

Albert William Jennings

Decorated World War II Veteran and Civil Servant
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ALBERT WILLIAM JENNINGS BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Albert William Jennings was born in Denver, Colorado in 1900. He grew up in a house at 2926 Williams Street. Jennings attended Manual Training High School, where he graduated in 1915. He later attended Parks Business College for one year.

Following his year at Parks Business College, Jennings enlisted in the Army of the United States of America. His 40 years of service with the U.S. government included 30 years in the Army. In 1918, Jennings participated in the U.S. Army's operation that drove Pancho Villa out of Juarez, Mexico. In 1924, he served as corporal and company clerk at Fort Benning, Georgia.

During World War II Jennings was stationed in England, France and Okinawa, Japan. He recalled the military invasions of Normandy Beach, France and Okinawa, Japan, respectively. In England Jennings represented his military unit at a grand ball hosted by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The King and Queen received him at Buckingham Palace where the ball was held. In France Jennings was assigned officer rank to oversee African American soldiers voting in France during the 1944 elections being held in the U.S. Lieutenant Ben Lear shadowed Jennings in France during this election year process.

Jennings was the recipient of service medals for his contributions to the Mexican border campaign and World War II. He is credited with receiving more military honors and decorations than any other member of Denver's Wallace Simpson American Legion Post, of which he was an adjutant member.

After retirement from the Army, Jennings continued to serve in a government capacity with the Colorado Department of Life Science at the Military Academy in Denver. There he was employed 10 years as a lab technician.

ALBERT WILLIAM JENNINGS PAPERS SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains papers that span the years 1918 to 1948. It includes military cards, records, reports, permits, notices, passes, photographs, newspaper articles and photographs. The material also documents Jennings's personal life, his wife and his civilian career with the Colorado Department of Life Science.

ALBERT WILLIAM JENNINGS PAPERS SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1 MILITARY RECORDS 1918 to 1948

The series comprises of military enlistment records, military honorable discharges, military qualifying primary and secondary records, military appointments, newspaper article regarding his military life, military permits, passes, privileges, and furlough permits, notice of wages and payments.

SERIES 2 PHOTOGRAPHS 1918 to 1948

The series comprises photographs pertaining to Jennings's military career and his personal life.

ALBERT WILLIAM JENNINGS PAPERS CONTAINER LISTING

SERIES 1 MILITARY PAPERS

Box 1	FF1	n.d.	Newspaper article regarding 40 years of Government service with 30 years in the Military for the United States Army.
Box 1	FF2	September 20, 1917 April 23, 1918	1 st IND Newport News, Virginia. 1 st DOSE and 2 nd IND Camp Hill, Newport News, Virginia.
Box 1	FF3	1918 to 1943	Officer's and Warrant Officer's qualification card United States Army.
Box 1	FF4	April 23, 1918	1 st Current Enlistment Denver, Colorado transfer to Newport News, Virginia.
Box 1	FF5	April 27, 1918	1 st Current Enlistment, Denver, Colorado, assigned to Camp Lee, Virginia.
Box 1	FF6	May 17, 1918 July 25, 1919	3 rd IND. pay deference, Camp Hill, Virginia 4 th IND. transfer allotment, Camp Hill, Virginia, 82 nd CO. Trans Corp.
Box 1	FF7	August 21, 1919	2 ND Enlistment, 407 th Service BN. Camp Lee, Virginia.
Box 1	FF8	June 28, 1920	Notice to be paid upon Discharge or Furlough to Reserve, Camp Furlong, Columbus, New Mexico.
Box 1	FF9	July 8, 1920	Appointment to Corporal Supply CO. 24 th Infantry by the US Army.
Box 1	FF10	July 26, 1920	Honorable Discharge Final Discharge, Columbus, New Mexico.
Box 1	FF11	July 27, 1920	First Enlistment Period, Columbus, New Mexico, transferred to CO. "M" 24 th Inf. on January 6, 1923.
Box 1	FF12	January 8, 1923	1 st IND C.O. Serv. CO. 24 th Inf. Ft. Benning, Georgia. Transfer to 2 HQ. January 6, 1923 was paid to include December 31, 1922.
Box 1	FF13	July 26, 1923	Final Indorsement - Company M 24 th INF., Fort Benning, Georgia, Honorably Discharged.

Box 1	FF14	July 27, 1920 July 28, 1923	Supply Company Warrant 24 th Infantry by Capt. Homer Mason Warrant Company "M" 24 th Infantry by Capt. R.M. Wilson.
Box 1	FF15	July 28, 1932	Military Enlistment Record, Fort Benning, Georgia.
Box 1	FF16	July 28, 1933	Honorable Military Discharge, Fort Benning, Georgia
Box 1	FF17	1935-1954	Copies of passes: 4 special privilege passes; class "A" pass; temporary driver's permit; pass card; furlough; visitor pass; Lowry commissary permit; Masonic Congress pass.
Box 1	FF18	July 28, 1935	Military Enlisted Record, Fort Benning, Georgia.
Box 1	FF19	July 28, 1938	Honorable Discharge, Fort Benning, Georgia.
Box 1	FF20	July 28, 1938	Enlisted Record, Fort Benning, GA, 23yrs, 3 months, 4 days Paid in Full \$186.13, Enlistment amount. \$150.00, 1941.
Box 1	FF21	July 28, 1941	Enlisted Record to Master Sergeant, Fort Eustis, Virginia 24 years, 10 months, 5 days.
Box 1	FF22	July 28, 1941	Honorable Discharge from U.S. Army R505408 1st Sergeant Battery "B" 15 th C.A. ING Battalion, Fort Eustis, Virginia.
Box 1	FF23	September 15, 1942	Appointment to Master Sergeant U.S. Army, Btry. B, 9 th AA, TNG, BN.
Box 1	FF24	February 26, 1943	United States Army Military Temporary Appointment as Warrant Officer at Camp Tyson, Tennessee.
Box 1	FF25	February 28, 1943	Honorable Discharge from the US Army at Camp Tyson, Tennessee R-505408 M/Sergeant, HQ. Battery -320 th CA Barrage Balloon Battalion.
Box 1	FF26	June 30 - Dec. 31, 1943	Primary and Secondary Military Specialty War Record.
Box 1	FF27	October 8, 1945	Officer Qualifications Record.
Box 1	FF28	May 21, 1945	United States Army Application for Appointment as Warrant Officer.
Box 1	FF29	June 14, 1945	US Army Report of Physical Examination, Serial #W2106756, Grade WOJG, 27 years of service.
Box 1	FF30	December 12, 1945	United States Army Certificate of Service, given at Fort Logan, Colorado for 03/01/43 to 12/12/45, 320 th Anti-Aircraft Balloon Battalion W2-106-76.
Box 1	FF31	July 1, 1946	Report of Physical Examination prior to Discharge, Release from Active Duty or Retirement.

Box 1 FF32 April 1, 1948

U.S. Army Military Record and Report of Separation,
Certificate of Service.

Box 1 FF33 August 5, 1948

US Army Special Order No. 156 of advancement to Warrant
Officer Junior Grade, Department. of Army, Washington, D.C.

SERIES 2 PHOTOGRAPHS

Box 1 FF36

Copies of military photographs, copies of
personal life photographs with his wife.

Box1 FF37

Photocopy of military ship