

SOUTHAMPTON  
HISTORY OF WORLD'S WAR WORK  
NEW YORK STATE HISTORY

Name in full and rank Joseph White Private  
Organizations 1st Regt 1st Div 1st Ship  
Place and date of enlistment Brooklyn N.Y. Dec. 1, 1917  
Place and date of discharge Camp Wood 21 July 30, 1918  
Military camps with dates Fort Niagara June 7 to Dec 17  
Date of trip overseas and return Jan. 17, 1917 July 1, 1918

Describe below service as you saw it, battles and engagements, etc., also interesting items of historic value. Give account of all medals, citations and certificates of merit awarded you. Your photograph is especially requested. Are you a member of the Malcolm White Post, No. 433, American Legion? If so note it below.

I am a Polish American  
boy born in Southampton in 1901 or not 29.  
When the war broke out I was very anxious  
to enlist in the army and go abroad and fight.  
But I was so young that my parents would not  
listen to such talk. But I never gave up hope  
I said to my self, I would get there some  
or later. When service declared war on Germany  
I said to myself here is my chance, but no  
as my parents would not let and besides  
they would not take me, as I was so young  
for service. I tried to enlist in 42 Regt with  
the rest of the Southampton boys, but I was  
refused, and behind me I was certainly doubtful  
that I could get my eyes that night. But still  
I never gave up hope, if I could not enlist  
in the American army, I shall join the foreign  
army, so I did, I went to Brooklyn and enlisted  
in foreign legion. With out my parents consent  
I did not stay there long, I was sent to France  
as I was young I was sent to school of artillery  
and there I got my real life. When I came back  
I got a card of appeal and went to court in New

