Note. This Questionnaire should be completed so far as possible with such information as can be furnished at once, and returned with photographs and additional notes or letters, if available, to **Department of War Records, State Library, Hartford, Conn.** Your completed Questionnaire will convey to your children and to their children, your story in your own words, of the part you took in the great conflict. The "Roll of Honor" and the accompanying list of names certified by a town official, will form the Title-Page and Table of Contents to the volumes of War Records relating to those in service from your Town.

Connecticut Participation in the World War

State of Connecticut 13006

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

D. H. R.—Form 1. Ed. 4
State Library, June 14, 1923.

Compiled by the Department of War Records, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, where it will be filed, as a permanent memorial of the deeds of Connecticut soldiers, sailors and marines in the service of the federal, state and allied governments during American participation in the World War.

Name in full d'Avignon (family name) Saul (first name) Samuel (middle names)

Date of birth June (month) 13th (day) 1896 (year)

Place of birth Norwich (town), New London (county) Connecticut (state) U.S.A. (country)

Name of father Louis B. d'Avignon Birthplace Canada. (country)

Maiden name of mother Josephine M de Kerouartz Birthplace Canada (country)

Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? White

Citizen yes (yes or no) Voter yes (yes or no) Church Catholic (denomination)

Married yes April 29th 1922 at Municipal Building. New York N.Y.

To Tyra Kell (maiden name) Born April 9th 1892 at Minneapolis Minn

Children None. (name) Born 1 at

Born 1 at

Born 1 at

Fraternal Orders Knights of Columbus & Am. Legion., Veterans of Foreign Wars first two were non-active. last active.

Previous military service or training I had some military training, while I was a student at the Seminary of St Hyacinthe P.Q. Canada.

Occupation before entry into the service Electrician, at American Brass Co. Waterbury, Conn. Prof. Base Ball Player. Was to play for Waterbury Conn B.B. Club. Eastern League 1917 joined U.S. Navy. Detached for New York R.S.

Name of employer Mr E. Rottile was in charge, Am. Brass, Waterbury Conn.

Residence before entry into the service 295 North Main St (street number) Waterbury (town) ? (county)

Present home address 351 Central Ave (street number) Norwich (town) New London (county) Connecticut (state)

☞ *Every Service Man is requested to call the attention of every other Connecticut Service Man to this opportunity to record his own services in the Connecticut Department of War Records in the State Library at Hartford.* GEO. S. GODARD, Director.

WAR RECORD

Inducted into service or enlisted on 5th MAY 1917 (date), at New Haven Conn. (place), as a Duration of War man no rank. (rank)

in the ____ (infantry, artillery, aviation, etc.) section of

the U. S. Navy. Reserve Force - but Kept at Newport R.I. (Regular Army, National Guard, Home Guard, National Army, Navy, Naval Reserve, or Marine Corps)

Training Station. Identification number 9130-01-14

Assigned originally to ____ (company) ____ (regiment) ____ (division)

(or) Barracks C. West Wing, Naval Training Station at Newport R. I. (ship) (place)

Trained or stationed before going to Europe: — Philadelphia P.A. Training Station

School, camp, station, ship Newport Training Sta. - From (date) June 5th or 6th 1917 to (date) March 1918

Having had some Military experience, I was made Jr Petty Officer, drilling companies of un-trained men, was sent to Sea Gunners School and passed examinations as Gunners Mate 3rd class. My rating to become official with 2 mo active service.

Transferred to: —

Company	Regiment	Division	Ship	Date	New Location
Philadelphia Navy Yard. quartered at Seaman Gunners Barracks my duties twice a week was Corporal of the Guard, setting the Guard etc.					

Promoted: —

From (rank) Ordinary Seaman to (rank) Sea 1st class Date June 25th 1917

Seaman 1st Class to Gunners Mate 3rd class, after 2 months active service Feb-1917

Embarked from Philadelphia Navy Yards (port) on U.S.S. William Rockefeller. (ship) Tanker Standard Oil

2nd or 9th (date) of May 1918 and arrived at Isle of Man, Scotland (foreign port) 17th May 1918 (date)

Proceeded from Isle of Man, ordered to Scapaflow, Scotland, (date) changed orders to Leith

From This Ship was sunk by a German Submarine, 7 P.M May 18th 1918 (date)

From Survivors of Ship, picked up by trawlers and taken to Leith Scotland (English.) May 19th 1918 (date)

Trained or stationed abroad: —

Country	Place	From (date)	to (date)
Scotland	Leith	May 19th 1918	May 29th 1918

The Survivors of the S.S. Wm Rockefeller, were quartered in an old Hotel in Leith for a period of about 8 to 10 days, though many did need Medical aide, there were no Medical facilities available.

NOTE: — Should form or space in any case prove inadequate for recording the desired information, please state facts on separate sheet of paper and enclose with this record.

WAR RECORD

First went into action May 18th 1918 (date) aboard U.S. Wm Rockfeller (place) "Torpedoed" May 18th 18

Participated in the following engagements Torpedoing of the late U.S. William Rockfeller in the North Sea May 18th 1918 - When I received Internal Injuries by explosion and sinking of said ship. Influenza in line of duty while at the N.Y.N.Y. Receiving ship.

Cited, decorated, or otherwise honored for distinguished services. (Give circumstantial accounts of exploits, including dates and places where performed, also by whom and in what manner the honors were bestoed):—

My duties & station aboard the U.S.S. William Rockfeller, was Initial range finder on forward upper Bridge sig. deck, after ship was torpedoed and sinking fast, the crew of the forward gun fired toward where we thought the disapearing sub was. President Wilson gave each man of this crew a citation but I did not, even though I gave the range. I was told I waited too long in asking for it.

Killed in action, killed by accident, died of wounds, died of disease, wounded, gassed, shell-shocked, taken prisoner

Nature of casualty	Place	Date
I Was wounded internally, right testicle hurt, spine hurt, nerves shattered. the torpedo hit side of ship, and in next compartment which I was leaning against the impact hurled me against some offets and Smashed ants		

Under medical care:—

Name of hospital	Location	From (date)	to (date)
I contracted Gonorrhea on account of no available medical facilities, at the Hotel in Leith, Scotland in may 19th to 29th first treatment the first days of June 1918 aboard the N.M.S. Megantic. Naval Hospital Brooklyn July to Sept treated for Gonorrhea, right testicle in Some period Cumberland St Hospital Brooklyn N.Y. a few months later, Willard Parker Hospital with influenza.			

Permanently disabled (through loss of limb, eyesight, etc) Chronic Gonorrhea, Neurasthenia, Spine, Stomach, Nerves. (specify disability)

Arrived at Boston (American port) New York on U.S.S. Scout Cruiser Chester (ship) on may 19th 1919 (date) from Russia. (from)

Discharged from service at Receiving Ship New York N.Y. (place) June 25th 1919. (date) Honorable Discharge.

as a Seaman 1st Class (rank) U.S.S. Navy.

RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE

Occupation after the war Being disabled, I could not do the work of my trade or any hard work, I only played nearly all of one season in Prof. Base Ball but had to give this vocation up on account of disabilities through diseased kidneys, shocks etc. Mrs Hamilton, helped me along to work etc. she was in charge of the Navy club on 5th Ave during the War.

If a change of occpuation was occasioned by reason of disability acquired in the service, describe the process of re-education and readjustment, and indicate the agencies or individuals chiefly instumental in furnishing the new occupations:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What was your attitude toward military service in general and toward your call in particular? Being physically fit, and my Country needing men. I joined the U.S. Navy, to do my bit while it lasted, but I wanted to be discharged as soon as peace was declared, & D.O.W. man. I also wanted to go to the Brooklyn Electrical School. But never got there

What were the effects of camp experiences in the United States upon yourself — mental and physical?

The effects of Training Station etc. made a man realize what discipline meant, taught him the characteristics of other men, made me broader minded. Physically the lessons of a clean body, good posture, hardening of body with train

What were the effects upon yourself of your overseas experience, either in the army or navy or in camp in France, England or elsewhere?

It broadened my mind to many worldly things, sailing to so many different Countries, speaking to true people, learning their ways etc. Left me with the effect, that we Americans, can learn a lot from them

If you took part in the fighting, what impressions were made upon you by this experience?

Was Torpedoed and Sunk Officially when U.S.S. Wm Rockefeller was sunk
I took no part in fighting, but was fired upon by Snipers, while in Russia with some of the Crew of the U.S.S. Yorktown. As this is expected in War, left no impression

What has been the effect of all these experiences as contrasted with your state of mind before the war?

To tell this would fill many books, in my case the out-come of it all, was not my expectations at all. My Ancestors had fought in the Crusades back to 900 A.D. so many happenings seemed natural to me

Photographs — If possible enclose one taken before entering the service and one taken afterwards in uniform, both signed and dated.

Additional data When I was told by Captain R. E. Tull Late Last Commander, U.S.S.S. William Rockefeller, about the citation I had comming to me, I wrote to Washington for it. They answered that I had waitted too long. But I see men getting medals with year for Post Bronze

Signed at Norwich (place) Conn on May 10th (date) 1934

Earl Samuel d'Avignon (full name) Seaman 1st (rank) U.S. Navy (branch of service)

The information contained in this record, unless otherwise indicated, was obtained from the following persons or sources:

Willard Parker Hospital, Cumberland St. Hospital, Medical Records of Washington D.C. Dr. A. Fontaine Dr. N.L. O'Donnell. Gordon M. White, Richard Oppenmann, John R. Moorhead etc. who were members of the Crew on U.S.S.S William Rockefeller.

July 24, 1945

Mrs. Saul S. D'Avignon
Taftville, Conn.

Dear Mrs. D'Avignon:

Your letter of July 23 received asking for a Death Certificate of your husband, Saul Samuel D'Avignon.

If you will send the date of his death and where it occurred we will try and secure such a certificate for you.

In the Department of War Records we have a photostatic copy of his discharge from the U.S. Navy.

Sincerely yours,

For Thomas D. Murphy
Director

NM

Taftville Conn
7/23/45

Chairman & Director
Dept of War Records
State Library Bldg
Hartford Conn

Dear Sir.

Will you Please send me the Death certificate, or other, Proofs of my Husband, Saul Samuel. D'avignon. Born June 13th 1896 at Norwich Conn. Served, in the U.S.N.R.F. Enlisted, at New-Haven Conn May 5th 1917. Honorably Discharged R.S. New York June 25th 1919. Service no. 130-01-14

Truly Yours
mrs Saul S D'avignon
P.O. 593
Taftville Conn

August 3, 1945

Mrs. Saul S. D'Avignon
P.O. Box 593
Taftville, Conn.

Dear Mrs. D'Avignon:

In reply to your letter of July 30 requesting a copy of the Certificate of Service issued to your husband Saul S. D'Avignon, July 4, 1934, We do not issue duplicate copies of the Certificate unless we have proof that the original Certificate was lost or destroyed.

If you will advise me as to why you wish a duplicate copy of this Certificate, I will take the matter up with the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

NM

For the State Librarian

N. McCue

James Brewster
State Librarian
Hartford, Conn.

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JUL 30 1945 AM

Toftville, Conn
7/30/45

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me Certificate No- 13006- signed by the late Gov- Marcus Holcomb- and George S. Goddard.

Said Certificate, given by the state of Connecticut to all Honorably Discharged Veterans of World War No 1.

Yours truly

Mrs. Earl S. D'Avignon
P.O. Box 593
Toftville, Conn.

P.S. Will pay C.O.D. for same.

July 28, 1934

Mr. Saul S. d'Avignon,
351 Central Ave.,
Norwich, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the two photographs which you wished returned to you. We have had the same photographed and filed with your questionnaire.

Your certificate of service have been mailed to you today under separate cover.

Very sincerely,

State Librarian
and Director

NM

Copy

Danielson Conn. Apr. 21st. 1934

Mr. James T. Daly
adjunctoin officer - Nuvington Conn.

Dear Sir,

This is to certify that Saul D'avignon in August 1919 called on me for treatment. History of the case given me by patient: Transport boat on which patient was in service for U.S. was torpedoed by German submarine. Patient suffered at this time injuries to right teste. Medical aid not being available, patient received first treatment in June, by a surgeon on Transport boat. Meantic.
Patient suffered with acute epididimetes or orchitis.
August 1919 I examined Saul D'avignon and found enlarged right teste with tenderness, dilatation of the veins of the spermatic cord right. Tenderness over the external pillar of the external abdominal ring (right) which would indicate rupture of some of its fibers

Alphonse Fontaine M.D.

Sworn to before me this 21st day of April 1934
at Danielson, Conn.

Moses H Berthiaume
Notary Public

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Paris, ce 4 Janvier 1936

Cher Comte,

J'ai reçu de vos nouvelles avec plaisir.

J'ai publié, dans l'ANNUAIRE de la NOBLESSE de FRANCE 1935, une jolie Notice avec Blason, sur votre Famille : d'AVIGNON. Le coût, avec 1 Volume, que vous me devez est de 450 francs. Par ailleurs, vous me redevez 1.000 francs, pour Complément de Recherches...

Je peux parfaitement vous édifier une Magnifique Généalogie, calligraphiée à la main, avec de splendides enluminures : avec Pages d'Entrée, reproduisant Portaits des ROIS de FRANCE, dont vous descendez en ligne féminine, grandes Armoiries complètes, Ecus d'Armes Titres, Lettres ornées merveilleuses, Cartouches de degrés, reproductions de Châteaux d'ancêtres, d'armes, et Portraits : Familles d'Avignon et de Kerouartz...

Je vous ferai une véritable Pièce de Musée le tout bellement relié en Maroquin, reliures petits fers. Pour un semblable travail, il faudrait compter : à partir de 30.000 francs (2.000 dollars). Paiement : d'avance, pour me permettre de régler les frais au jour et à mesure. Temps demandé : 4 mois, si pressé.

Donc tout à votre disposition ?

Merci pour vos bons souhaits. Tous les miens en retour. A vous lire, sympathiquement.

comte V.G. de Morant



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Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer, - qu'après de laborieuses Recherches, qui ont duré des années, - j'ai pu établir la Descendance d'ADAM et EVE, par 146 degrés, de Mgr le Duc de GUISE.

Comme vous descendez également, en ligne féminine, du "SANG ROYAL DE FRANCE", je peux vous délivrer la même Filiation d'ADAM et EVE jusqu'à vous, - Filiation inédite et extraordinaire - CERTIFIEE et avec indication de toutes Sources justificatives à l'appui.

Coût, pour participation aux frais de Recherches et d'établissement : 1.000 francs.

Je suis, aussi, en mesure, de vous fournir les TABLEAUX, établissant votre Consanguinité avec 31 SOUVERAINS contemporains d'Europe, de même que l'ETAT de votre Parenté, avec les anciens ROIS & EMPEREURS, Papes, Saints et Bienheureux d'Europe. Conditions à convenir.

Au plaisir de vous lire, veuillez croire, Monsieur, à tous mes sentiments distingués.

P.S.- Je viens de terminer une splendide GENEALOGIE, entièrement calligraphiée à la main, avec de magnifiques enluminures pour les: Grandes Armes, Ecus, Cartouches de degrés, Lettres Ornées, Lettrines, Encadrements et Culs-de-lampe. Si vous le désiriez, je pourrais en faire exécuter une réplique pour votre Famille. Spécimens à la disposition.

To Whom It May Concern.

We, the undersigned, have known Saul Samuel D'Avignon as a Professional Baseball Player, etc., previous to his enlistment in the U.S.N. during the World War.

We have seen his Honorable Discharge from the Navy Department, Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D.C. With C-200870, having been torpedoed on the late U.S. Wm. Rockfeller, we believe he is due a pension from the U.S. Government, as he had to give up said profession.

Geo Desplathy — Merchant — Moosup Conn
Arthur Marchessault — Grocer — Moosup, Conn.
Joseph Comtte — Barber — Moosup Conn
Frank Bydo — Tailor — Moosup Conn
Napoleon J Fournier — High Sheriff — Moosup Conn
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Clarence V. Reid — Deputy Nov. Co Sheriff — Central Village
Felix J. Wakely — Postmaster — Central Village Conn
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Leonard E Bousfield — Barber — Jewett City Conn

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Ugele Lahaise — Town Clerk & Treasurer — Moosup Ct.
Harry H. Potter — Druggist - Supervisor of Welfare.
J Champagne.
James E Ward — First Selectman Moosup Conn
Fred T. Maynard — General Store Merchant, Wauregan Conn.
Joseph F. Lavallee — Merchant — Danielson, Conn
Sidney R Morland — Merchant — Danielson Ct.
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Alfred Faucher — Moosup Con Barber
Joseph Simmons — Moosup Conn
E. J. Laque — Barber — Jewett City. Ct

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
County of New London ss. Town of Norwich 10 July A. D. 1935.

Personally appeared Edward S. Beebe, Administrator of the Estate of Hadley Potter

the signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged that he executed the same in the capacity and for the purposes therein stated, and that the same is his free act and deed, before me,

Telley E. Babcock ~~Justice of the Peace~~
Notary Public
~~Commissioner of the Superior Court~~
~~for County,~~
~~NOTARY PUBLIC.~~

Ent # 2.

Administrator's Deed.

Edward S. Beebe Admr.

to

Telley E. Babcock Atty

July 10th 1935 - Norwich, Conn.

ESTATE OF HADLEY POTTER

TO

Count S. D'Avignon

Received for Record July 12 1935
at 12, '30 o'clock after noon,
and recorded in Land
Records, Vol. 10 page 491 & 2 by
Charles E. Allaben Town Clerk.

Exd - Warranty Deeds Vol 10 page

Administrator's Deed. (No. 102x) Published by John H. Bell, Norwich, Conn.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting;

KNOW YE, That I, Edward S. Beebe of the town of Norwich, in New London County, Connecticut,

Administrator of the Estate of Hadley Potter late of town of Montville, Conn., deceased, by virtue of an order of the Court of Probate for the District of Montville dated the 17th., day of April A. D. 193 5 authorized and directing me to sell at Public sale the real estate of said deceased, having given the bond, advertised the hearing for said authority, advertised said sale and fully complied with the orders of said Court and sold at Public Auction July 2nd., 1935, to

And in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty Dollars, ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxx~~, received to my full satisfaction of Count S. D'Avignon of said Norwich

I, the said Administrator do grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said grantee all the right, title, interest, claim and demand which the said Hadley Potter had at the time of his decease or which I, as such Administrator have or ought to have in or to a certain piece or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in the Town of Salem County of New London and State of Connecticut, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the Christopher A. Miner farm (so Called) thence running with the southerly line of said farm about on an easterly course about one hundred and sixteen and twenty four one hundredths (116.24) rods to the southeasterly corner of said farm; thence with the easterly line North about 2° East about (26 1/4) twenty six and one quarter rods, to the land now or formerly of Eunice Miner; thence with said Eunice Miner land about a West course about one hundred and sixteen (116) rods to the westerly line of said Miner farm; thence with the westerly line of said Christopher A. Miner, farm (so called) South about 3° West about twenty six and one quarter ((26 1/4) rods to the place or point of beginning containing 19 acres more or less, and is the same premises as conveyed by warranty deed of Charles M. Geisthardt to Hadley Potter dated November 27th., 1925, and recorded in the Salem Land Records book 8, page 342.

Also all rights of way as belonging to said Hadley Potter leading from the highway running from Gardners Lake to Oxoboxo Lake, to this described land.

The Taxes assessed of October 1st., 1934 has been paid by the Administrator.

To Have and to Hold the above granted and bargained premises, with the appurtenances thereof, unto him the said grantee his heirs and assigns to him and their own proper use and benefit forever. And I the said administrator do hereby covenant with him the said grantee his heirs and assigns, that I have full power and authority, as administrator aforesaid, to grant and convey the above described premises in manner and form aforesaid, and for my self and my heirs, executors and administrators do further covenant to warrant and defend the same to him the said grantee his heirs and assigns, against the claims of any person or persons whomsoever, claiming by, from or under me as administrator aforesaid.

In Witness Whereof, I as such administrator have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of July A. D. 193 5.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

Anna M. Bundy

F. W. Babcock

Edward S. Beebe (Seal.)

Administrator as aforesaid (Seal.)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, SAUL S. D'AVIGNON, of 16½ South C. Street, TAFTVILLE, in the town of Norwich, county of New London, and state of Connecticut, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Myer Schwolsky, Manager of the U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Newington, Connecticut, my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, place and stead, giving and granting Myer Schwolsky, my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully, to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney or substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of March, 1942.

Saul Samuel D'Avignon (L.S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Lillian I. Mitchell

Dwight Kipp

State of Connecticut
County of Hartford ss. Hartford, March 30, 1942.

Personally appeared Saul S. D'Avignon who acknowledged the above Letter of Attorney to be his free act and deed, before me.

Lillian I. Mitchell
Notary Public
~~Commissioner of the Superior Court for Hartford County~~

In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Refer to No.

Nav-642-EB
130-01-14

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 16, 1940

Subject: D'AVINGNON, Saul Samuel, ex-Seaman, USN
Transcript of service

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

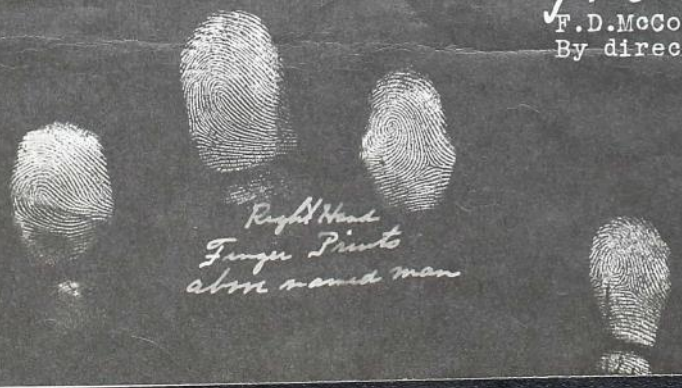
The following is the transcript of the Naval service of subject man.

May 5, 1917	Enlisted as Apprentice Seaman at New Haven, Conn., to serve for Duration of War, giving date and place of birth June 13, 1896 in Norwich, Conn. Transferred to Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I.
July 10,1917	Rated Seaman 2c
Mar. 1,1918	Rated Seaman
Mar. 2,1918	Transferred to Receiving Ship, Philadelphia, Pa.
Apr. 20,1918	Transferred to USS Wm.Rockefeller
June 3,1918	Transferred to Receiving Ship at New York,N.Y.
July 9,1918	Transferred to Naval Hospital, New York,N.Y.
Sept.17,1918	Transferred to Receiving Ship at New York,N.Y.
Sept.23,1918	Transferred to Naval Hospital, New York,N.Y.
Sept.30,1918	Transferred to Receiving Ship,New York,N.Y.
Dec. 17,1918	Transferred to USS Yankton
Apr. 11,1919	Transferred to USS Chester
June 10,1919	Transferred to Receiving Ship,New York,N.Y.
June 25,1919	Discharged as Seaman from Receiving Ship,New York with an Honorable Discharge No. C200870. Series C.

C. W. NIMITZ
Chief of Bureau

F.D.McCorkle

F.D.McCorkle
By direction.



C200870

Series C

Honorable Discharge

DUPLICATE



from the

United States Navy

This is to certify that

SAUL SAMUEL D'AVIGNON *a* SEAMAN

is **Honorably Discharged** *from the* RECEIVING SHIP, NEW YORK,

NEW YORK *and from the Naval Service of the United States*

this 25TH *day of* JUNE, 1919.

This certificate is awarded as a Testimonial of Fidelity and Obedience.

/s/ C.C.KRAKOW, COMMANDER, U.S.N.,

RECEIVING SHIP, NEW YORK, N.Y.

THIS DISCHARGE ISSUED
BY BUREAU OF NAVIGATION,
24 NOVEMBER, 1937.

BY DIRECTION.

N.Nav. 6 (June, 1931)

THE DATA ON THIS DISCHARGE IS TAKEN FROM D'AVIGNON'S RECORD IN THE BUREAU AND IS BELIEVED TO BE THE SAME AS APPEARED ON THE ORIGINAL DISCHARGE.

Enlisted as AS (Rate) May 5, 1917 (Date)

At New Haven, Conn. for 4 years

Born June 13, 1896 (Date) at Norwich, Conn.

Qualifications - - -

3 Ratings held A3; Sea2c; Sea.

- Certificates - - -

- Trade schools completed - - -

1 Special duties for which qualified Detailed as Messman from 1-3-19 to 3-31-19.

Service (vessels and stations served on)

Enl.5-5-17 NRS,New Haven,Conn.; T 2-2-18 NTS,Newport,R.I.; T 3-2-18 RS,Philadelphia,Pa.; T 4-20-18 USS WM.ROCKEFELLER; T 6-3-18 RS,New York,N.Y.; T 7-9-18 NH,New York,N.Y.; T 9-17-18 RS,New York,N.Y.; T 9-23-18 NH,New York,N.Y.; T 10-22-18 RS, New York,N.Y.; T 12-17-18 USS YANKTON; T 4-11-19 USS CHESTER; T 6-11-19 RS,New York,N.Y.

Rating at discharge Sea. {Acting / Permanent} 130-01-14 (Service Number)

Character of service excellent. Final average 3.0

/s/ C.C.KRAKOW, COMMANDER, U. S. N. and Executive Officer.

At date of enlistment.

Height 5 ft. 7 in. Weight 144 lbs. Eyes Blue

Hair Brown Complexion Ruddy

Personal marks, etc., PS r.face; S nose; S r.knee; S l.knee; 2 PS r.shldr.; S above l.scapular region; S r.index finger.



Is physically qualified for discharge. Requires neither treatment nor hospitalization.

I certify that this is the actual print of the right index finger of the man herein mentioned.

/s/ A.C.THOMPSON, ASS'T SURG., MRC. U. S. N. and Medical Officer.

Monthly rate of pay when discharged $38.40

I hereby certify that the within named man has been furnished travel allowance at the rate of - cents per mile from New York, N.Y. to Waterbury, Conn. and paid $ 92.69 (Amount) in full to date of discharge.

Total net service for pay purposes 1 years 10 months 27 days.

Paid $60.00 war gratuity, act of Feb.24,1919.

Paul Samuel D'Avignon (Signature of man.)

/s/ E.MIXON, ENSIGN (PC), U. S. N. and Disbursing Officer.
for J.C.AMES, LT.(jg), U.S.N.R.F.

Attached to the U.S.S. WM.ROCKEFELLER, when that vessel was torpedoed and sunk May 18,1918. Lat.57 44 N. Long.123 W.

Sixteen months service in War Zone, European Waters.

Pers 8245-JU

BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
NAVY DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C., 27 October 1948

This is to certify that SAUL SAMUEL D'AVIGNON (Name in full) 130 01 14 (Service number)

enlisted in the U. S. {*Navy* ~~*Naval Reserve*~~} *on* 5 May 1917 (Date) as Apprentice Seaman (Rating) at New Haven, Connecticut

reported for active duty 5 May 1917 and transferred to the Receiving Station, New Haven, Connecticut (Date and place)

was released from active duty 25 June 1919 from the Receiving Ship at New York, New York (Date and place)

and was discharged from the U. S. {*Navy* ~~*Naval Reserve*~~} 25 June 1919 (Date) as Seaman (Rating) from the Receiving Ship at New York, New York (Place)

Character: Honorable

AUTH: ALNAV 198-18

DESCRIPTIVE LIST

PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	OCCUPATION	EYES	HAIR	COMPLEXION	HEIGHT		WEIGHT
						Feet	Inches	
Norwich, Conn.	13 Jun 1896	Electrician	Blue	Brown	Ruddy	5	7	144

This information is given upon the statement that the original discharge has been lost or destroyed. This certificate was authorized by the Act of Congress dated 7 February 1890 (26 Stat., 6, chap. 8; U. S. Code, sec. 598, title 34).

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

B. G. JONES, LT, USN, Records Division

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ARMOIRIES
DU COMTE D'AVIGNON

United States Consulate-General, Paris-France

October 2 1934

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Are certified to be genuine

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Vice-Consul of the United States of America at Paris, France

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POUR LE PRÉFET DE LA SEINE:
LE CONSEILLER DE PRÉFECTURE DÉLÉGUÉ,

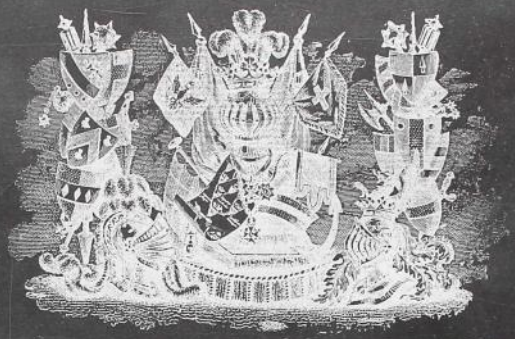
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Paris, le 29 SEPT 1934 191
Le Maire du 17e Arrondissement,

This is to certify that the foregoing signature is truly that of Mr. Grégoire of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs Paris, this 9 OCT 1934

H. M Vice-Consul.

LE MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGÈRES CERTIFIE VÉRITABLE LA SIGNATURE DE M Millon
PARIS, le - 5 OCT 1934
POUR LE MINISTRE
POUR LE CHEF DE BUREAU DÉLÉGUÉ

AGENT COMPTABLE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES
LE - 5 OCT 1934
REÇU ... Francs



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PRÉCIS GÉNÉALOGIQUE

COMTE D'AVIGNON

La Famille d'AVIGNON a figuré anciennement en Bretagne.

En I697, Claude d'AVIGNON, Enseigne des Gardes du Corps du ROI, Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal et Militaire de Saint-Louis, Gouverneur de Pont-de-l'Arche, Major de Senlis, fit enregistrer ses Armes à l'Armorial Général de France, dressé par Charles d'Hozier, en vertu de l'Edit du Roi Louis XIV, du 20 Novembre I696.

Elle est actuellement représentée par Saul COMTE d'AVIGNON, Chef du Nom et des Armes. Par sa mère, Joséphine de KEROUARTZ, il est issu d'une des plus anciennes Maisons de France.

D'après une ancienne tradition, la Maison de KEROUARTZ descend du Chevalier HOWART, Gentilhomme anglais, que le Roi d'Angleterre

envoya, en II64, au secours de Conan, Duc de Bretagne. Il se fixa dans le Pays, et reçut plusieurs Fiefs, en récompense de ses services. Du Nom de : HOWART, précédé de la particule bretonne, serait venu celui de : KEROUARTZ.

Macé de KEROUARTZ suivit Pierre de Dreux, dit Mauclerc, Duc de Bretagne, à la Croisade de Saint Louis, en Egypte. Il combattit à la fatale journée de la Massourah, où son Chef fut blessé.

Arthur de KEROUARTZ, accompagna le Duc Jean à l'Expédition de Phlippe le Bel, en Flandre, et prit part à la Bataille de Mons-en-Puelle. Un autre Seigneur de KEROUARTZ était du nombre des IO Chevaliers bretons de l'Armée de Sylvestre de Budes, qui combattirent à Rome, en I375, contre IO Officiers allemands, et qui sortirent victorieux de cette luette.

Claude de KEROUARTZ, Chevalier de l'Ordre du Roi, passa à la Réformation de I534. Jean de KEROUARTZ, fut Président des Enquêtes au Parlement de Bretagne, en I744, puis Président à Mortier, en I756.

Paul-François-Xavier de KEROUARTZ, Seigneur du dit Lieu, de la Motte, de Penhoet, etc. Capitaine de la Compagnie des Chevau(Légers de Berri et Brigadier des Armées du ROI, épousa Louise-Anne DAUVET des RIEUX, dont il eut : Marie-Anne-Louise de KEROUARTZ, mariée en I729, à Georges PHELIPPEAUX, Seigneur d'Herbault, Lieutenant du Roi au Pays Blaisois.

Louis-Marie-Joseph de KEROUARTZ, Capitaine de Vaisseau, fut Chef d'une Division de l'Armée Catholique et Royale de Vendée.

La Maison de KEROUARTZ fut maintenue dans sa Noblesse d' ancienne Extraction, aux Réformations de I426, I443 et I503. Elle fit, à cette occasion ses Preuves de Noblesse de dix générations, en I669.

Joseph-Hyacinthe de KEROUARTZ, Ecuyer, Seigneur de l'Ilse-Kerouart et sa Femme, Marie-Perrine LE SENECHAL, firent enregistrer leurs Blasons, dans l'ARMORIAL GENERAL de FRANCE (Registre de Bretagne, Tome Ier, page 293). François de KEROUARTZ, Seigneur de la Ville-Aubray, et Françoise-Anne de KERGROADEZ, son épouse, remplirent la même formalité.

Le Titre de " MARQUIS " est porté par le Chef de la Famille de Kerouartz, depuis Paul-François-Xavier de KEROUARTZ, Colonel du Régiment de son Nom, sous Louis XIV.

Les Membres actuels de la Maison de KEROUARTZ sont issus, par plusieurs lignes, féminines, du " Sang Royal de France ", ce qui leur donne le droit, comme collatéraux du Roi, de porter le Titre de " COMTE ". (Cf. CODE de la NOBLESSE FRANCAISE, par le Comte de Sémainville, ancien Magistrat. Paris I860).

La Filiation suivie est comme suit, à partir du commencement du XVII° siècle :

I. - François de KEROUARTZ, Chevalier, Seigneur de la Motte.
Epousa, en I628, Urbain de KERMENO. Dont :

II.- Joseph-Hyacinthe de KEROUARTZ, Chevalier Seigneur de l'Isle. Enseigne aux Mousquetaires à Cheval, en I6668.
Epousa Perrine LE SENECHAL. Dont :

III.- François-René de KEROUARTZ, Chevalier, Seigneur de Lezcrazien Officier de la Marine Royale.
Epousa, en I7I3, Jacquemine de BONNEMETZ. Dont :

IV.- "Haut et Puissant Seigneur Messire " Jacques-René-Joseph de KEROUARTZ, Chevalier, Comte de Pencoat, Seigneur de Coetbihan, etc. Conseiller puis Président des Enquêtes au Parlement de Bretagne, en I744.
Epousa, en I733, Matheurrine-Joséphe-Reine de KERGOET. Dont:

V.- "Haut et Puissant Seigneur Messire " François-Jacques, MARQUIS de KEROUARTZ, Comte de Penhoat.
Conseiller, en I756, puis Président des Enquetes au Parlement de Bretagne.
Epousa, à Paris, en I760, Marie-Jeanne-Louise-Charlotte-Toussanite de KEROUARTZ, fille de Sébastien-Louis, Marquis de KEROUARTZ, Chef du Nom et des Armes, et de Jeanne-Françoise de KEROUARTZ.
Dont :

VI.- Jacques-Louis-François-Marie-Toussaint, Marquis de KEROUARTZ, Comte de Penhoet, Vicomte de Kermellec, Chatelain de Lossulien. Né en I76I à Morlaix.
Capitaine de Cavalerie; Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal et Militaire de Saint-Louis. Colonel à l'Armée de Condé. Mort à Guingamp, en I844.
Epousa I° en I785, Marie-Josèphe-Renée de CLEUZ du GAGE; 2° en I806, Cécile-Marie-Augustine LE VICOMTE de la HOUSSAYE. Il eut du premier Lit :

VII.- Frédéric-Charles-René, Marquis de KEROUARTZ. Né en I792.
Capitaine de Chevau-Légers; Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.
Epousa , en I830, Sophie-Hyacinthe-Mathilde de QUELEN de la VILLE-CHEVALIER. Dont :

VIII.- Albert-Jacques-Marie, Marquis de KEROUARTZ. Né en I83I; décédé en I892..
Epousa, en I857, Eugène-Marie-Joséphien de ROQUEFEUIL. Dont :

IX.- Frédéric-Alphonse-Marie-Xavier, Marquis de KEROUARTZ. Né en I858.
Chatelain des Salles-de-Guingamp et de Kerouartz.
Ancien Député, Conseiller Général et Sénateur.
A épousé, I° en I887, Madeleine-Marie-Marguerite d'ANDIGNE; 2° en I897, Louise-Marie-Françoise d'ANDIGNE. Dont :

I° Oswen de KEROUARTZ, né en I898.
2° Yan de KEROUARTZ.

A cette Famille apartenait Joséphine de KEROUARTZ, né au Canada, Province de Québec. Epouse de Louis B. d'AVIGNON. Dont :

Paul-Samuel COMTE d'AVIGNON. Né le 6 Décembre I896 à Norwich, Connecticut (Etats-Unis d'Amérique). Chef actuel du Nom et des Armes de la Famille d'Avignon.
Issu, du chef de sa Mère, Joséphine de KEROUARTZ, du " Sang Royal de France ", en ligne féminine, porte, suivant son droit, le Titre de COMTE, héréditaire. (Cf. CODE de la NOBLESSE FRANCAISE, par le Comte de Sémainville, ancien Magistrat, Paris, I860).

Le COMTE d'AVIGNON porte pour Armoiries :

A R M E S : Ecartelé aux I & IV : de gueules, au sautoir accompagné d'un besant enchef et de trois coquilles, deux en flanc et une en pointe, le tout d'argent; aux II & III d'argent, à la roue de sable, accompagnée de trois croisettes du même, qui est de KEROUARTZ.

SUPPORTS : Deux Lions d'or.

DEVISE : " QUAND IL PLAIRA A DIEU ".

TIMBRE : Couronne de COMTE.

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Danielson Conn. Feb 24 - 1936

Mr. James F. Daly
adjudication officer
Newington

Dear Sir,

Mr. Saul D. Avignon from Taftville Conn. Called at my office Feb 6 - 1936
I have known Mr D. avignon before the war and he was robust and healthy after examination and considering the history of his case, I believe that he has lost 40 to 50 percent of his working capacity.

Respectfully
Alphonse Fontaine M.D.

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France, par Ordonnance Royale de Louis XVIII, en date du 17 août 1815. Les deux Lignes de la Maison actuellement existantes sont séparées depuis le commencement du XIVe siècle. —

ARMES : *D'argent, à trois aiglettes au vol abaissé de gueules, becquées et membrées d'azur.*

Marquis D'ANDIGNÉ, C. ✻, Lieutenant-Colonel, Honoraire d'État-Major, Député, Membre et ancien Président du Conseil Municipal de Paris et du Conseil Général de la Seine, et Marquise, née DE LANGLE.

ARGENTRÉ (DE PLESSIS D')



Famille de l'ancienne Chevalerie du Duché de Bretagne, citée pour la première fois en la personne de Ruellon DU PLESSIS, vivant en 1200 et établissant sa Filiation depuis 1425. Cette Maison a donné quatre Grands-Prévôts héréditaires depuis 1513 ; un Chevalier de l'Ordre du Roi en 1649 ; plusieurs Pages du Roi et trois filles de Saint-Cyr de 1689 à 1760 ; trois Évêques à Tulle, Limoges et Séez ; un Maréchal de Camp en 1791, etc.

Admis aux Honneurs de la Cour comme Comte de Pontestan, en 1774 ; Marquis DU PLESSIS D'ARGENTRÉ par LETTRES PATENTES de Louis XVIII, en date de 1819. — ARMES : *De gueules, à dix billettes d'or posées 4, 3, 2 et 1.*

Henri, 4e Marquis DU PLESSIS D'ARGENTRÉ.

AVIGNON



La Famille D'AVIGNON a figuré anciennement en Bretagne.

En 1697, Claude D'AVIGNON, Enseigne des Gardes du Corps du Roi, Chevalier de l'Ordre Royal et Militaire de Saint-Louis, Gouverneur de Pont-de-l'Arche, Major de Senlis, fit enregistrer ses Armes à l'Armorial Général de France, dressé par Charles d'Hozier, en vertu de l'Édit du Roi Louis XIV du 20 novembre 1696. Elle est actuellement représentée par *Saul*, Comte D'AVIGNON. Sa Mère, *Joséphine* DE KEROUARTZ, née au Canada, Province de Québec, avait épousé Louis B. D'AVIGNON.

ARMES : *Écartelé aux I et IV : de gueules, au sautoir accompagné d'un besant en chef et de trois coquilles, deux en flanc et une en pointe, le tout d'argent ; aux II et III d'argent, à la roue de sable,*

accompagnée de trois croisettes du même. — SUPPORTS : *Deux Lions d'or.* — DEVISE : « *Quand il plaira à Dieu* ». — TIMBRE : *Couronne de Comte.*

13 Juin

Paul-Samuel, Comte D'AVIGNON. Né le [illegible]re 1896 à Norwich, Connecticut (États-Unis d'Amérique). Chef actuel du Nom et des Armes de la Famille d'Avignon.

AYMER DE LA CHEVALERIE



Maison de l'ancienne Noblesse du Comté de Poitou, citée pour la première fois, en l'an 1277, et établissant sa Filiation rigoureusement suivie depuis le milieu du XIVe siècle. Cette Maison a donné un Commandeur de l'Ordre de Malte, qui fut Grand Prieur de Champagne en 1505. — ARMES : *D'argent, à la fasce componnée de quatre pièces de sable et de gueules.*

Marquise AYMER DE LA CHEVALERIE, née LOUVART DE PONTLEVOYE.

AYRENX



Cette très ancienne Maison d'origine Chevaleresque, tire son Nom de la Commune d'Ayrens (Cantal). Elle est issue des d'Albars, Seigneurs, Barons de Clavières-Ayrenx, Comptors de Saint-Christophe, Seigneurs de Saint-Cirgue de Malbert, etc... dont la Filiation remonte à Guy 1er D'ALBARS qui épouse, vers 1185, Sybille DE PLÉAUX, fille de Bernard de Pléaux, Chevalier.

Vers 1450, un de ses Membres émigre en Armagnac où il sert Jean V d'Armagnac qui le marie à Noble Demoiselle DE SARIAC, et signe à son Contrat de Mariage.

Son fils, (XIe degré) fonde, en 1513, la Chapelle d'Ayrenx, toujours existante, dans l'Église de Bezolles (Gers) où la plupart des Membres de la Famille sont inhumés jusqu'à la Révolution. La Filiation des D'AYRENX, Seigneurs de Bautian et Sieurs de Rincaulet, aux XVIIe et XVIIIe siècles se poursuit sans interruption jusqu'à nos jours. — ARMES : *D'or, à une Corneille de Sable becquée et membrée de gueules.* — TIMBRE : *Couronne de Comte.*

Albert D'AYRENX, (XXIIe degré) Chef actuel des Nom et Armes. Epouse, en 1896, *Béatrix* DE BATZ DE TRENQUELLÉON.

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AUG -7 1945

Count d.d. de Normanby St Avignon

Mr James Brewster
State Librarian
Hartford, Conn.

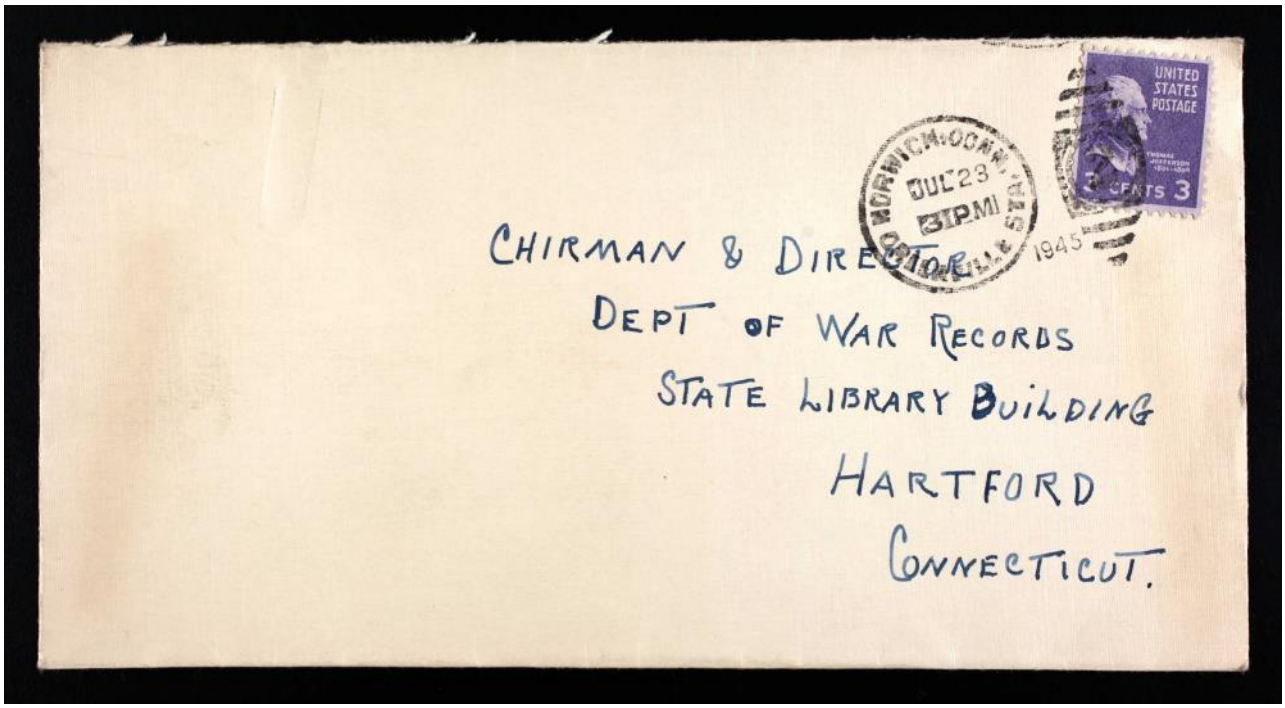
Taftville, Conn.
8/5/45

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter as of the third of August 1945, I wish to tell you that on the 1st. of November, 1941 I was evicted from my property "Royal Heights" in Salem Conn - by the Order of the Common Pleas Court of Norwich, Conn - All our belongings were taken from us on said date - Included was my State Certificate of Service No 13-006

Mr Thomas B. Woodward Deputy sheriff of Waterford, Conn as of 1941, was in charge of eviction - He knows where our belongings were sent - We the ex-owners of same never were told about same. Tho the Common Pleas Court of Norwich, Conn has no jurisdiction over - Salem, Conn. This explains if Certificate was - Lost or Stolen?

Truly Yours
Mrs Paul S. D'Avignon
P.O. 593
Taftville, Conn.


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Photograph of bearer

Saul Samuel De Avignon.





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Description of bearer

Height 5 feet 9 inches.

Hair brown

Eyes blue

Distinguishing marks or features:

Place of birth Norwich, Conn

Date of birth June 13, 1896

Occupation Restaurateur

Saul Samuel De Avignon

Signature of bearer.



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COUNT S. D'AVIGNON

SALEM, CONNECTICUT

may 1946

Count D'Avignon, 'Presumed Dead' After World War I, Seeks to Legalize Residence

After nearly 27 years elapsed before he could get his discharge papers rectified, Saul Samuel D'Avignon of Taftville, a veteran of World War I, today disclosed he would ask the special session of the Legislature to legalize his status as a Connecticut native and resident.

Once presumed dead because of a mix-up in names, Mr. D'Avignon exhibited a file of documents to show he was born in Norwich, June 13, 1896, of French royal parents. He is entitled to use the title of Count D'Avignon, according to the papers.

Lt. Comdr. L. R. Vasey, USN, wrote him Apr. 1, enclosing a complete record of the count's naval service in World War I, showing he was honorably discharged June 25, 1919. He was injured while serving on the tanker, William Rockefeller, when it was torpedoed in the North Atlantic in 1918. When he was being processed for discharge, however, the "D" before his last name was changed into an initial and he appeared as Saul Samuel D. Avignon.

When he began a check of his record later, he discovered there was no record of Saul Samuel D'Avignon having served. This caused him considerable trouble in obtaining employment over the years, with the result that he is determined to have the state "legalize" his status once and for all.

The Taftville man said he would seek an interview with Senator Nicholas J. Spellman of Norwich.

Funeral services will be held in Grace Church, New York, at 4 p. m. Saturday.

H.C. 6-24-49

Saul S. D'Avignon.

Norwich, June 23.—(AP)—A Norwich veteran of World War I who spent 27 years in convincing the United States government that he had not been killed in the conflict, died at his home today.

He was Saul Samuel D'Avignon, who claimed the French title of count as a direct descendant of the D'Avignons, long prominent in France. Born here in 1896, D'Avignon enlisted in the United States Navy in 1917 and received his honorable discharge in 1919. After his discharge, D'Avignon learned there was no official record in the Navy Department of his having served in that branch. A Saul Samuel D. Avignon was listed as dead in action by the Navy, D'Avignon learned.

During the 27 years he strove to have his name placed correctly in the Navy records, D'Avignon made many trips to Washington and sought out former shipmates and other Navy acquaintances to have the error rectified. He succeeded in doing this in 1946. He leaves his wife, Thyre Kell D'Avignon, and his mother, Mrs. Josephine D'Avignon of Norwich.





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No. on List	NAME IN FULL. Family Name.	Given Name.	AGE. Yrs.	Mos.	Sex.	Married or Single	IF NATIVE OF UNITED STATES, GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY OR TOWN AND STATE).	IF NATURALIZED, GIVE NAME AND LOCATION OF COURT WHICH ISSUED NATURALIZATION PAPERS, AND DATE OF PAPERS.	ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES.
1	Bohus	Albert Carl	23	✓	M	S	October 14th, 1894, Cincinnati, Ohio.	U.S. Manufacturing Corporation Schofield	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2	Darton	Frederick Elmer	22	✓	M	S	November 17th, 1895, Mt Vernon, Ill.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3	Miller	John Frank	20	✓	M	S	August 6th, 1898, Royce City, Texas.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
4	Seibold	William	19	✓	M	S	April 11th, 1896, Philadelphia, Pa.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5	Kelsey	Jack Cecil	21	✓	M	S	September 21st, 1896, Carlton, Ore.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
6	Schroeder	William Henry	21	✓	M	S	March 20th, 1897, Cincinnati, Ohio.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
7	Marshall	Howard	20	✓	M	S	January 10th, 1898, Dayton, Ohio.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8	Stack	Harry	28	✓	M	S	March 7th, 1890, San Francisco, Calif.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
9	Mooney	Joseph	22	✓	M	S	October 21st, 1892, New York, N.Y.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
10	Baier	Arthur	24	✓	M	M	July 9th, 1893, Brooklyn, N.Y.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
11	Beall	James	24	✓	M	S	December 23rd, 1893, Fort Worth, Texas.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
12	Watkins	Shedrick	28	✓	M	M	December 19th, 1889, Portsmouth, Va.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
13	Neale	Glenn	26	✓	M	S	November 19th, 1892, Allegheny, Pa.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
14	Burch	William	19	✓	M	S	October 5th, 1899, Washington, D.C.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
15	White	Gordon	22	✓	M	S	February 6th, 1896, Fortersville, Utah.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
16	Schumacher	Homer	18	✓	M	S	July 29th, 1899, Grafton, Neb.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
17	D'Avignon	Saul Samuel	22	✓	M	S	June 13th, 1895, Norwich, Conn.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
18	Blount	Josiah	35	✓	M	S	May 2nd, 1883, Norfolk, Va.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
19	Mowat	John	24	✓	M	S	January 2nd, 1894, Andover, Mass.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
20	Oppermann	Richard	17	✓	M	S	March 26th, 1900, Philadelphia, Pa.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
21	Carl	Fred North	21	✓	M	S	October 3rd, 1894, Gilbertsville, N.Y.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
22	Stephens	James	20	✓	M	S	October 26th, 1897, Vandeberg, Ind.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
23	Burton	Myron	24	✓	M	S	March 13th, 1894, Galt Mo.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
24	Burke	Raymond	19	✓	M	S	December 27th, 1898, Boston, Mass.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
25	Carpenter	Guy	25	✓	M	S	December 29th, 1892, Fontana, Ky.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
26	Meisel	Walter	24	✓	M	M	February 20th, 1894, Buffalo, N.Y.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
27	Thibodeaux	Henry	22	✓	M	S	December 23rd, 1895, Gray, La.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
28	George	Richard	22	✓	M	S	April 27th 1896 Bethlehem Iowa	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
29	Minne	Samuel	20	✓	M	S	September, 14th, 1896, Trenton, Ky.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
30	O'Keefe	John Ambrose	21	✓	M	S	July 31st, 1895, Lawrence, Mass.	" "	U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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None Secured

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2. Where one or more members of a family are aliens, the names of *all* such members should be recorded upon the *alien* manifest. Suitable notation may be made upon such manifest opposite the names of those members who claim citizenship.
3. Failure to observe the terms of this notice may result in delay to passengers at the port of arrival.

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