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1. Research Project 2026 Report

The Men of L's 2026 research program has been successful. The research focused on discovering missing biographical data such as birth, death, and

other information related to Company L's soldiers.

Our database is comprised of 465 soldiers known to have served with Company L during WWI. There are 38 soldier records that do not have basic biographical birth and death dates. Our 2026 research project has identified 25 soldier's whose previously incomplete biographies have now been updated. There are only 17 soldiers whose basic information does not include dates of birth and death. Due to common names, and or lack of records and especially due to the NARA Archive fire of 1973, our research efforts will continue in hopes these Company L soldier's biographies can be updated.

1a. Research Project Find-A-Grave Update Report

The Find-A-Grave Project requested that information about the soldier's service with Company L would be added to the memorial page. Since the original project was completed, additional memorials have added our information. Of a a total of 305 Men of L soldier's Find-A-Grave memorial pages, 303 have added our note:

Served during WWI with Company L.
A website - Company-L.com - has details of his wartime service and the history of Company L, and is dedicated to the memory and sacrifices of members of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 132 Infantry Regiment, 66th Brigade of the 33rd Division "The Prairie Division".

2. Website new updates:

A. Company L Pre-WWI History

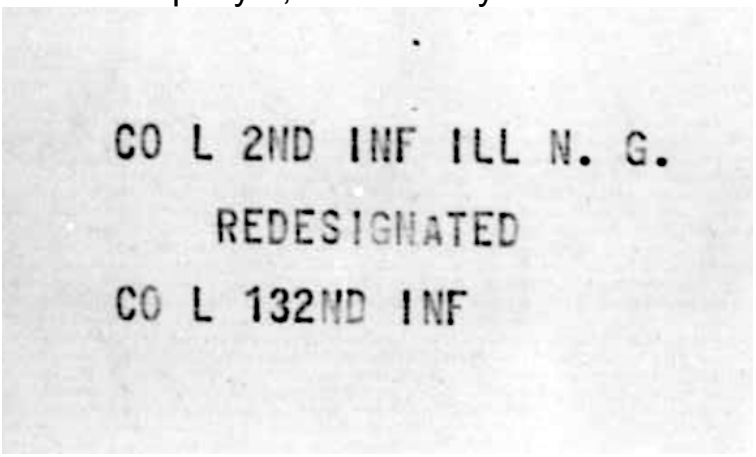
Key Pre-WWI Historical Dates for Company L

Company L of the Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry was organized and first mustered into Federal service on May 16, 1898.

Company L's organization was a result of the consolidation of the First Cavalry with the Second Regiment, creating a 12-company organization—

the only such unit in Illinois at that time.

- May 16, 1898: First mustered into Federal service at Springfield, Illinois, for duty in the Spanish-American War.
- December 10, 1898 – March 29, 1899: Served as part of the occupation forces in Cuba.
- June 25, 1916: Mustered into service for Mexican Border duty.
- July 25, 1917: Called to suppress race riots in East St. Louis before being mobilized for World War I.
- August 3, 1917: Company L, 2nd Illinois National Guard redesigned Company L, 132 Infantry.



Visit the Pre-WWI History page for more information:

https://company-l.com/pre-wwi-history/

B. Measles outbreak at Camp Logan impacts Company L.

Corporal Lee Reuter wrote an article for the Camp Logan Newspaper about a measles outbreak and his tent mates.

Corporal Reuter kept a diary and during training at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas. In 1918 members of his squad were infected by a measles outbreak. He wrote an article for the base newspaper, The *Camp Logan Reveille*.

LINK to the *Camp Logan Reveille* article:
https://i0.wp.com/company-l.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Reville-Article-Measles-1918.jpg?ssl=1

LINK to story including Corporal Reuter's diary entries. (PDF):
https://company-l.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Camp-Logan-Measles-Lee-Reuter-1918.pdf

3. Assistance to non-Company L descendants

We are contacted by descendants of WWI soldiers who have discovered our website. Typically they desire any information regarding their relative's service. And in every instance we have been able to provide relevant information. Our website provides information that is often relevant and provides guidance for their continued research. Recently (April), we were able to find the unit assignment, and other information, of a solder who, while not assigned to company L, was in the 33rd Division:

My great grandfather was in the 33rd but I can't seem to find his name anywhere on company L web page? Maybe I have not looked in the right place or maybe he is missing. His name was James T. Walters. Have you seen his name on anything? Thanks, Wesley

4. Roster of Company L's 32 known soldier's ancestor descendants*.

*Other known family members not registered.

Please register your family members (Registration LINK).

Ardagh, John C Grandfather	Pallin, Gustaf Carl Grandfather
Carder, George Great grandfather	Pierce, Robert Grandfather
Carroll, Joseph Great Grandfather	Plamondon, Ambrose Grandfather
Colby, George Uncle	Reinhart, Jesse 2nd Great Grand Uncle
Davis, Mark J. Great-Uncle	Reuter, Lee W Father
Fish, Luke M Great Grandfather	Reuter, Lee W grandfather
Foster, Wesley Great-Uncle	Reuter, Lee W Great grandfather
Halverson, Harold Grandfather	Reuter, Lee W Great grandfather
Keating, Arthur Grandfather	Schwartz, Arnold Father
Kozielski, Joseph V Great Uncle	Shankman, Harry Grandfather

Kuratko, Rudolph J Grandfather	Shankman, Harry Grandfather
LeBeau, Walter E. Grandfather	Shankman, Harry Great Grandfather
Lesley, Howard Great Uncle	Shankman, Harry Great Grandfather
Mares, Frank C Grandfather	Siwek, Jacob Father
Miller, Earl Father	Weber, George Grandfather
Nesbitt, Robert E. Grandfather	Young, Samuel T Great Uncle

5. Soldier's Story: First Sergeant Geoffery Lionel Hubbard

Sergeant Hubbard was born in England. He arrived in American in 1910 after the death of his father; he became a naturalized citizen in 1921. As a civilian, he worked in the insurance industry before and after WWI. He enlisted in the Illinois National Guard in 1917. During the battle of Bois de Foret, every officer of Company L became a casualty. 1st Sergeant Geoffrey L. Hubbard took command of the company and showed great bravery in leading his men, reorganizing the company and rendering particularly good service in caring fro the wounded.
(The Story of the 132nd Infantry A.E.F. by Colonel Abel Davis, Commanding)
Link to his bio: https://company-l.com/database/comments/comment-1390124.html



Sergeant Hubbard was cited for gallantry in action by General Pershing and General Bell. The Silver Star Medal is the United States' third highest award exclusively for combat valor. The Silver Star was not established as an individual medal until July 19, 1932. At that time, veterans of World War I who had been cited for "gallantry in action" and awarded the "Citation Star" were, based upon specific criteria, authorized to request issuance of the Silver Star Medal in lieu of the earlier ribbon device.

Archived Men of L Soldier's Stories

Sergeant Paul Healy 1390189, Issue TWO, 2020 (November).
Captain Charles Wise, Issue TWO, 2020 (November).
Sergeant Davis S. Wolfson 1390126, Issue THREE, 2021 (November).
Private Henry Darger (No service number Issued), Issue THREE, 2021 (November).
Private Oscar John Amerlan, Sr., 1390815, Issue FOUR, 2022 (May).
Private Ambrose D. Plamondon 1389843, Issue FOUR, 2022 (May).
Sergeant Wesley Foster 1975567, Issue FIVE, 2022 (November).
Sergeant James Reynolds 1390201, Issue SIX, 2023 (November).
Private Joseph V. Kozielski 1390254, Issue EIGHT, 2025 (November).
First Sergeant Geoffrey Lionel Hubbard, issue NINE, 2026 (November).

6. A Men of L Commemorative Pin . . . is a unique way to honor your ancestor.





Each one-inch pin is made from a zinc alloy with gold plating. Your $20 donation includes shipping and handling to U.S. postal addresses.
https://company-l.com/commemorative-pin/

7. Descendant Membership certificates . . .

make great heirloom gifts for your children, grandchildren, and other relatives.
https://company-l.com/men-of-l-certificate/



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