

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

Name in full and rank .. John Mitchell Harding, Boatswain's Mate, 2nd Class

Organizations U. S. N. U.S. Ship Pretoria

Place and date of enlistment .. Patchogue, L.I. Apr. 14, 1917.....

Place and date of discharge .. Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, Mass. May 6, 1919

Military camps with dates See below

Date of trip overseas and return

Are you a member of the American Legion? If so give name of Post

If you were awarded medals, citations or certificates of merit please note below; also any battles or engagements in which you saw service.

Military Camps

U.S.S. Editha Nov. 8th 1917- June 12th 1918.
 Receiving Ship Philadelphia June 12th 1918- June 30, 1918.
 North Bombing Squad, France July 8, 1918- Apr. 28, 1919.
 U.S. Naval Station, Brest, France Jan. 15-20, 1919.
 U.S. Naval Hospital, Brest, France Jan. 20-28, 1919.
 U.S. Naval Air Station, Eastleigh, Eng. Jan. 28- March 22, 1919.
 U.S.S. Pretoria, Mch 22- May 6, 1919.

Enlisted as Seaman. Rated Coxwain on board S.S. Editha Mch. 1, 1918.
 On Board U.S.S. Henderson, burned at sea July 2nd 1918. Abandoned ship with last load at 1:45 A.M. July 3rd. Was picked up by U.S.S. Von Steuben and landed all survivors at Brest, France July 8, 1918. Casualties; two marines lost overboard while going over the sides to boats.

Served with the Northern Bombing Squadron in Northern France.
 U.S. Naval Air Forces engaged in Night Bombing.
 Rated B.M. 2nd Class at St. Inglevert, Fr., Jan. 1, 1919.
 U.S.S. Pretoria was taken over by U.S. as Prize Ship; fitted up as Transport and used to bring home troops, taking on the Rainbow Div. on her maiden trip under U.S. colors.
 Released from active service on May 8th 1919.
 Honorably discharged Brooklyn, N.Y. Apr. 13, 1921.