

WWI Veteran Family Interviews  
Butler Center Student Digital History Project  
**Interview Questions for Ms. Claudia Smith, Librarian, LR Central High School,  
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1. What is your name?
2. What is your relationship to the person in question?
3. How long did you know the person in question?
  
4. When was the person in question born?
5. Where were they born?
6. What was life like at the time they were growing up?
7. Who were their parents and siblings?
8. Where did they go to school?
  
9. When did the person in question enlist?
10. What motivated their enlistment?
11. What do you think they might have expected when they enlisted?
  
12. What was the person's reaction to their training? Was it difficult for them?
13. What unit were they assigned to? Did they choose their branch of service?
14. When were they sent overseas? What might their feelings have been on this?
15. Where was their unit sent upon arrival in Europe?
16. How many men were in their unit? Did they have any good friends?
  
17. What was life like on the front lines?
18. What might have been the hardest thing about frontline service?
19. What did they think of the enemy? What might the enemy have thought of them?
  
20. What were the locals like? Was the language barrier difficult to overcome?
  
21. When was the person in question taken prisoner and how did it occur?
22. Did that person ever consider that they might be taken prisoner?
23. Did the military inform their family of what had happened?
24. What were his captors like?
25. Where was the person in question sent after his capture?
26. What feelings did he have about his capture?
27. What was being a P.O.W. like?
28. Was the person in question ever physically harmed by his captors?
29. What was prison life like?
30. Were they aware of their rights under the Geneva Convention?
31. Were they able to communicate with their families in any great length?
32. What motivated the person in question to attempt escape?
33. Were they afraid that they might be killed attempting escape?
34. What was their plan for escape?

35. When did they escape? Were they successful?
36. How did they manage to evade capture, if successful?
  
37. How did they spend the remainder of the war?
38. When did they hear the news about the end of the war?
39. When were they discharged?
  
40. Were they honored in any way?
41. Did they want to be honored?
42. What was postwar life like for them?
43. What was postwar life like for them?
44. Did the war change them? Did they talk about the war?
  
45. When did they die?
46. How did you view them?
47. What is the most important thing about this person's achievements?