

## ***Morning Reports***

### ***What are Morning reports?***

*Morning reports are created each morning, as the name implies. This report is usually compiled by the Company Clerk, from data that is furnished to him by the Company 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant.*

*Among reasons for being listed on a Morning Report are:*

*Promotion or demotion.*

*Being killed, wounded or missing in action.*

*Being assigned to a unit, or leaving a unit.*

*Going to a hospital for treatment, or to another activity for training.*

*Temporary 'attachment' or detachment' to a unit.*

*Going on leave, or returning from leave.*

*Every day of WWII, whether in training or during most of the entire war, a 3 1/4 " by 7" Morning Report Form was prepared by each Company or Battery and forwarded to its higher headquarters. These records are still preserved at the National Archives in College Park, MD.*

### ***Morning Reports List:***

*Unit Location*

*Killed and Missing in Action*

*Brief wound descriptions*

*Evacuations to hospitals*

*Those captured as POW's*

*New Assignees (Replacements)*

*Promotions and transfers*

*Rank and Army Serial Numbers of soldier involved*

*Soldier's MOS (Military Occupational Specialty)*

*Note: During WWII, the Army Serial Number was used exclusively, but in later periods, the Social Security Number replaced the ASN for identification purposes.*

*Under combat conditions, many of the original Morning Reports were lost, so this data may have been reconstructed, and has led to inaccuracies.*

*Note: When a soldier was "dropped fr rolls" due to evacuation to a hospital, he will sometimes be found in a later report when he rejoined the unit.*

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### ***Abbreviations Often Found in Morning Reports***

*APO – Army Post Office*

*appt - Appointed*

*ar – Arrested*

*asgd – assigned*

*atchd – attached*

*BC – Battle Casualty*

*Bn – Battalion*

*DP - Disbursement Point*

*det – detached*

*disch – discharged*

*D/D – Dishonorable Discharge*

*DoD – Date of Death*

*DoI – Died of Injuries*

*DoW – Died of Wounds*

*DS – Detached Service*

*dy – duty*

*EM – Enlisted Men*

*FOD – Finding of Death*

*fr – from*

*hosp – hospital*

*IIA – Injured in Action*

*jd – joined*

*LD – Line of Duty*

*LIA – Lightly Injured in Action*

*Lv – Leave*

*LWA – Lightly Wounded in Action (not believed to be life threatening)*

*MCO – Main Civilian Occupation*

*MOS – Military Occupational Specialty #*

*NBC – Non Battle casualty*

*NCO – Non-Commissioned Officer*

*NLD – Not in the Line of Duty*

*no – number*

*opns – operations*

*par – paragraph*

*Pers – Personnel*

*plat or plt – platoon*

*qtrs – quarters*

*reld – relieved*

*repl - replacement*

*rd – reduced*

*RTD – Returned to Duty*

*SIA – Seriously Injured in Action*

*Sk – sick*

*SSN – Service Specialty Number (Same as MOS. Does NOT mean Social Security #)*

*SWA – Seriously Wounded in Action (believed to be life threatening)*

*td – temporary duty*

*trfd – transferred*

*unasgd – unassigned*

*vic – vicinity*

*WIA – Wounded in Action*

*“Wounds” usually meant that they were caused by enemy action.*

*“Injuries” usually meant that they were caused by accidents.*

*“DOW and DOI” meant that death occurred at a later date than the date of wounds or injuries.*

*Other abbreviations may have been used that are not listed here.*