

Note.—This Questionnaire should be completed as far as possible with such information as can be furnished at once, and returned with photographs and additional notes or letters, if available, to Secretary, Virginia War History Commission, State Capitol, Richmond, Va.



WAR HISTORY COMMISSION  
State of Virginia  
MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

Compiled by the Virginia War History Commission for a permanent record in the State Library, where it will be filed, as a memorial of the deeds of Virginia soldiers and sailors in the service of the federal, state and allied governments during American participation in the World War.

Name in full Cleary James Bernard  
(family name) (first name) (middle name)

Date of birth January Ninth 1897  
(month) (day) (year)

Place of Birth # 323. So. 4th St. Richmond Virginia, U.S.A.  
(town) (county) (state) (country)

Name of father Bernard A. Cleary Birthplace Richmond Virginia  
(country)

Maiden name of mother Mary T. Walsh Birthplace Richmond Virginia  
(country)

Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? White

Citizen Yes Veteran of 1st age Church Roman Catholic  
(Yes or no) (yes or no) (denomination)

Married No at \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ Born \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(maiden name)

Children \_\_\_\_\_ Born \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ Born \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Fraternal Orders Richmond Council, Knights of Columbus

College Fraternities \_\_\_\_\_

Previous military service or training Continually a member of Richmond Howitzers since July 23rd 1912

Education (Preparatory) Graduated from college St. Peter's Academy, 9th and Marshall streets, Richmond Va.  
(University) (Degrees)

Occupation before entry into the service Foreman, Shell Department  
; employer American Locomotive Wks. 7th & Hospital sts.

Residence before entry into the service 611 N. 7th St. Richmond, Va.  
(street number) (town) (county)

Present home address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street number) (town) (county) (state)

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Inducted into service or enlisted on July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1912, at Richmond Va  
(date) (place)  
 as a Private in the Richmond Howitzers Battery, A.  
(rank)  
 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Va Field Artillery section of  
(infantry, artillery, aviation, etc.)  
 the National Guard  
(Regular Army, National Guard, Home Guard, National Army, Navy, Naval Reserve, or Marine Corps)

Identification number 1292847

Assigned originally to Battery A, Va. Field Artillery  
(company) (regiment) (division)

or (ship) at Fort Oglethorpe Ga. and

Trained or stationed before going to Europe:— Camp McClellan, Alabama  
School, camp, station, ship From (date) to (date) July 7<sup>th</sup> 1917 to June 18, 1918

Sent to 3<sup>rd</sup> Officers Training School at Camp McClellan, Ala.  
 on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1918, and commissioned as 2<sup>d</sup> lieutenant on  
 June 12<sup>th</sup> 1918.

Transferred to:—

Company	Regiment	Division	Ship	Date	New Location
Battery A.	110 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>		June 12 <sup>th</sup> 1918	

Promoted:—

From (rank) Supply Sergeant to (rank) 2<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant Date June 12<sup>th</sup> 1918

Embarked from Hoboken N. J. on June 29<sup>th</sup> 1918, Demosthenes  
(port) (ship)  
 and arrived at Liverpool July 17<sup>th</sup>  
(date) (foreign port) (date)

Proceeded from Liverpool to Southampton July 18<sup>th</sup>  
(date) (date)

From Southampton to Cherbourg July 19<sup>th</sup>  
(date) (date)

From Cherbourg to Poitiers July 20<sup>th</sup>  
(date) (date)

Trained or stationed abroad:—

(country)	Place	From (date)	to (date)
France.	Camp De Meucou, Morbihan.	Sept. 20, 1918.	
	In the Service of Supply from	July 27 - Aug 27, 1918	
	operating between Paris and	Chateau Thierry	

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First went into action \_\_\_\_\_  
(place) (date)

Participated in the following engagements From July 27 - Aug 27, 1918 Was  
in charge of a Detail of the Service of Supply operating  
between Paris and Chateau Thierry

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 bestowed):

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

Nature of casualty \_\_\_\_\_ (place) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Gassed near Chateau Thierry. Sent back to his  
Regiment at Camp De Meuse on Aug. 27, 1918  
Contracted Influenza, and Trench Mouth, and Pneumonia

Under medical care:—

Name of hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ From (date) \_\_\_\_\_ to (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Hospital # 31, De Meuse, Sept 15 - Sept 20, 1918  
owing to his gassed condition he could not resist the  
complications of disease and he died Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1918  
and was buried in the Meuse Cemetery on Sept 22<sup>d</sup> 1918

Permanently disabled (through loss of limb, eyesight, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(specify disability)

Arrived at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(American port) (ship) Date (from)

Discharged from service at \_\_\_\_\_  
(place) (date)

as a \_\_\_\_\_  
(rank)

### RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE

Occupation after the war \_\_\_\_\_

If a change of occupation 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 instrumental in furnishing the new occupations:

His body was returned from France Sept 22, 1920  
and was reinterred in Mt Calvary Cemetery, Richmond, Va  
a Granite Marse Cross marks his final resting place there

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

What was your attitude toward military service in general and toward your call in particular?.....

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

What were the effects upon yourself of your overseas experience?

What effect, if any, did your experience have on your religious belief?

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

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

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

Additional data .....

Signed at ..... on ..... 1.....

(place)

(date)

(full name)

(rank)

(branch of service)

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

Bernard A. O'Leary Father  
611 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Richmond, Va.

Lieutenant James B. Cleary

Battery A. 110<sup>th</sup> F. A. 29<sup>th</sup> Div.

Among his effects which were returned to me I found a scrap of paper on which was written in his own handwriting the following lines

A fool! Ah! <sup>no</sup> I believe I am more  
than wise mine is the proudest part.  
I possibly will not come back. but I will  
die with the glory of faith in my eyes.  
and the glory of love in my heart  
Thank God: the folks will know I battled  
well in my last great game of all.

The Colonel of his Regiment wrote me that he  
visited Lieut. Cleary the day before he died. and  
told him to hurry and get well. to which he  
replied. I will try Colonel for I want to be  
of service to my country.

Let those of you whose task it is. see to it  
that his name be not forgotten.

Bernard A. Cleary