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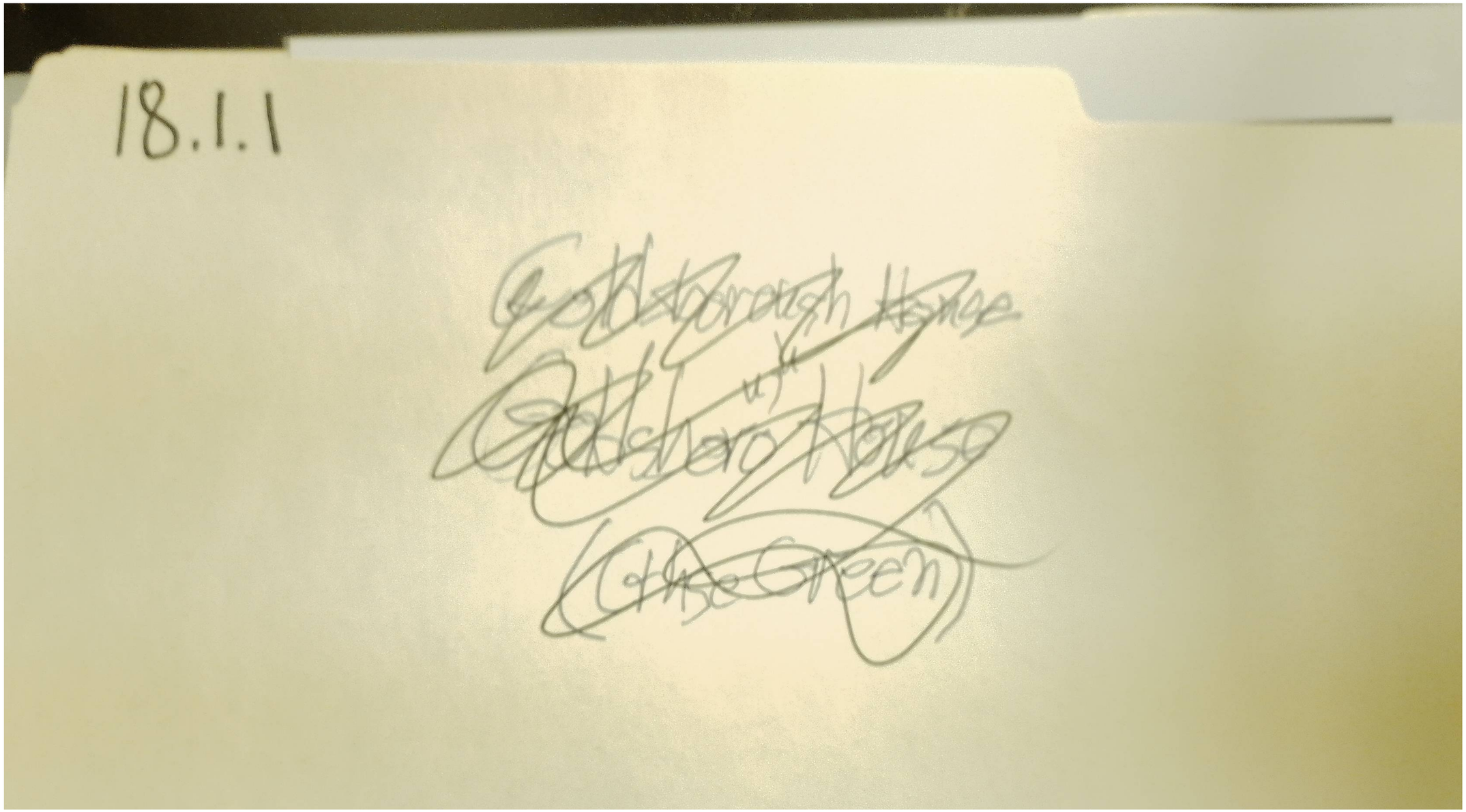

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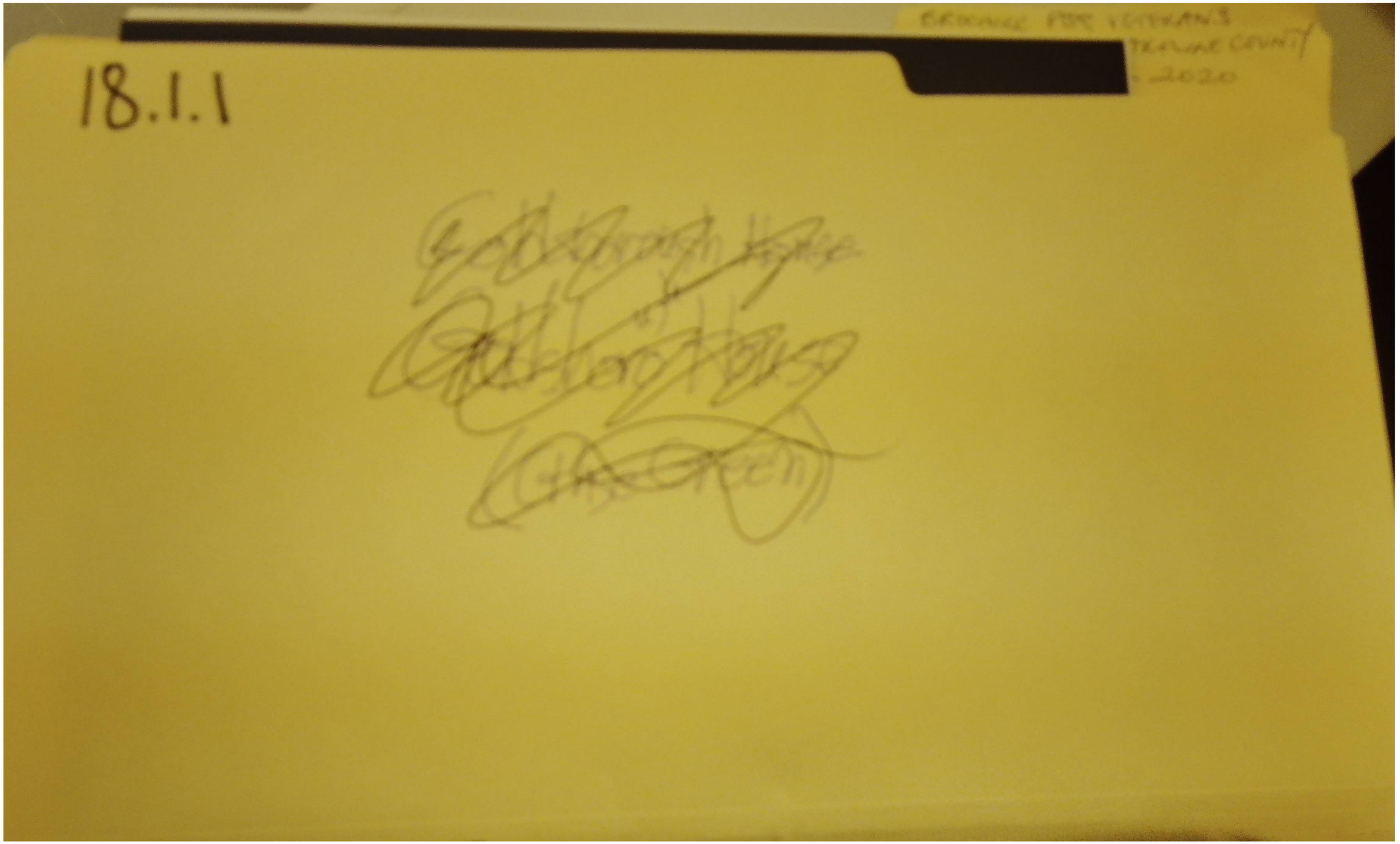

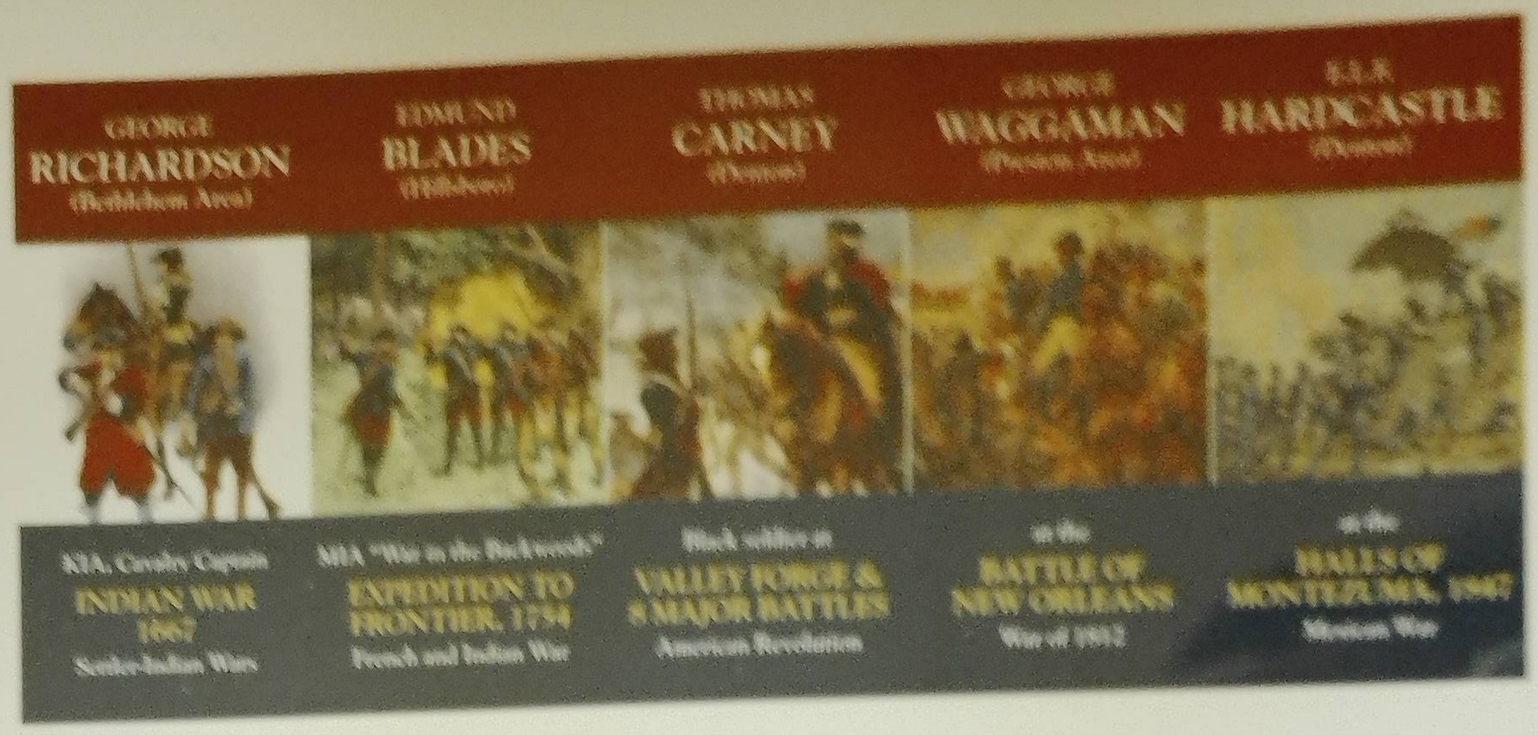

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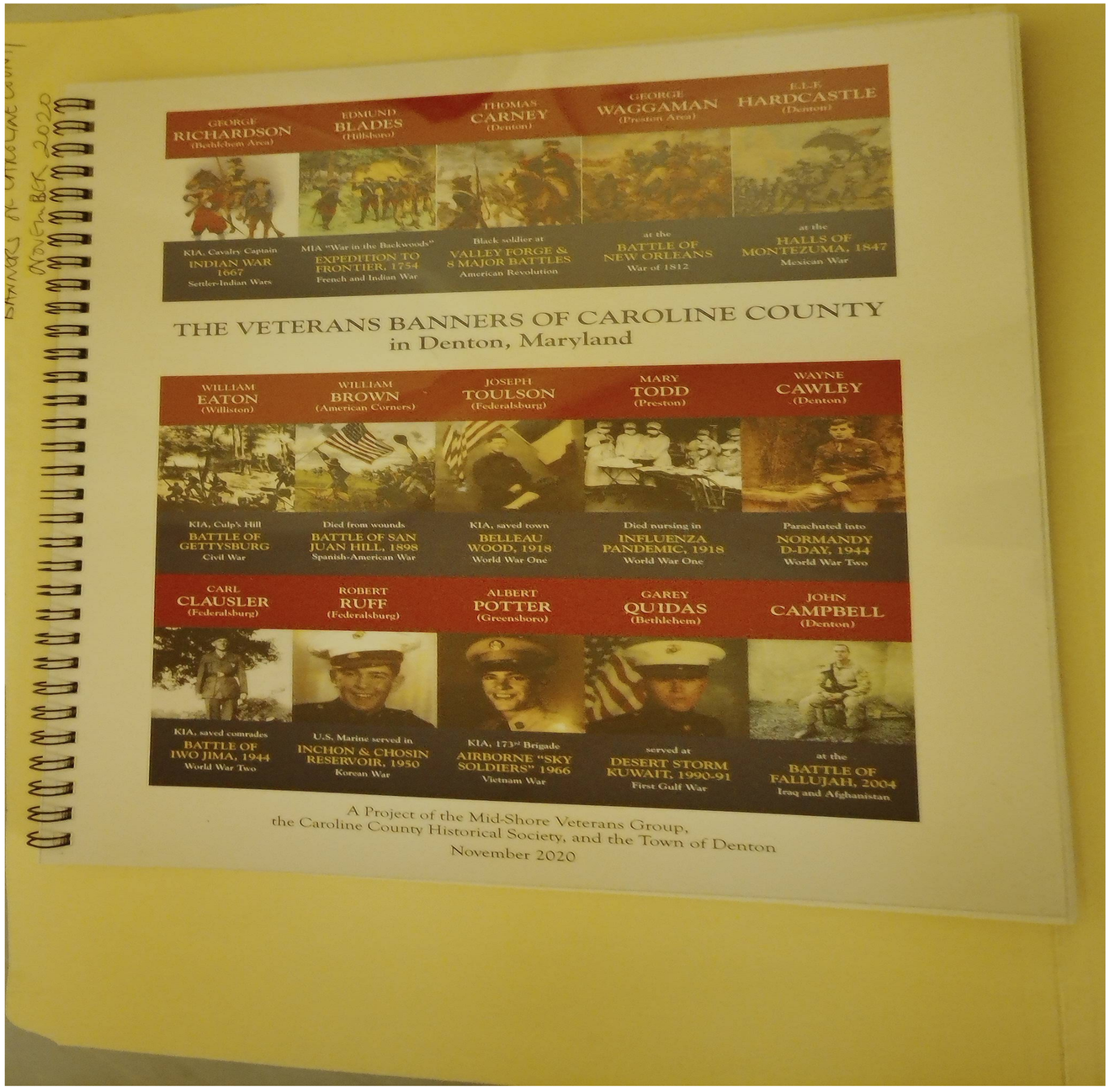
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KIA, Cavalry Captain INDIAN WAR 1867 Settler-Indian Wars
EDMUND BLADES (Hillsboro)
MIA "War in the Backwoods" EXPEDITION TO FRONTIER, 1754 French and Indian War
THOMAS CARNEY (Denton)
Black soldier at VALLEY FORGE & 8 MAJOR BATTLES American Revolution
GEORGE WAGGAMAN (Preston Area)
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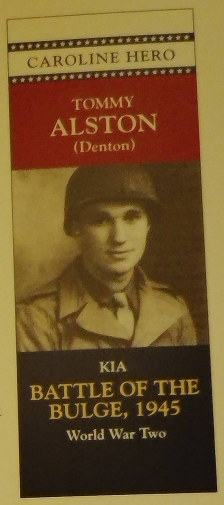
INTRODUCTION



Young Tommy Alston in World War II helped liberate a French town that he described as "the greatest day of his life." He was wounded and mailed home to his mother his "Purple Heart Medal" with a letter saying that he intended to wear the medal in the Denton parade at the end of the War.

Unfortunately, soon thereafter he was killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge. Today on a pole near the Courthouse entrance in Denton where the parade that Tommy anticipated would have passed, Tommy's sacrifice is commemorated on one of some 25 street banners.

Tommy's service is not unusual in Caroline County: Caroline is nationally significant in having someone in every major war in American history, plus every major battle save one, involving the U.S. military.

No county in America can exceed this record. Think your county can match Caroline? Start by finding local residents who fought at the Halls of Montezuma (Mexican War); the Battle of New Orleans (War of 1812) or the charge up San Juan Hill (Spanish American War). The latter was where five Caroline men from American Corner were killed in action (KIA).

To commemorate the sacrifice and dedication for Caroline residents in wartime and peace, the Caroline County Historical Society, with critical funding from the Mid-Shore Veterans Group and work by the Town of Denton, has designed and hung colorful banners along Market Street plus the Visitor Center in Denton.

Streetside banners are no longer unusual, but the Denton banners, based on years of careful research by the Society, are unique. In addition to names, photos, hometown, and artwork, they include Blacks and Whites, men and women, and most important, representatives from every section of the county.

Second, the banners cover over 350 years of Caroline's military sacrifice. They start with the combat death of a local cavalryman (who lived near present-day Preston) in an Indian-settler war in 1667; and cover every war to the present Middle East conflicts.

Third, the banners tell you where the people were, the battle they were in, what the people did and what happened to them. The latter ranges from KIA, WIA, MIA, POW, disease, accidental death, and homicide. Unless specified, some made a "safe" return home from their arduous and heroic service to Country.

Finally, Tommy's story exposes one naked truth about either wartime or peacetime military service to our nation: all service members dream of better times, but even short-term dreams of homecoming can be instantly and tragically extinguished. And that is why we honor all veterans.

The Veterans Banners are meant to be displayed around patriotic holidays like Veterans Day and Memorial Day. During these periods, a walk down Market Street in Denton to view these unusual banners is an educational, inspiring, and memorable experience.

J.O.K. Walsh
Vietnam Veteran and President, Caroline County Historical Society
12 N 2nd Street, Denton, MD 21629
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ABBREVIATIONS
KIA: KILLED IN ACTION
WIA: WOUNDED IN ACTION
MIA: MISSING IN ACTION
POW: PRISONER OF WAR

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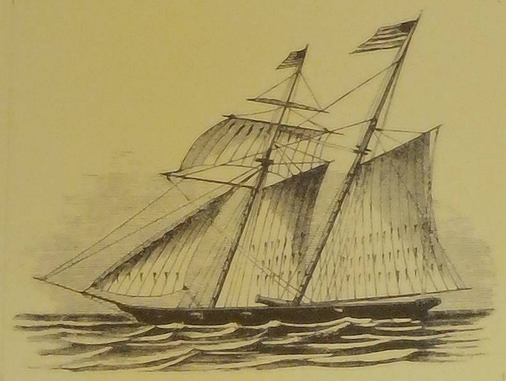
CAROLINE HERO

JOSEPH
RICHARDSON
(Denton-Ganey's Wharf)



Captain, Baltimore Clipper

POW, ESCAPED ROYAL NAVY, 1813

War of 1812

CAROLINE HERO

ALEXANDER
TOLSON
(Greensboro)



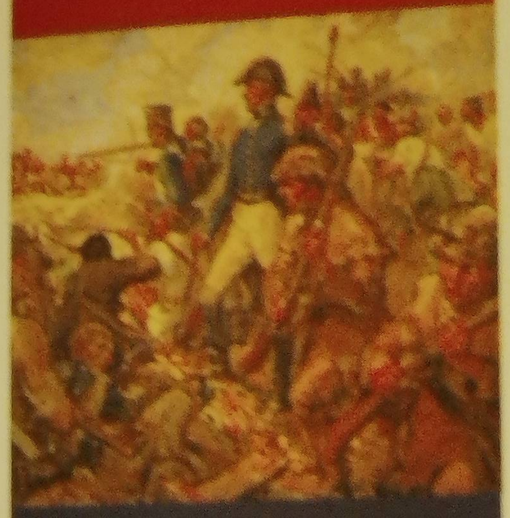
Cavalryman in

BATTLES ON U.S.–CANADA BORDER

War of 1812

CAROLINE HERO

GEORGE
WAGGAMAN
(Preston Area)



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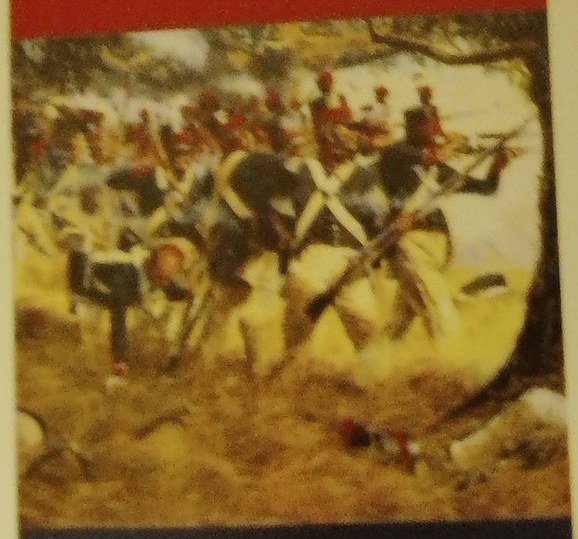
BATTLE OF
NEW ORLEANS
War of 1812

CAROLINE HERO

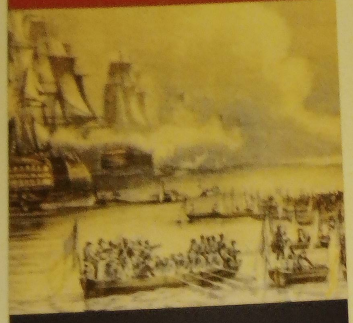
JOHN
YOUNG
(Denton)



Led Battalion
BATTLE OF
BALTIMORE, 1814
War of 1812

CAROLINE HERO

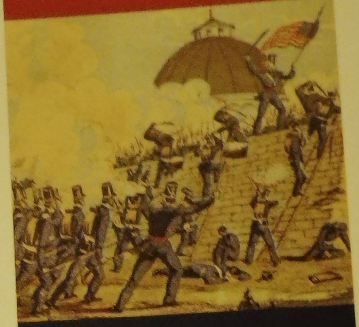
LEVI
DUKES
(Denton)



Naval Forces at
BATTLE OF
VERACRUZ, 1847
Mexican War

CAROLINE HERO

E.L.F.
HARDCASTLE
(Denton)



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CAROLINE HERO

WILLIAM
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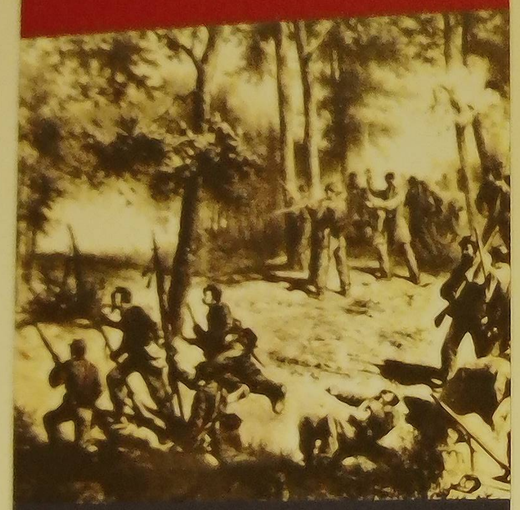
(Williston)



KIA, Culp's Hill

BATTLE OF
GETTYSBURG

Civil War

CAROLINE HERO

THOMAS
HAWKINS
(Hillsboro)



KIA, Colored Troops, Ft. Gilmor

ATTACK ON
RICHMOND, 1864

Civil War

CAROLINE HERO

WILLIAM
BROWN
(American Corner)



Returned Home Wounded

DIED OF WOUNDS
SAN JUAN HILL, 1898

Spanish-American War

CAROLINE HERO

CLAYTON
BLACKISTON
(Denton)



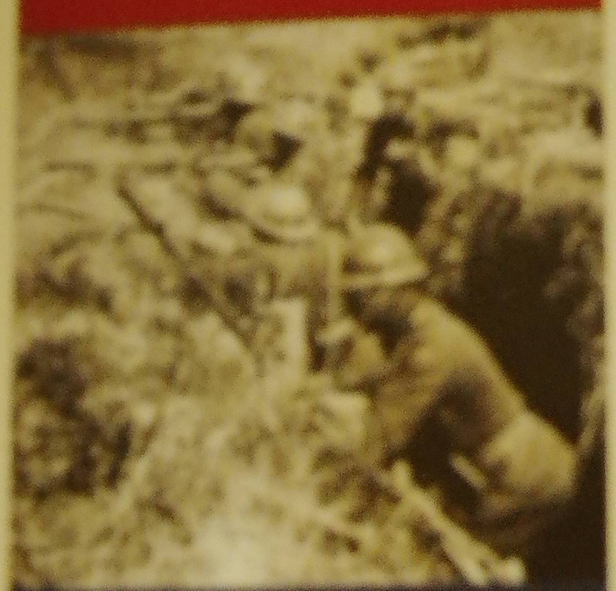
Aboard Battleship Indiana

BATTLE OF SANTIAGO
DE CUBA, 1898

Spanish American War

CAROLINE HERO

NORMAN
BAYNARD
(Denton)



"Buffalo Soldier" wounded

MEUSE-ARGONNE CAMPAIGN, 1918

World War One

CAROLINE HERO

GEORGE
CARMINE
(Preston)



Navy Crewe for

ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE

World War One

CAROLINE HERO

J. WOODALL
GREEN
(Denton)



"Men dying all around me."

WIA, POISON GAS,
RECOVERED, 1918

World War One

CAROLINE HERO

IRWIN
JOPP
(Denton)



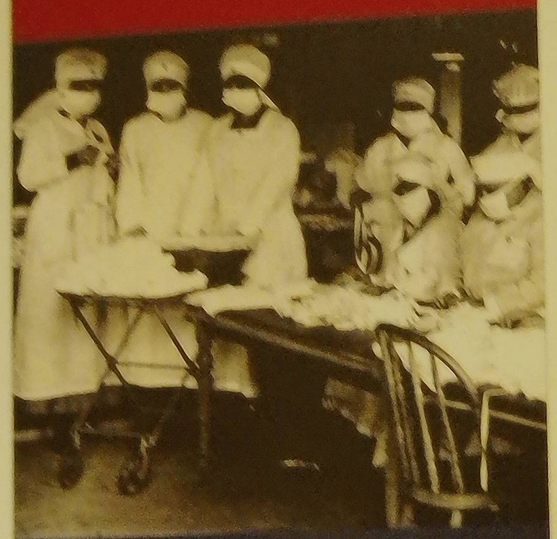
KIA at

BATTLE OF
ST. MICHIEL, 1918

World War One

CAROLINE HERO

MARY
TODD
(Preston)



Died nursing in
INFLUENZA
PANDEMIC, 1918
World War One

CAROLINE HERO

JOSEPH
TOULSON
(Federalsburg)



KIA Saving Town
BELLEAU
WOOD, 1918
World War One

CAROLINE HERO

MERVYN
SEWARD
(Ridgely)



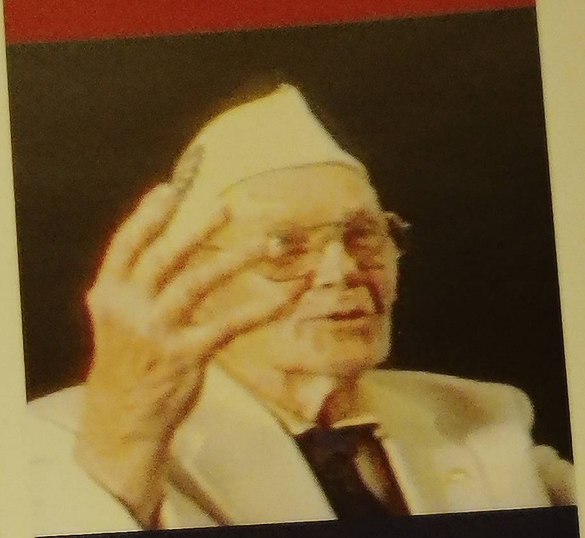
Volunteer for "Perilous" Flight

PILOT, WEST POINT,
DIED IN ICE STORM

Peacetime Mission, 1926

CAROLINE HERO

TOMMY
MORRIS
(Greensboro)



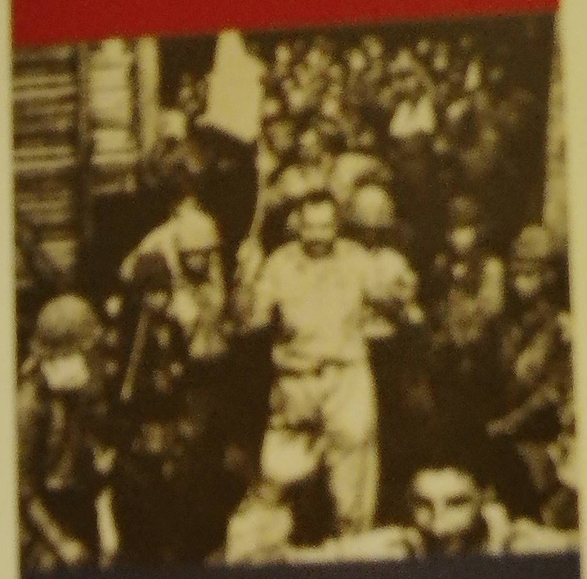
WIA on battleship

ATTACK ON PEARL
HARBOR, 1941

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

JAMES OLIVER
CARROLL
(Hillsboro)



Died as POW

BATTLE OF
CORREGIDOR, 1942

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

LOUISE
HOLLISTER
(Hillsboro)



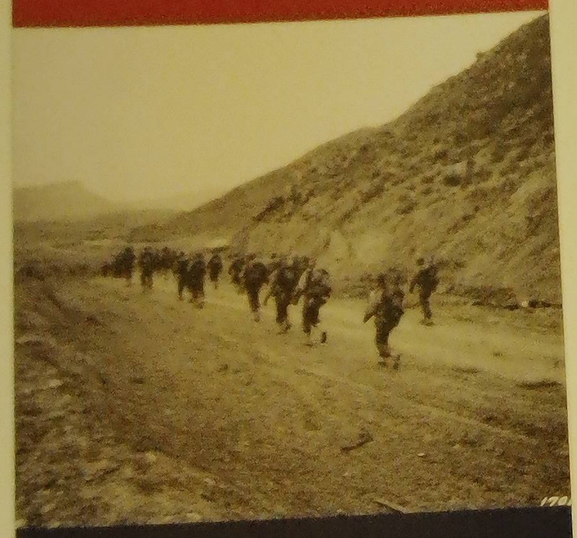
Died in Fiji Islands, 1943

NURSED WOUNDED
OF GUADALCANAL

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

WILLIAM
JOPP
(Denton)



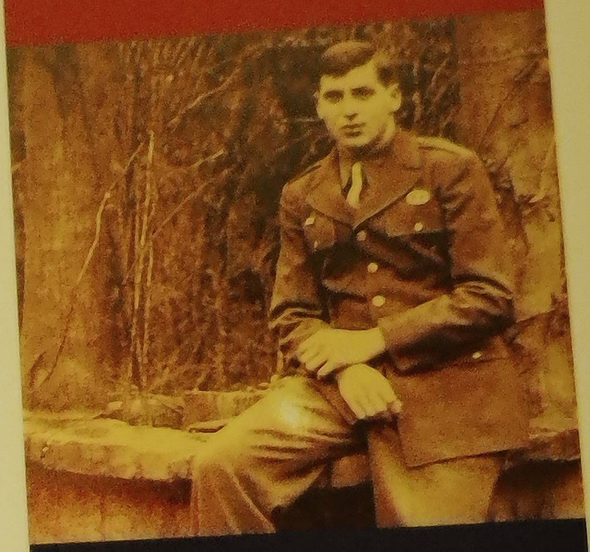
In First Major U.S. Defeat

POW, KASSERINE
PASS, TUNISIA, 1943

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

WAYNE
CAWLEY
(Denton)



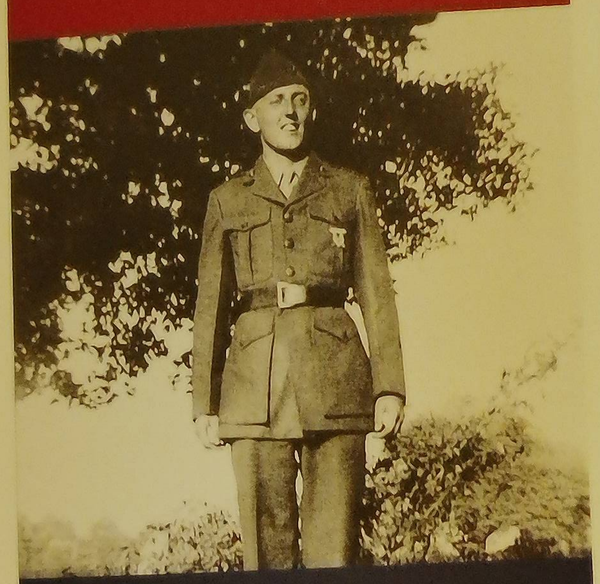
Parachuted into

NORMANDY
D-DAY, 1944

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

CARL
CLAUSLER
(Federalsburg)



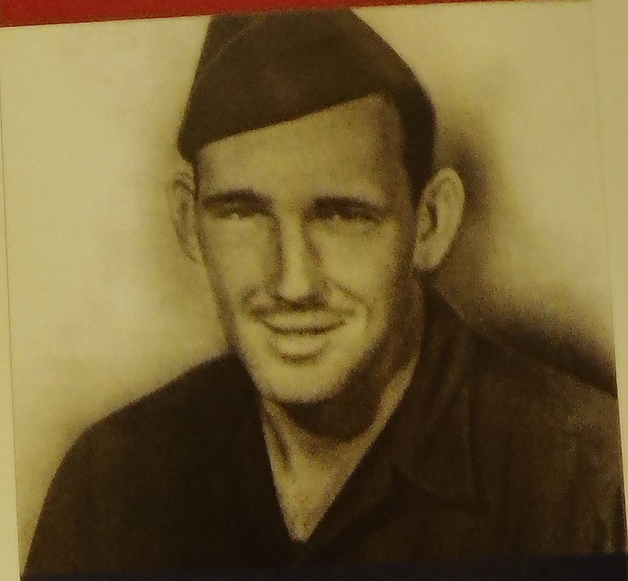
KIA, Saved Comrades

BATTLE OF IWO JIMA, 1944

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

HOWARD
HOPKINS
(Preston)



KIA in Italy

BATTLE OF MONTE CASSINO, 1944

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

ALAN
SANDS
(Bethlehem)



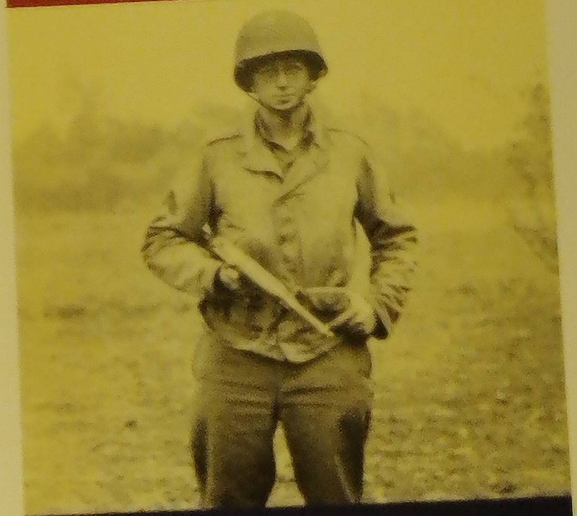
Combat in Hedgerows

KIA, BATTLE OF NORMANDY, 1944

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

DAVID
SINGER
(Denton)



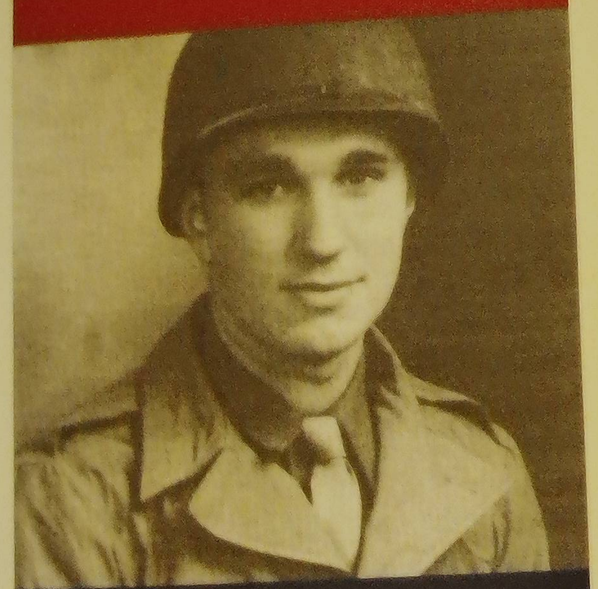
KIA, Artilleryman

INVASION OF GERMANY, 1944

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

TOMMY
ALSTON
(Denton)



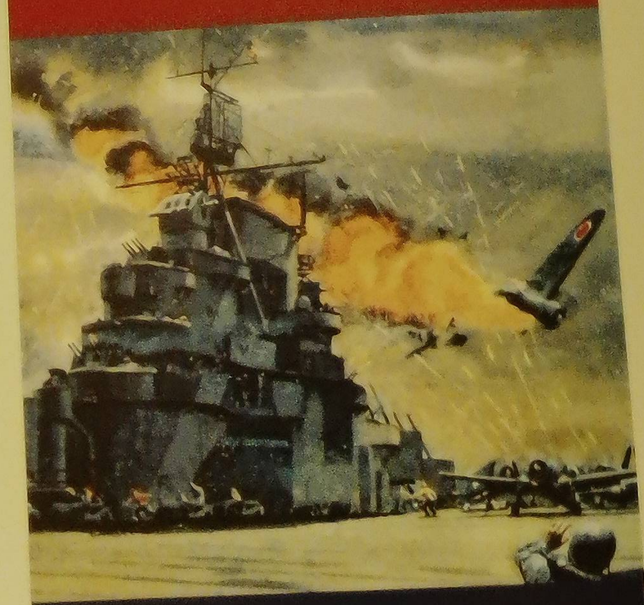
KIA

BATTLE OF THE BULGE, 1945

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

HARVEY
PORTER
(Ridgely)



KIA, USS New Mexico

KAMIKAZE HIT BATTLESHIP, 1945

World War Two

CAROLINE HERO

ROBERT
RUFF
(Federalsburg)



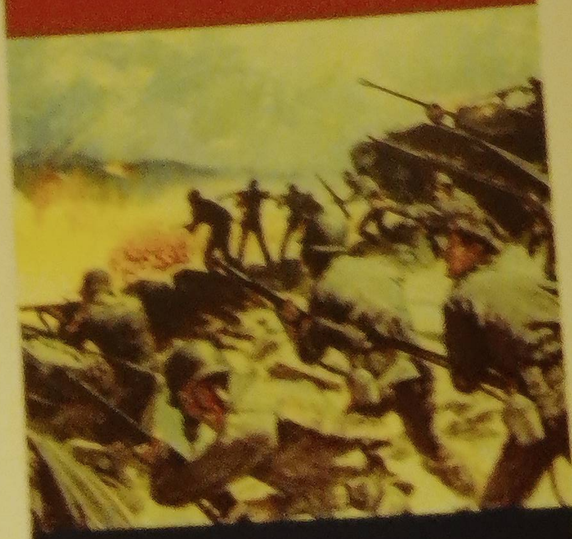
U.S. Marines, 1950

INCHON LANDING &
CHOSIN RESERVOIR

Korean War

CAROLINE HERO

JAMES R.
HOPKINS
(Henderson)



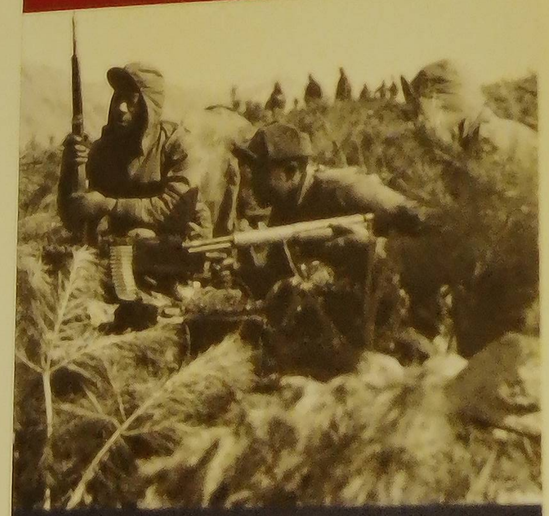
KIA

CHINESE SPRING
OFFENSIVE, 1951

Korean War

CAROLINE HERO

KENNETH
FLAMER
(Union Corner)



KIA fighting near
HEARTBREAK
RIDGE, 1952
Korean War

CAROLINE HERO

WILLIAM HANDSOME
HOUSE
(Ridgely)



Helo Pilot KIA
VIETNAM,
1964

CAROLINE HERO

Q.R.
WALSH
(Denton)



U.S. Marine

INVASION OF SANTO DOMINGO, 1965

Dominican Civil War

CAROLINE HERO

CHARLES
DEAN
(Ridgely)



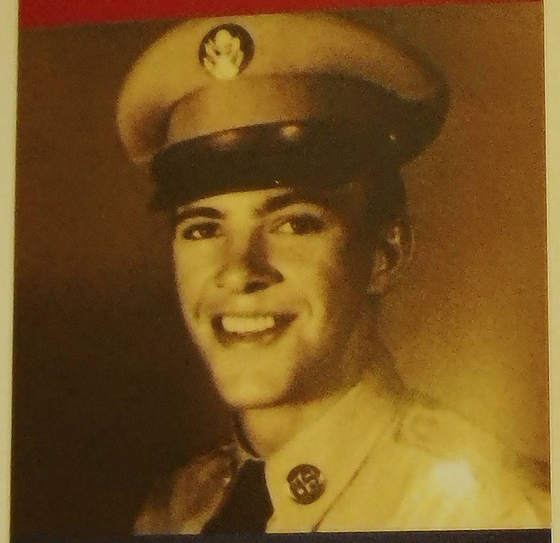
KIA, 101st ABN. 1966

"A FRIENDLY MORTAR SHELL"

Vietnam War

CAROLINE HERO

ALBERT
POTTER
(Goldsboro)



KIA, 173 BDE, 1966

AIRBORNE
"SKY SOLDIER"

Vietnam War

CAROLINE HERO

GORDON LEE
LAWRENCE
(Federalsburg)



KIA in the

TET OFFENSIVE
1968

Vietnam War

CAROLINE HERO

"BILLY" FLETCHER
WRIGHT
(Denton)



"Eye Shot Out"

WIA, NAVY SEAL
TEAM ONE, 1968

Vietnam War

CAROLINE HERO

ROBERTS
BURROWS
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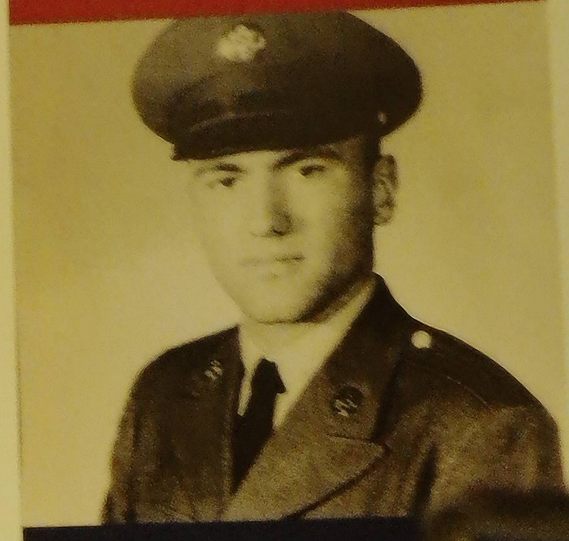


KIA, 5th Tour "Blue [illegible]"

RECON & RESC[illegible]E
AIR CAVALRY, 1970

Vietnam War

CAROLINE HERO

GAREY
QUIDAS
(Preston)



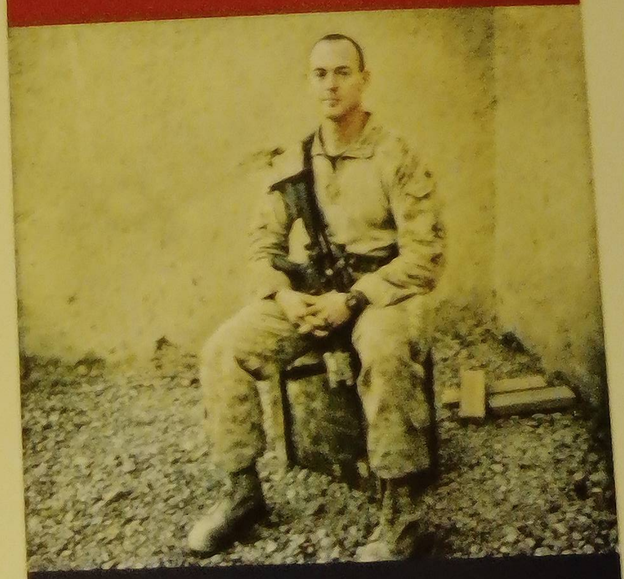
Combat Engineer

BATTLE OF
KUWAIT, 1991

Desert Storm

CAROLINE HERO

JOHN
CAMPBELL
(Denton)



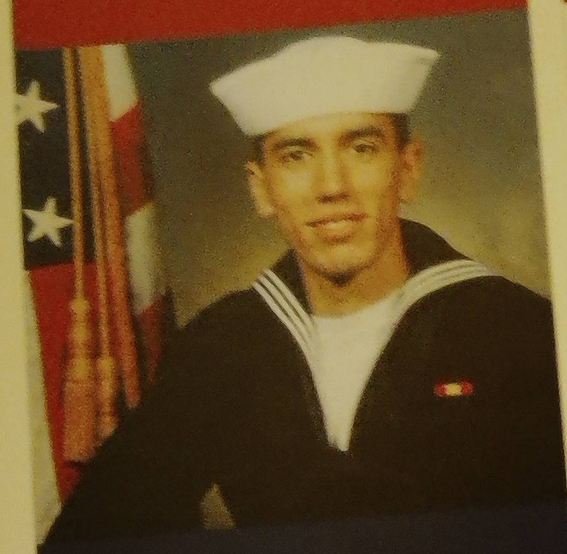
at the

BATTLE OF
FALLUJAH, 2004

Iraq War

CAROLINE HERO

MANNIE
RUIZ
(Federalsburg)



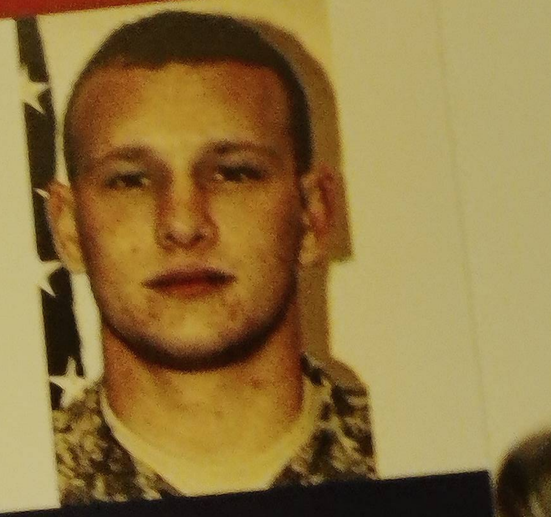
KIA as a

HELO PARAMEDIC
DOING RESCUE, 2007

Iraq War

CAROLINE HERO

MICHAEL
YATES
(Federalsburg)

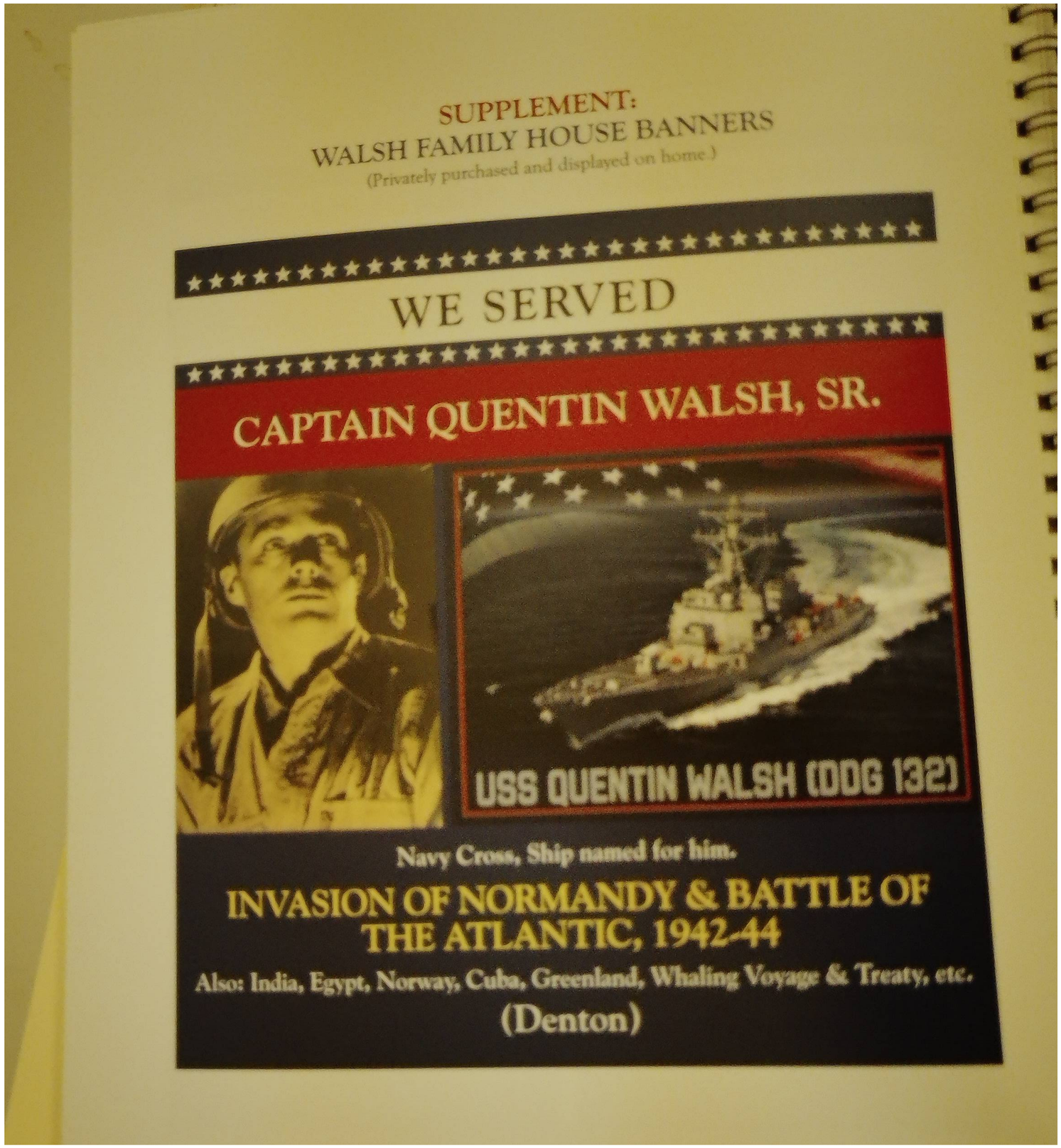


Decorated Army Scout

KILLED BY MENTALLY
ILL COMRADE, 2009

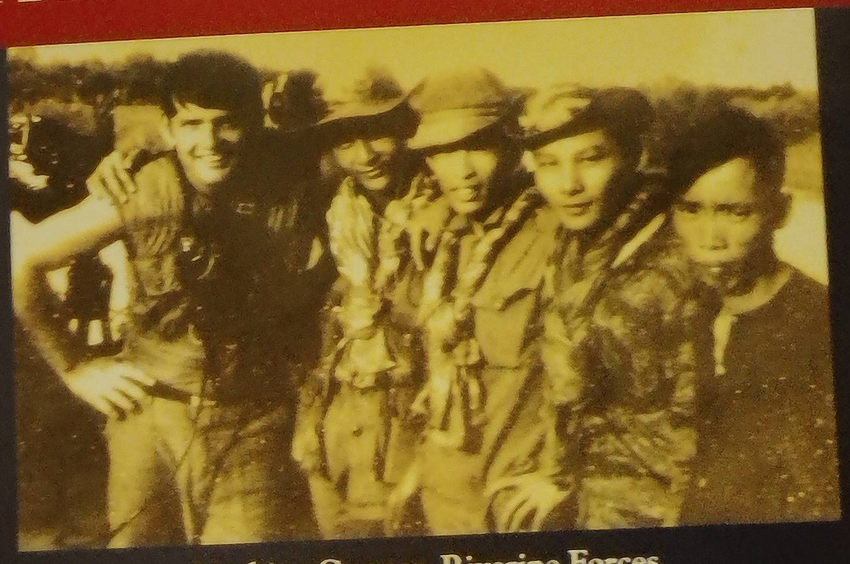
Camp Liberty, Iraq

SUPPLEMENT:
WALSH FAMILY HOUSE BANNERS
(Privately purchased and displayed on home.)



WE SERVED

PETTY OFFICER, J.O.K.WALSH



Machine Gunner, Riverine Forces

MEKONG DELTA
VIETNAM, 1970

Also: Arctic, Antarctica, Africa, New Zealand, Circumnavigated Globe, etc.

(Denton)

WE SERVED

LT. QUENTIN R. (Q.R.) WALSH, JR.



Marine Corps Infantry

KHE SANH & DANANG
VIETNAM, 1966-67

Also: Pacific, Central America, Europe, Mediterranean, Caribbean, etc.

(Denton)