

OFFICE OF THE SUPPLY OFFICER,

FORT WADSWORTH, N.Y.

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From: Sergeant Howard F. Greene, Q. M. C.,  
To: Dr. W. E. Gordon, Local Historian, Patchogue, N.Y.  
Subject: Record of Army Service.

1. Enlisted in the Regular Army July 3, 1915 shortly after the Lusitania was sunk. Was assigned to the 26th Recruit Co., at Columbus Barracks, Ohio for instructions.

2. On August 18, 1915 was ordered to Fort H. G. Wright, N.Y. and assigned to the 131 Coast Artillery Company at that Post for duty. This Company was a Mine Company and its duties were to plant mines in time of war in the waters of Long Island Sound. It also had a battery of Rapid Fire Guns to man. In the mornings we had our drills while the afternoons was devoted in study so as to pass examinations for 2nd and then 1st class Gunner. I passed these examinations in March 1916 and became a 1st Class Gunner which increased my pay. During the winter months I devoted my evenings in the study of wireless telegraphy and passed the entrance examinations March 1916 for The Enlisted Specialists School at Fortress Monroe, Va. Only one other soldier besides me out of twelve hundred men passed these entrance examinations. At first I was an assistant operator at the Radio Station at Fort H. G. Wright, N.Y. and later became Chief Operator of the Radio Station at Fort Terry, N.Y.

3. In order to receive higher remuneration I transferred from the Coast Artillery Corps to a Staff Department, namely: The Ordnance Department, in December 1916. I was appointed Corporal of Ordnance February 1, 1917 and a Sergeant of Ordnance February 1, 1918. During the war I was the ranking Sergeant and had three large warehouses under my control; three Sergeants, ten Corporals, and thirty-eight privates. I supervised the equipping of every regiment which left Fort Wright for France, besides numerous Anti-Aircraft Batteries, etc.

4. In January 1919 the Ordnance Section was transferred to the P. S. & T. Division of the Quartermaster Corps and I was transferred with it.

5. On Sept. 25, 1919 I was discharged with the following endorsement on my discharge: "This soldier is considered eminently well fitted for a commission as a 1st Lieut." I re-enlisted Sept. 26, 1919 for a period of one year, and assigned to Fort Wadsworth in charge of the Ordnance Section of the Purchase, Storage and Traffic Division.

Howard F. Greene.