

Documents and Photos



Technician Fourth Grade James J. Blessing



Company A & Hq Detachment, 3111th Signal Service Battalion, Advanced Section
Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations
October 1, 1942 to November 10, 1945

IDENTIFICATION CARD—ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS

This is to Certify, That James J. Blessing-Pvt.-Signal Corps.
Serial No. 12161523 (Name) Home address E. Orange, New Jersey. (Grade) (Section)
was { transferred to } * grade shown ENL. SEC. OFF. OF THE CH. SIG. OFF. (City) (State)
enlisted in }
Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States, on the 1st day of
October one thousand nine hundred and 42 for
Duration of War plus Six months
the period of _____ year. When { transferred } * he was 26 years of age, and
enlisted }
by occupation a mach. oper. He has grey eyes, black
hair, ruddy complexion, and is 5 feet 9½ inches in height.
Dates of immunization: Smallpox _____ Typhoid _____
Other _____ Blood type _____
U. S. Army Rctg. & Ind. Station,
Given at Headquarters P. O. Bldg., Newark, New Jersey., this
1st day of October, one thousand nine hundred and 42

* Cross out words not applicable.
FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER A. Baker
A. BAKER, 2ND LT. INF ASST R&IC. 38066-1
(Over)

Enlisted Reserve Corps ID Card October 1, 1942

WAR DEPARTMENT
Army Service Forces
Headquarters, Second Service Command
Governors Island, New York

GEC/lb

In reply refer to:
Personnel Division
52 Broadway, N. Y.

201-Blessing, James J.
ASN 12161523, Pvt.
SPKBR

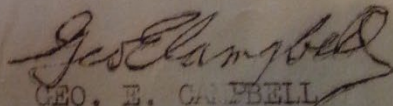
13 July 1943

SUBJECT: Active Duty

TO : James J. Blessing
74 Hamilton Street
East Orange, N. J.

1. This is to advise you that you are being called to active duty on ~~xxxxxxx~~ 20 July 1943.
2. Orders will be sent to you within the next few days.

For the Commanding General:


GEO. E. CAMPBELL
Major, Infantry
Civ. Comp. Branch

Activation July 13, 1943



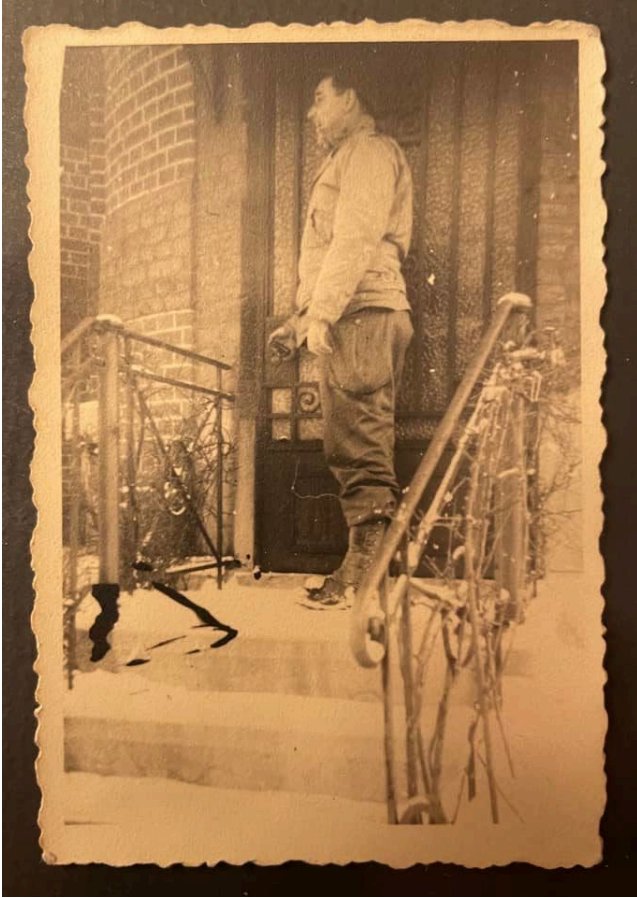
Reims, France, around September 1944



Entering Germany East of Veviers, Belgium October 1944



Left: 2021 family visit to the site of T4 Blessings crossing into Germany. Grandson Patrick Dugan and wife are on the left.



Veviers 1944



Grandson Patrick Dugan at the same location in 2021



RIGHT: Veviers

LEFT: Grandson Patrick Dugan at same site in 2021



East of Veviers in Germany
TOP: 1944; BOTTOM: 2021



Frankfurt Telephone Exchange

1944 or 45

PARIS ASSIGNMENT CARD N° P. 75903

HEADQUARTERS, SEINE SECTION, COM Z
EUROPEAN T OF OPNS, U. S. ARMY

This is to certify that :

Blessing James J T/4 12161523
Name Rank ASN (or Civ)

Co A 3111 Sig Sv Bn is stationed for
Org. Hq. duty in Paris.

Date : 27 August 1945
(Brig.) (Maj.) ~~(Lt.)~~ General
(Conditions on Reverse)

August 1945 Assignment to Paris

Uniform



Shoulder: Advanced Section
Communications Zone



Advanced Section
Communications Zone Shoulder Patch
T4 Stripes



TOP: European/African/Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
with five stars for the Normandy, Northern France,
Ardennes-Alsace (Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland, and
Central Europe Campaigns, Good Conduct Medal, WWII
European Victory Medal (Original Design), & American
Campaign Medal



TOP: Honorable Discharge
BOTTOM: Presidential Unit Citation

**ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Blessing James J		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 12 161 523	3. GRADE T-4	4. ARM OR SERVICE Sig C	5. COMPONENT AUS
6. ORGANIZATION Hq Det 3111 Sig Sv Bn		7. DATE OF SEPARATION 10 Nov 45	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION SEP CTR FT DIX NJ		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 86 Nancy Ave E Orange NJ		10. DATE OF BIRTH 13 May 16	11. PLACE OF BIRTH Orange NJ		
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT See 9		13. COLOR EYES Grey	14. COLOR HAIR Blk	15. HEIGHT 5-9	16. WEIGHT 220 Lb
17. NO. DEPEND.	18. MARITAL STATUS X		19. U.S. CITIZEN X		20. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. Forming Press Oper 6-88.627

MILITARY HISTORY

21. DATE OF INDUCTION 1 Oct 42	22. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 1 Oct 42	23. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 1 Oct 42	24. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE Newark NJ
25. SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA See 9	26. SOCIAL S.S. BOARD NO.	27. COUNTY AND STATE	28. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE See 9
29. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. Sw Bd Oper 650		30. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (I.O., Infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) None	

31. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS
**Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, CO 33
WD 45 as amended**

32. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS
American Service Medal, EAME Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal

33. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION
None

34. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES			35. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN			
SMALLPOX	TYPHOID	TETANUS	OTHER (specify)	DATE OF DEPARTURE	DESTINATION	DATE OF ARRIVAL
2 Jul 43	20 Dec 44	4 May 45	None	31 Mar 44	ETO	6 Apr 44
36. HIGHEST GRADE HELD Teo 4			37. DATE OF DEPARTURE 25 Oct 45			38. DATE OF ARRIVAL 5 Nov 45

39. PRIOR SERVICE
None

40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION
Demobilization Convenience of the Govt AR 615-365 15 Dec 44 & RRI-1

41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED
None

42. EDUCATION (Years)		
Elementary	High School	College
8	4	0

PAY DATA

43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS 3 1 10	44. MUSTERING OUT PAY TOTAL THIS PAYMENT \$ 300 \$ 100	45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS 200.00	46. TRAVEL PAY \$ 3.45	47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER 329.95 J HARRIS COL TD
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INSURANCE NOTICE

IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAISE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND SHOW THE PRO COLLECTIONS SUPERVISOR, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

48. KIND OF INSURANCE XX	49. HOW PAID Allotment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct in Y. A. <input type="checkbox"/>	50. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance 31 Oct 45	51. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50) 30 Nov 45	52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH \$ 6.90	53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO Continue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Only <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue <input type="checkbox"/>
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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 Sep) 80**

55. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED
James J. Blessing

56. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature)
**J E WHITE JR
CAPT AC**
J. E. White Jr.

WP 400 FORM 53-53
November 1944

This form supersedes all previous editions of
WD AGO Form 53 and 53 for enlisted persons
entitled to an Honorable Discharge, which
will not be used after receipt of this revision.

Discharge November 10, 1945

Notice of right to appeal

Appeal from classification by local board must be made within 10 days after the mailing of this notice. You may file a written notice of appeal with the local board, or you may go to the office of the local board and sign appeal form on back of Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

Within the same 10-day period you may file a written request for personal appearance before the local board. If this is done, the time in which you may appeal is extended to 10 days from the date of mailing of a new Notice of Classification (Form 57) after such personal appearance.

If an appeal has been taken and you are classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, I-A-O, or IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification, you may file appeal to the President with your local board within 10 days after the mailing of notice of such classification.

For advice, see your Government appeal agent.

The law requires you: (1) To keep in touch with your local board; (2) to notify it of any change of address; (3) to notify it of any fact which might change your classification; (4) to comply with the instructions on the notice of classification part of this form.

NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION App. not Req.

James Joseph Blessing
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

Order No. **2547** has been classified in Class **1 C Disc**

(Until _____, 19____)

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by Local Board.
 Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).
 President

11-15-45

(Date of mailing)

19____

(Member of local board)

The law requires you, subject to heavy penalty for violation, to have this notice, in addition to your Registration Certificate (Form 2), in your personal possession at all times—to exhibit it upon request to authorized officials—to surrender it, upon entering the armed forces, to your commanding officer. DSS Form 57. (Rev. 12-10-43.)

Cut along this line to detach card

Cut along this line

(Registrant must sign here)

GPO 16-31524-4

Draft Card November 15, 1945



T4 Blessing died in March, 1995 and is buried in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery and Mausoleum East Hanover, Morris County, New Jersey, USA

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Documents and Photos of Patrick Dugan,
Grandson of Technician Fourth Grade James J. Blessing

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