



*1<sup>st</sup> Army*

*Allied Expeditionary Forces, (AEF)*



*III Corps*



*World War I  
Victory*



*78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division*



*"Never Too Late"*



*Volunteer  
Overseas Service  
One Year*

*311<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment*



*Carl H. (Henry) Kastler, Private, Infantry  
Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion,  
311<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 156<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade,  
78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, III Corps,  
1<sup>st</sup> Army, Allied Expeditionary Forces  
World War I  
Service: June 5, 1917 to September 28, 1918*



*Honorable Service, Bronze Lapel Button*



## **TRIBUTE**

***Carl H. (Henry) Kastler  
Private, U.S. Infantry***

**Born  
*April 15, 1896***

**Hometown  
*New Milford, New Jersey***

**Unit(s)  
*Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion,  
311<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 156<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade,  
78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Army Corps,  
1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Army, Allied Expeditionary Forces***

**Campaigns / Battles  
*World War I - St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne***

**Awards / Citations  
*World War I Victory Medal & Lapel Button***

**Service  
*Enlisted - June 5, 1917, Age 22  
Discharged - September 28, 1918, Due To Pneumonia***

**Memorials  
*Veterans Monument, Borough Hall, River Road New Milford, NJ  
Kastler Court, New Milford, New Jersey***

**Noteworthy Items  
*The only resident of New Milford, New Jersey to have served in World War I***

*Photo By Author.*

*Sources: Mayor Frank DeBari of New Milford, NJ.*

*Mr. Curt Kastler - Kastler Genealogy, Kastler.net and kastler.net/chronicles/armedforces.php.*



## Dedicated to the American Fighting Man

GENERAL ORDERS  
No. 201

FRANCE, November 12, 1918.

The enemy has capitulated. It is fitting that I address myself in thanks directly to the officers and soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces who by their heroic efforts have made possible this glorious result. Our armies, hurriedly raised and hastily trained, met a veteran enemy, and by courage, discipline and skill always defeated him. Without complaint you have endured incessant toil, privation and danger. You have seen many of your comrades make the supreme sacrifice that freedom may live. I thank you for the patience and courage with which you have endured. I congratulate you upon the splendid fruits of victory which your heroism and the blood of our gallant dead are now presenting to our nation. Your deeds will live forever on the most glorious pages of American history.

General, Commander in Chief  
American Expeditionary Forces

## WORLD WAR I VICTORY MEDAL



1. **Description:** The medal is Bronze and 1 3/8 inches in diameter. On the obverse is a winged Victory, standing full length and full face. On the reverse is the inscription "THE GREAT WAR FOR CIVILIZATION" and the United States shield with the letters "U.S." surmounted by a fasces, and on either side the names of the allied and associated nations. The lapel button is a five-pointed star 5/8-inch in diameter on a wreath with the letters "U.S." in the center.

2. **Ribbon:** The medal is suspended by a ring from a silk ribbon 1 3/8 inches in width, representing two rainbows placed in juxtaposition and having the red in the middle.

3. **Criteria:** a. The World War I Victory Medal was awarded for honorable service for active duty at any time between 6 April 1917 and 11 November 1918. It was also awarded for service between 12 November 1918 and 5 August 1919, with the American Expeditionary Forces in European Russia, and was awarded to the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia between 23 November 1918 and 1 April 1920.

b. Battle clasps were awarded for each of the major operations for individuals actually present under competent orders. The clasps, with a star on each side of the name of the campaign or one of the defensive sectors, were worn on the suspension ribbon for the following campaigns:

- Cambrai: 20 May - 4 Dec 1917
- Somme Defensive: 21 Mar - 6 Apr 1918
- Lys: 9 Apr - 27 Apr 1918
- Aisne: 27 May - 5 Jun 1918
- Montdidier-Noyon: 9 Jun - 13 Jun 1918
- Champagne-Marne: 18 Jul - 6 Aug 1918
- Aisne-Marne: 18 Jul - 6 Aug 1918
- Somme Offensive: 8 Aug - 11 Nov 1918
- Oise-Aisne: 18 Aug - 11 Nov 1918
- Ypres-Lys: 19 Aug - 11 Nov 1918
- St. Mihiel: 12-16 Sep 1918
- Meuse-Argonne: 26 Sep - 11 Nov 1918
- Vittorio-Veneto: 24 Oct - 4 Nov 1918

c. Clasps were awarded to personnel who served overseas in one of the following areas and were not entitled to a battle clasp:

- England: 6 Apr 1917 - 11 Nov 1918
- France: 6 Apr 1917 - 11 Nov 1918
- Italy: 6 Apr 1917 - 11 Nov 1918
- Siberia: Any service in Siberia
- Russia: Any service in European Russia

d. The lapel button is bronze, except that personnel who were wounded in action were awarded a silver lapel button.

4. **Components:** The following components are authorized:

- a. Medal (regular and miniature sizes): MIL-DTL-3943/236.
- b. Ribbon: MIL-DTL-11589/148.
- c. Lapel Button: MIL-DTL-11484/47

d. Streamers. Streamers are displayed on the organizational flag to represent campaign participation. The inscription on the organizational streamer will be as indicated in the unit's lineage and honors.

5. **Background:** a. The medal was established by an Act of Congress, 1919, and promulgated by War Department General Orders 48, 1919, which was rescinded by War Department General Orders 83, 30 Jun 1919.

b. The 14 Allied Nations decided on a single ribbon, but pendant design was left up to each Nation. Mr. James E. Fraser was the designer of the U.S. Victory Medal.

c. The Victory Medal ribbon pattern is used in thirteen streamers displayed on the Army flag to represent World War I service. The inscriptions for the streamers displayed on the Army flag are listed in AR 840-10.

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**j. World War I.** There were 13 campaigns for World War I during the period 1917-1918. The streamer is the World War I Victory Medal ribbon which had a red center with a rainbow on each side of the center stripe and a purple edge. The double rainbow symbolizes the dawn of a new era and the calm which follows the storm. The following inscriptions in white are authorized:

- CAMBRAI 1917
- SOMME DEFENSIVE 1918
- LYS 1918
- AISNE 1918
- MONTDIDIER-NOYON 1918
- CHAMPAGNE-MARNE 1918
- AISNE-MARNE 1918
- SOMME OFFENSIVE 1918
- OISE-AISNE 1918
- TPRES-LYS 1918
- ST. MIHIEL 1918
- MEUSE-ARGONNE 1918
- VITTORIA VENETO 1918



World War I Streamer

### Special Chevrons

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| <p><b>Wound Chevrons</b><br/><i>Worn on right lower sleeve,<br/>one for each combat wound.</i></p> | <p><b>Overseas Service Chevrons</b><br/><i>Worn on left lower sleeve,<br/>one gold for each six<br/>months service outside<br/>the United States.</i><br/><br/><i>One light blue for less<br/>than six months service.</i><br/><br/><i>Soldiers sometimes added a star to show<br/>they were a volunteer rather than a draftee.</i></p> |   | <p><b>Honorable Discharge Chevron</b><br/><i>Worn on middle left sleeve.</i></p>    |   |

# Order of Battle - American Forces - World War I

## 3rd Army Corps

Major General William M. Wright, commanding

3rd Division - Major General Joseph T. Dickman, commanding; Colonel Robert H. Kelton, Chief-of- Staff, Captain Frank L. Purdon, Adjutant General

- 5th Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General F. W. Sladen
  - 4th Infantry Regiment
  - 7th Infantry Regiment
  - 8th Machine Gun Battalion
- 8th Brigade Infantry
  - 30th Infantry Regiment
  - 38th Infantry Regiment
  - 9th Machine Gun Battalion
- 3rd Brigade, Field Artillery - Brigadier General W. M. Cruikshank
  - 10th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 76th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 18th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 3rd Trench Mortar Battery
- Engineer Troops - 6th Regiment
- Signal Troops - 5th Battalion
- Division Units - 3rd Division Headquarters Troop; 7th Machine Gun Battalion

5th Division - Major General John E. McMahon, commanding; Colonel Ralph E. Ingram, Chief-of- Staff, Major David P. Wood, Adjutant General

- 9th Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General J. C. Castner
  - 60th Infantry Regiment
  - 61st Infantry Regiment
  - 14th Machine Gun Battalion
- 10th Brigade Infantry - Major General W. H. Gordon
  - 6th Infantry Regiment
  - 11th Infantry Regiment
  - 15th Machine Gun Battalion
- 5th Brigade, Field Artillery - Brigadier General C. A. F. Flagler
  - 19th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 20th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 21st Field Artillery Regiment
  - 5th Trench Mortar Battery
- Engineer Troops - 7th Regiment
- Signal Troops - 9th Battalion
- Division Units - 5th Division Headquarters Troop; 13th Machine Gun Battalion

27th Division (New York) - Major General J. F. O'Ryan, commanding; Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley H. Ford, Chief-of-Staff, Lieutenant-Colonel Frank W. Ward, Adjutant General.

- 53rd Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General Alfred W. Bjornstad
  - 105th Infantry Regiment
  - 106th Infantry Regiment
  - 105th Machine Gun Battalion
- 54th Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General Palmer E. Pierce
  - 107th Infantry Regiment
  - 108th Infantry Regiment
  - 106th Machine Gun Battalion
- 52nd Brigade, Field Artillery - Brigadier General George W. Wingate
  - 104th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 105th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 106th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 102nd Trench Mortar Battery
- Engineer Troops - 102d Regiment
- Signal Troops - 102d Battalion
- Division Units - 27th Division Headquarters Troop; 104th Machine Gun Battalion

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## 3rd Army Corps

Major General William M. Wright, commanding

33rd Division - Major General George Bell, Jr., commanding; Colonel William K. Naylor, Chief-of- Staff, Adjutant General(not named)

- 65th Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General Edward L. King
  - 129th Infantry Regiment
  - 130th Infantry Regiment
  - 123rd Machine Gun Battalion
- 66th Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General Paul A. Wolff
  - 131st Infantry Regiment
  - 132nd Infantry Regiment
  - 124th Machine Gun Battalion
- 58th Brigade, Field Artillery - Brigadier General James A. Shipton
  - 122nd Field Artillery Regiment
  - 123rd Field Artillery Regiment
  - 124th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 108th Trench Mortar Battery
- Engineer Troops - 108th Regiment
- Signal Troops - 108th Battalion
- Division Units - 33rd Division Headquarters Troop; 112th Machine Gun Battalion

78th Division - Major General James A. McRae, commanding; Lieutenant-Colonel Harry N. Cootes, Chief of Staff, Major William T. MacMill, Adjutant General.

- 155th Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General Mark L. Hersey
  - 309th Infantry Regiment
  - 310th Infantry Regiment
  - 308th Machine Gun Battalion
- 156th Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General James T. Dean
  - 311th Infantry Regiment
  - 312th Infantry Regiment
  - 309th Machine Gun Battalion
- 153rd Brigade, Field Artillery - Brigadier General Clint C. Hearn
  - 307th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 308th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 309th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 303rd Trench Mortar Battery
- Engineer Troops - 303d Regiment
- Signal Troops - 303d Battalion
- Division Units - 78th Division Headquarters Troop; 307th Machine Gun Battalion

80th Division - Major General Adelbert Cronkhite, commanding; Lieutenant Colonel William H. Waldron, Chief of Staff, Major Steven C. Clark, Adjutant General.

- 159th Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General George H. Jamerson
  - 317th Infantry Regiment
  - 318th Infantry Regiment
  - 315th Machine Gun Battalion
- 160th Brigade Infantry - Brigadier General Lloyd M. Bratt
  - 319th Infantry Regiment
  - 320th Infantry Regiment
  - 315th Machine Gun Battalion
- 155th Brigade, Field Artillery - Brigadier General Gordon G. Heiner
  - 313rd Field Artillery Regiment
  - 314th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 315th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 305th Trench Mortar Battery
- Engineer Troops - 305th Regiment
- Signal Troops - 305th Battalion
- Division Units - 80th Division Headquarters Troop; 313th Machine Gun Battalion

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## 311TH REGIMENT

LINEAGE AND HONORS INFORMATION AS OF 15 JANUARY 2002

### *311th Regiment Lineage*

Constituted 5 August 1917 in the National Army as the 311th Infantry and assigned to the 78th Division

Organized 15 September 1917 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Demobilized 30 May - 5 June 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as the 311th Infantry and assigned to the 78th Division (later redesignated as the 78th Infantry Division)

Organized in November 1921 with Headquarters at Trenton, New Jersey

Ordered into active military service 15 August 1942 and reorganized at Camp Butner, North Carolina

Inactivated 22 May 1946 in Germany

Activated 17 December 1946 in the Organized Reserves with Headquarters at Newark, New Jersey

(Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve)

(Location of Headquarters changed 9 November 1955 to Kearny, New Jersey; changed 16 April 1956 to Montclair, New Jersey)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1959 as the 311th Regiment, an element of the 78th Division (Training), with Headquarters at Montclair, New Jersey

(Location of Headquarters changed 1 July 1961 to Morris Township, New Jersey)

Reorganized 31 January 1968 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 78th Division (Training)

Reorganized 1 October 1993 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 78th Division (Exercise)

Reorganized 17 October 1999 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 78th Division (Training Support)

### *311th Regiment Honors*

#### *Campaign Participation Credit*

World War I: St. Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne; Lorraine 1918

World War II: Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe

#### *Decorations*

2d Battalion entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for SIEGFRIED LINE

## 311TH REGIMENT



**DISTINCTIVE UNIT  
INSIGNIA**



**COAT OF ARMS**

**Distinctive Unit Insignia. Description:** A gold colored metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall consisting of a shield blazoned: Azure, an oak tree Or; in a chief dancette Gules fimbriated Argent three alerions of the second. Attached below the shield a red scroll turned gold inscribed "JAMAIS TROP TARD" in gold letters.

**Symbolism:** The shield is blue for Infantry and blue is also the color of the shield of the coat of arms of St. Mihiel. The dancette alludes to the three rocks on the coat of arms of St. Mihiel. The oak tree represents service in the Meuse-Argonne. The arms of Lorraine are "Or, on a bend Gules three alerions of the field," and the three alerions on the red chief denote service in Lorraine.

**Background:** The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 311th Infantry, Organized Reserves on 12 Apr 1922. It was redesignated for the 311th Regiment (BCT) on 8 Jul 1960.

### **Coat of Arms.**

#### **Blazon:**

**Shield:** Azure, an oak tree Or; on a chief dancette Gules fimbriated Argent three alerions of the second.

**Crest:** That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army Reserve: On a wreath of the colors (Or and Azure) the Lexington Minute Man Proper. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker (H.H. Kitson, sculptor), stands on the Common in Lexington, Massachusetts.

**Motto:** JAMAIS TROP TARD (Never Too Late).

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**Background:** The coat of arms was originally approved for the 311th Regiment Infantry, Organized Reserves on 12 Mar 1929. It was redesignated for the 311th Regiment (BCT) on 8 Jul 1960.

## Kastler Court - New Milford, NJ

Kastler Court was named after Private Carl H. Kastler, born April 15, 1896. He was the only New Milford resident to serve in WWI. Carl enlisted in the Army on June 5, 1917 at the age of 22, and served with Company A of the 311th Infantry. He was discharged on September 28, 1918 due to pneumonia. There are no records on when the street was dedicated, but it was still a dirt road in 1972.

### Kastler Court - New Milford, New Jersey



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was discharged on September 28, 1918 due to pneumonia. There are no records on when the street was dedicated, but it was still a dirt road in 1972. Thanks to New Milford Mayor Frank DeBari for researching this information, and for acquiring the images. You can view more images of the neighborhood in the Miscellaneous section of the photo album (click on the picture).



*Information/Photos, Courtesy: Mayor Frank DeBari of New Milford, NJ.*

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***Soldiers War Memorial, Borough Hall, New Milford, NJ***



KOREA  
 RICHARD T. SHEA Jr. M.O.H.  
 GEORGE MORRIS  
 JAMES H. POWELL  
 FRANK ROSSE

  
 WORLD WAR I  
 CARL H. KASTLER

VIETNAM  
 THOMAS GRIX  
 LARRY MERSCHROD  
 JAMES WOODS, Jr.  
 GEORGE LESTER MICHELS



WORLD WAR II

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| ARMAND ALLESSANDRINI | WILLIAM KORFITSEN    |
| JOHN J. BULGER       | DENNIS J. LACEY      |
| LOUIS J. FALLER      | GARY LEONARD         |
| GEORGE FERMERY       | ALFRED H. LUHMANN    |
| ROBERT GREVE         | CHARLES R. MCCARTHY  |
| LEE G. HOFFMAN       | HENRI NEILL REICHELT |
| WARREN JOHNSON       | ROBERT TRENCH        |
| EDWARD J. JORDAN     | ROBERT TROTTA        |
|                      | HOWARD TRENCH        |

