

Ralph Lee Peters



Born: 6 Jan 1924 Lenox, GA

Married: 25 Oct 1942

Died: 27 Nov 1975 Milton, FL

Parents: Virgil L Peters & Carrie Hiers

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| <p align="center">National Council Boy Scouts of America 2 PARK AVE. NEW YORK CITY</p> <p align="center">Scout Leaders Warrant</p> | |
| <p>To whom it may concern :—</p> <p>Scout RALPH PETERS of Troop No. 54 of Benson Junction having been duly selected with the approval of the Troop Committee and Scoutmaster to serve as JUNIOR ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER is</p> <p>Hereby granted this WARRANT to serve as such officer of his Troop until December 31, 1940</p> <p>By authority of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America <i>Stan Beard</i> National Scout Commissioner <i>James E. Meep</i> Chief Scout Executive </p> <p>Approved 9/17/40 for Troop No. 54</p> <p>Chairman Troop Committee Scoutmaster</p> <p>Approved 9/17/40 for Central 51 Council <i>Louis W. Peltier</i> Scout Commissioner <i>Harold</i> Scout Executive </p> | |

Form 15-4

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930

POPULATION SCHEDULE

State Florida Incorporated place _____

County Volusia Ward of city _____ Block No. _____

Township or other civil division Volusia Precinct 1, Canton Subincorporated place (name of city or village) _____

Examination District No. 6-1 Supervisor's District No. 5

Enumerated by me on Apr 31, 1930, Arthur J. Keller

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1930 Census Virgil; father, Carrie; mother; Ralph; son age 6

Pfc. Ralph L. Peters Enjoys Riviera Area

With the United States Forces on the Riviera, Nice, France:—Oct. 31, (Special)—Pfc. Ralph L. Peters, 317 Park Avenue, Sanford, with Company A, 160th Engineer Construction Battalion, recently spent a seven day furlough in the U.S. Riviera Recreational Area at Nice.

During his stay on the famous Blue Coast, the "Cote d'Azur", frequented by millionaire cosmopolites before the war, Pfc. Peters enjoyed the many vacation pleasures organized by the U.S. Army to give its soldiers a chance to rest, and relax.

Overseas for 16 months, Pfc. Peters earned five battle participation stars on his European Theater Ribbon for campaigns through France, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria. His battalion built the longest combat bridge across the Rhine at Mainz.

His wife, Mrs. Mildred Hiers Peters, at present lives at Citrus, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Peters live in Jacksonville.



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Builders and Fighters

The 160th Engineer Combat Battalion built the longest tactical bridge across the Rhine at Mainz, Germany, 23 March 1945.



Picture of 160th Combat Engineers Battalion, Company A
Ralph is on the third row from the top, 9th man over from the left.



This is a picture of a display case that contains Ralph Peters' World War II memorabilia

Included are:

A picture of Ralph in his Army uniform

The army hat he is wearing in the picture

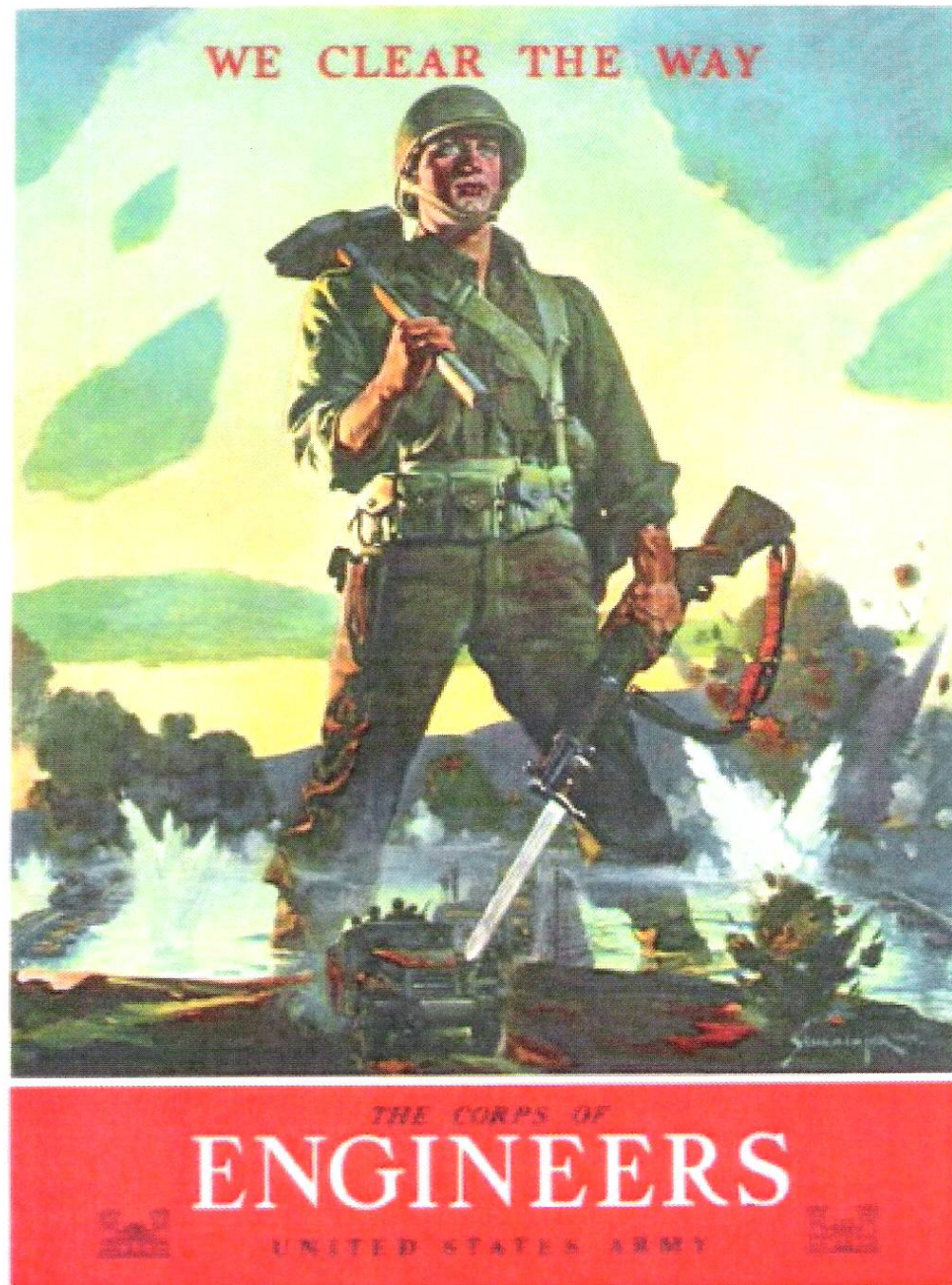
Several patches he wore (IX Army Corp patch & Army Corp of Engineers patch)

His dog tags

5 medals he earned

Army Corp of Engineer insignia pin

European Theater Ribbon with 5 battle participation stars



World War II recruiting poster

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

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|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL PETERS RALPH L | | 2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 34 785 256 | | 3. GRADE SFC | | 4. ARM OR SERVICE CE | | 5. COMPONENT AUS | |
| 6. ORGANIZATION CO A 160TH ENGR C BN | | 7. DATE OF SEPARATION 11 DEC 45 | | 8. PLACE OF SEPARATION CP BLANDING FLA | | 9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES PO BOX 1176 GANFORD (SEMINOLE) FLA | | 10. DATE OF BIRTH 5 JAN 24 | |
| 11. PLACE OF BIRTH LENOX GA | | 12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT SEE 9 | | 13. COLOR EYES BRN | | 14. COLOR HAIR BRN | | 15. HEIGHT 5'9 1/2" | |
| 16. WEIGHT 141 LBS. | | 17. NO. DEPEND. 1 | | 18. RACE WHITE | | 19. MARITAL STATUS SINGLE | | 20. U.S. CITIZEN YES | |
| 21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. 7 72 510 | | 22. DATE OF INDUCTION 20 MAY 43 | | 23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 27 MAY 43 | | 24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 27 MAY 43 | | 25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE CP BLANDING FLA | |
| 26. REGISTERED YES | | 27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. #1 | | 28. COUNTY AND STATE SEMINOLE FLA | | 29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE 1175 BARK AVE GANFORD (SEMINOLE) FLA | | 30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. FILTER OPERATOR WATER SUPPLY 727 | |
| 31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., Infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) NONE | | 32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS NORMANDY NO FRANCE ARDENNES RHINELAND COLO EROPE | | 33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS ATO MEDAL EAMETO MEDAL 3000 CONDUCT MEDAL WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL | | 34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION NONE | | 35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES 22 AUG 45 | |
| 36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN DATE OF DEPARTURE: 27 JUN 44 | | 37. DESTINATION EAMETO | | 38. DATE OF ARRIVAL 3 JUL 44 | | 39. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE 1 YEAR 1 MONTH 14 DAYS | | 40. HIGHEST GRADE HELD SFC | |
| 41. PRIOR SERVICE NONE | | 42. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION 7 OF 9 RR 1 1 (DEM) AR 615 365 15 DEC 44 | | 43. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED NONE | | 44. EDUCATION (Years) 8 | | 45. EDUCATION (Years) 24 | |
| 46. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES 2 YEARS 6 MONTHS 22 DAYS | | 47. MUSTERING OUT PAY \$ 300 | | 48. SOLDIER'S DEPOSIT \$ 100 | | 49. TRAVEL PAY \$ | | 50. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER A E NOTTA CAPT E D | |
| 51. KIND OF INSURANCE Nat. Serv. U.S. Govt. None | | 52. HOW PAID Allotment Direct to V. A. | | 53. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance 30 NOV 45 | | 54. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50) 31 DEC 45 | | 55. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH 6.50 | |
| 56. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO Continue | | 57. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO Continue Only | | 58. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO Discontinue | | 59. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives) LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED ASR (2 SEPT 45) 68 | | 60. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED JOSEPH S. EUBANKS CAPT CE | |

WD AGO FORM 53-58
1 November 1944

This form supersedes all previous editions of WD AGO Forms 53 and 55 for enlisted persons entitled to an Honorable Discharge, which will not be used after receipt of this revision.

5. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION REGIONAL OFFICE COPY
(To: Regional Office responsible for address shown in item 9)



SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

SAVE THIS FORM. IT WILL NOT BE REPLACED IF LOST

This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The veteran may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

| 1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL | | | | MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 2. ARMY SERIAL No. | | 3. GRADE | 4. SOCIAL SECURITY No. | 10. MONTHS | 11. GRADE | 12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY |
| PETERS, RALPH L. | | | | 3 | Pvt | Engineer, Basic Tng. (729) |
| 34 785 256 | | Pfc | Unknown | 20 | Pfc | Jackhammer, Operator (188) |
| 5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State) P.O. Box 1176 Sanford, Seminole Co., Florida | | | | 4 | Pfc | Filter Operator Water Supply (727) |
| 6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 27 Mar 1943 | | 7. DATE OF SEPARATION 11 Dec 1945 | 8. DATE OF BIRTH 6 Jan 1924 | | | |
| 9. PLACE OF SEPARATION Separation Center, Cp. Blanding, Florida | | | | | | |

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

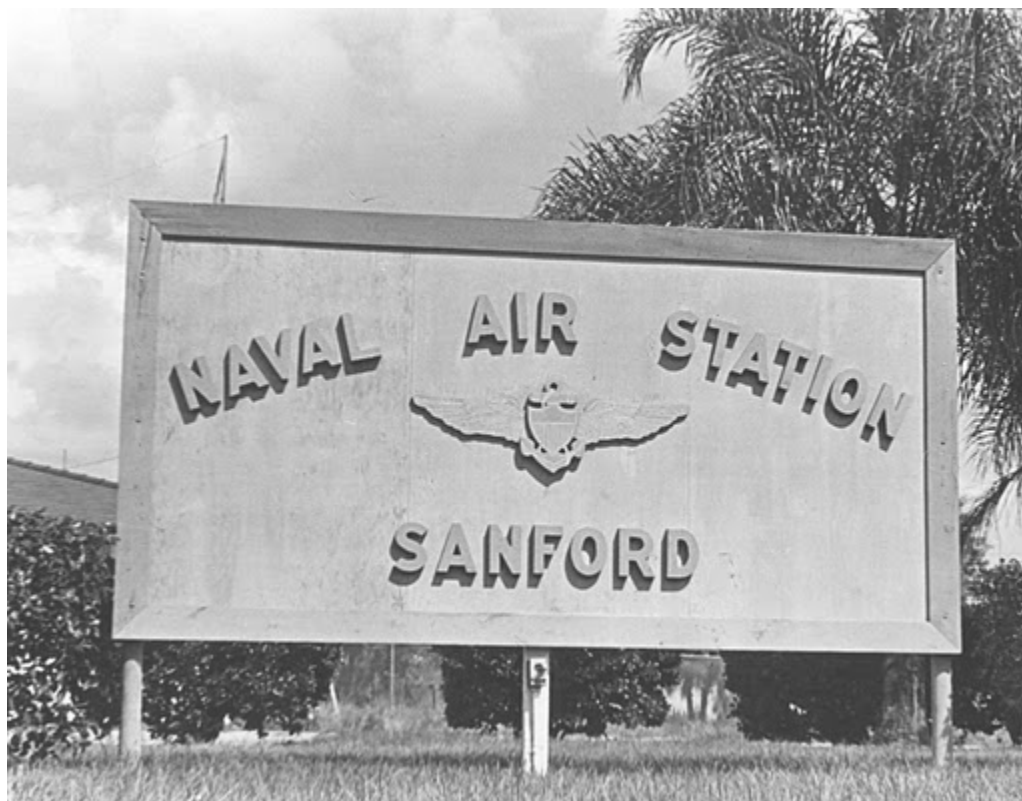
TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

FILTER OPERATOR -- Served with an Engineer Unit in France, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria. Operated machine which purified water for drinking purposes. Opened valves admitting water to filter chambers. Changed filters.

After WWII, Ralph worked for many years as a civilian electrician at the Sanford Naval Air Station.



RALPH LEE PETERS RECEIVING AN AWARD FROM SANFORD NAVAL AIR STATION ON HIS SUGGESTION ABOUT USE OF BALLASTS ON THE BASE.



CERTIFIED COPY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE COPY REPRODUCED BELOW TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD ON FILE IN THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

(NOT VALID UNLESS THE SEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, IS AFFIXED.)

MAR 24 1986

John H. Brash

STATE REGISTRAR FOR VITAL STATISTICS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE
SERVICES

| Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services DIVISION OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS | | | | CERTIFICATE OF DEATH FLORIDA | | STATE FILE NO. 75-076285 | |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| DECEASED—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST RALPH LEE PETERS | | | | SEX Male | | DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) November 27, 1975 | |
| RACE (SPECIFY) White | | AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YEARS) 51 | | DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) Jan. 6, 1924 | | COUNTY OF DEATH Escambia | |
| CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH Pensacola | | INSIDE CITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO) No | | HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER) West Florida Hospital | | | |
| STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A., NAME COUNTRY) Georgia | | CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U. S. A. | | MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) Married | | SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME) Jeanette Peters Bullard | |
| SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 265-24-7741 | | USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED) Civil Service Worker | | KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Retired | | | |
| RESIDENCE—STATE Florida | | COUNTY Santa Rosa | | CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Pace | | STREET AND NUMBER (SPECIFY NO OR NO.) Rt. 2 Box 152 | |
| FATHER—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Virgil Peters | | | | MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Carie Hiers | | | |
| INFORMANT—NAME Mrs. Jeanette Peters | | | | MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP) Rt. 2, Box 152, Pace, Florida, 32570 | | | |

This Section Contains

Confidential Medical Certification

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| 1. I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM 12/14/75 TO death | | 2. MONTH DAY YEAR 11/27/75 | | 3. BODY AFTER DEATH: 21a. Disinterred | | 4. DEATH OCCURRED AT THE PLACE, ON THE (HOUR) DATE, AND, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED. 11:45A | |
| 5. CERTIFICATION—MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER: ON THE BASIS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE BODY AND/OR THE INVESTIGATION, IN MY OPINION, DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED. | | | | 6. THE DECEDENT WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD MONTH DAY YEAR HOUR | | | |
| 7. CERTIFIER—NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) Robert C Palmer M. D. | | SIGNATURE <i>Robert C. Palmer M.D.</i> | | DEGREE OR TITLE M.D. | | DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 12/3/75 | |
| 8. MAILING ADDRESS—CERTIFIER 8333 North Davis Highway Pensacola, Florida 32504 | | | | 9. STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP | | | |
| 10. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) Removal | | 11. CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME Bethlehem Cemetery | | 12. LOCATION Tifton, Georgia | | 13. STATE | |
| 14. DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) Nov. 27, 1975 | | 15. FUNERAL HOME—NAME AND ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP) Lewis-Sowell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 189, Milton, Florida, 32570 | | | | | |
| 16. FUNERAL DIRECTOR—SIGNATURE <i>Chris Howell</i> | | 17. REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE <i>Faye Steward, Deputy</i> | | 18. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR December 3, 1975 | | 19. | |



Ralph Lee Peters is buried in Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Lennox, GA Picture taken 7/19/08

My mom and my dad divorced when I was 8 years old. Within a year, he remarried and he and his wife moved to Pensacola, FL, where he worked at the Naval Air Station there. I only have a few memories of him before he moved, but I do remember going on several trips to New Smyrna Beach just east of Sanford, FL. I remember one trip to the beach, a young child was accidentally hit by a car and I watched as my father ran and scooped the child up and then ran with him to the lifeguard station nearby. I also remember one time there was an air show going on at the Sanford Naval Air Base he worked at, and dad took me over to the pilots of one of the large cargo planes on display and was able to spend some time talking with them. They offered to take me up with them, but I was too scared to go.

Wayne Peters, son