armored, Airborne, and Army Air Force Officers earn a trip home. After being wounded in action, they received the necessary preliminary treatment and care; and are now on their way to the Zone of Interior for either rest or further treatment.**

