

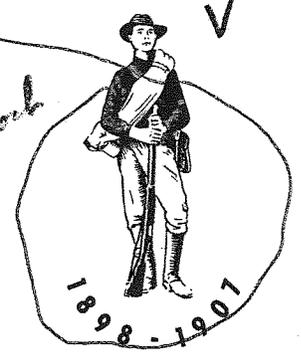
I have a photo of myself
exactly alike this.

almost

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SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION, AND BOXER
REBELLION VETERANS RESEARCH PROJECT



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Name John D. LaWall Date Jan. 18, 1969
Address 2401 Second St North, St Petersburg, Fla
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Awarded pension for service during:	Yes	No
Spanish-American War	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philippine Insurrection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boxer Rebellion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Service was in the following:

ARMY: Unit (Co., Regt., etc.) U.S.V. Co I 29th Reg

Dates of service July 25, 1899 to March 14, 1901

NAVY: Ship or station _____

Dates of service _____ to _____

MARINE CORPS: Unit (or ship) _____

Dates of service _____ to _____

OTHER: Ship, unit, or employment _____

Dates of service _____ to _____

Any other military service or employment (state, federal, or foreign), before or after your pensionable service?

If so, please describe.

In which of the following did you serve:

	Yes	No
Cuba	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Puerto Rico	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philippine Islands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Sea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Will you fill out a more detailed questionnaire on your Spanish-American, Philippine Insurrection, Pacification, and/or Boxer Rebellion service experiences; for permanent deposit and research use in the manuscript division of the US Army Military History Research Collection?

Do you have any books, letters, diaries, drawings, maps, documents, photographs, or other relics and items connected with your service?

Any items like the above from relatives who served in other wars?

** letters from my father to my grandmother in Civil War*

Would you donate these items to the US Army Military History Research Collection?

Would you lend them to us for photo-copying?

Please list and briefly describe the items you have on the reverse of this questionnaire.

Have you ever written an account of your military service?

If so, will you allow us to copy the account for the manuscript research files?

See reverse

If not, would you be willing to write an account for us?

Do you now, or did you in the past, belong to any veteran's organization(s) peculiar to service in the Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, or Philippine Insurrection?

Name and address of organization(s).

Did any of your relatives serve in the Mexican, Civil, or Indian Wars?

see above

my father

Do you have any papers, documents, or relics associated with these relatives that you would make available to the Military History Research Collection?

If so, please list on the reverse of this questionnaire.

Krag Jorgensen Rifle

Photographs of myself and tent mates
at Camp Meade, Penna. August 1899

Photograph of myself in heavy marching
order in Manila 1900

Text of a lecture I delivered following my
return to the U.S. in 1901 entitled
"Sixteen Months in the Philippines"

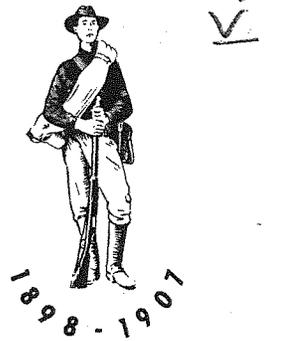
Handkerchief (framed) purchased in
Manila formerly yellow and red but
faded with descriptions ^{and pictures} of parts of the
Remington rifle. Text all in Spanish
and in little loops around big center
box instructions to the Spanish soldier as
to what to do in case of various emergencies

Besides my Father's service in the Civil
War (16th Me. Heavy Artillery) my uncle
Olson Thompson lost an arm
at Gettysburg.

If you wish mass. of my
lecture "Sixteen Months in the Philippines"
I shall be glad to send it.

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ARMY SERVICE EXPERIENCES QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name John D. LaWall Rank or grade Corporal
Unit (Co., Trp., Btry) Co "I" 27th U.S. Inf Commanded by 1st Lt. John J. Kenner
Capt. Julian
Yonczak of (Regt., Corps, etc) 27th
Commanded by Col. James Bell

2. Enlistment: (date) July 25 1899 (age) 15 yrs 5 mo.
(place) Elmira, New York for (term) until June 30, 1901
Previous occupation high school student

Why did you enlist? because of military tradition in my
family and for adventure and travel.

What do you recall about enlisting? answered in my manuscript
"Sixteen Months in Philippines"

3. Where did you train as a recruit? Camp Meade, Penna and
Presidio in California
What were you trained in? Infantry tactics

4. What arms did you use?

.45 Springfield rifle or carbine _____
.30 Krag rifle or carbine ✓ _____
6 mm Lee Rifle _____
.38 Colt revolver _____
.45 Colt single action revolver _____
.45 Colt double action revolver _____
Remington shotgun _____
Bolo Bayonet for .30 Krag ✓ _____
Colt machine gun _____
Maxim machine gun _____ calibre _____
Gatling gun _____ calibre _____
Hotchkiss mountain gun _____
Hotchkiss revolving gun _____
Other small arms _____

Other artillery _____

5. What were your opinions of the equipment, clothing, and rations you were

issued? All satisfactory in the United States
Poor rations at Novaliches - All described
in "Sixteen Months in the Philippines"

6. Were you trained in first-aid, signalling, or the use of any special equipment?

No

Did you have any unusual assignments? I was once in command
of the block house for a short period. See
"Sixteen Months in the Philippines"

7. What did you think of the quality of leadership while you were in the Army?

For the most part good.

Do you recall any instances of particularly good or bad leadership? _____

Yes

8. What did you think of the discipline at the time (lax, fair, moderate, strict, harsh). Please comment: *Strict and usually just.*

Do you recall any particular punishments for breeches of discipline? *Yes*

If so, please comment on types of punishments awarded _____

See latrine incident in "Sixteen Months in the Philippines."

What did you think about military courts and justice? _____

For the most part good.

9. Did you know of any reasons for desertion? *No*

Was there much theft in your unit? No

10. What forms of off-duty recreation were common? _____

gambling, drinking, whooring

11. How did you and your comrades get along with civilians in the U.S.? _____

Very little contact

12. What did you think of the medical and supply services in the Army? _____

Good

How was the health of your unit? _____

Considerable malaria and dysentery

13. What did soldiers use their pay for? _____

see # 10

14. Was drinking a problem? to some extent

How was liquor obtained? purchased outside camp

15. Was there much gambling? Yes

If so, what types? Poker and craps

16. Were any of the arms you used especially effective?

for the purpose for which they were intended

What was your opinion of the arms you saw or used on campaigns in the Army?

Good

17. Were the enemy well trained and led? No

18. Were your opponents well armed? No

How were they armed? rifles captured from Spaniards
for the most part and some rifles supplied
by Adm Dewey to help capture Manila.

Was this an important combat factor? Yes

19. Did you take part in any combat actions? Yes

If so, where, when, and against whom?

Against the insurrectos Feb. 1900 - Sept 18, 25, 1900

What do you recall you were thinking and experiencing at the time?

At first fear and then exhilaration

20. When you served outside of the U.S.; what do you recall of your travel experiences (R.R. and ships)?

satisfactory

21. If you served in Cuba, Puerto Rico, or the Philippines, (please underline) what sort of country and people did you expect to find? semi-primitive people, poorly armed and supplied

22. What were your first impressions of service in these strange and far-away places? homesick yet interested

Did your views change later? Yes, as to the justice of the war

23. How did you and your comrades get along with friendly (or at least not openly hostile) native peoples (in Cuba, Puerto Rico, China, and/or the Philippines); before, during, and after hostilities? Unusually friendly

24. Was there much consorting with native women? Philippine women for the most part were virtuous.

25. Did you know of or observe any looting by soldiers? Very little if any

26. Did you know or observe any newspaper war correspondents? No

27. What did you think of the newspaper and magazine coverage at the time? _____

I saw very little

28. If you have read any histories, articles, or other recent writings on the Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion, what is your opinion of their value and authenticity? _____

Due to my visual infirmity I haven't read anything in 15 yrs.

29. Did you ever have anything to do with the gathering of intelligence information (scouting, etc.) in Cuba, Puerto Rico, or the Philippines? No

30. How was the morale of your unit (mail from home, living conditions, general homesickness, etc.)? _____

Fair - Considerable homesickness.

31. Did you ever participate in cooperative operations with the Navy or Marines?

No

32. If you served in China, what were your opinions on the troops of the other allies?

No

33. Did you assist in the establishment of civil government during occupation duty? No If so, please comment.

34. How were native civilians treated by the Army

Fairly well

by the soldiers

Fairly well

35. How were enemy prisoners treated by the Army?

Some instances of ill treatment such as the so-called "Water cure". I have seen some prisoners struck by non-coms

36. How were American prisoners treated by the enemy? Family well,
I believe

37. Did you ever have much contact with Spanish soldiers and ex-soldiers during the Philippine Insurrection, or after the end of hostilities in Cuba or Puerto Rico? No What did you think of them? _____

38. Did you ever serve with or observe the work of native scout units with our Army (such as the Macabebes in the Philippines)? No

If so, what was your opinion of them and their usefulness? _____

39. Did you and your comrades consider your enemy (Spaniards, Filipino Insurrectos, Chinese Boxers) to be good fighters and worthy enemies? Not up to
American soldiers

What did you think about these enemies, as people? _____
inferior to Americans

40. What posts were you stationed at during your service? _____

Camp Meade, Penna
Presidio, Calif.
El Deposito, Montalban, San Mateo,
Navaliches

41. Do you recall any songs that were popular during your campaign services? _____

42. Do you recall any Army slang words or phrases peculiar to those times? _____

dog robber
saw belly
gugus

43. If you were in the Regular Army, why did you choose to leave (or stay in) the Army? _____

Date of discharge. April 1, 1901

44. What did you do after you were discharged? Went back to finish high school and went to college

This questionnaire is by no means exhaustive. If you wish to explain or comment on matters not specifically requested, please feel free to do so on the blank sides of the questionnaire. If you wish to add more than the space available for any of the questions, please do so on the blank sides of the form and show the item number of the question.