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Content Note

This series consists of enlistment papers and correspondence arranged alphabetically by soldier's name. Each file contains at least one of the following types of documents:

Marine Corps Recruiting Service reports, recording: date of enlistment; recruit's name; eye and hair color; complexion; height; and the state, county, township, and congressional district credited. [NOTE: Many of these are signed by the recruit on the reverse.]

Marine Rendezvous certificates, recording: recruit's full name, date of enlistment, and congressional district and county credited.

Correspondence (re: pension claims, meritorious service, etc.).

Size Rolls [very rare], recording: soldier's name; rank; birthplace; enlistment date, place, and term; age; height; eye and hair color; complexion; occupation; and remarks.

The list of service files was compared to the Navy and Marine Enlistment Lists series in this subgroup for variant name spellings; radical variations have been noted below. Researchers are advised to check the enlistment lists in addition to this series, because both include soldiers for whom no enlistment papers have been found.

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