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Abstract

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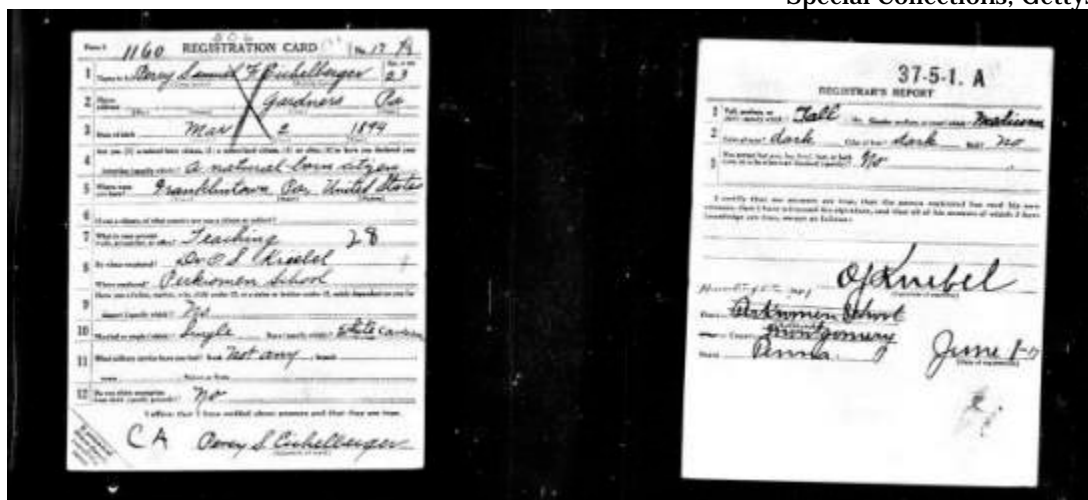
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Eichelberger and the rest of his comrades in the 4th Infantry were sent to the western front some time in the late spring of 1918. Some time in early August, 1918, Eichelberger was wounded. As he convalesced, the base hospital was bombed by German planes. In his letter home, he told his aunt he remarked to a fellow patient that he did not think he would be able to sleep in the silence, having become so used to the “music,” sounds of artillery barrage and machine guns at the front. Several minutes later, he heard...

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