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Letter Regarding John H. Quick's Valor at Cuzco

U. S. MARINE BARRACED,
Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.,
November 26th, 1898.

Sir:--

1. In obedience to Article 899, having reference to Articles 896 and 897, Navy Regulations, I have the honor to report as follows:

2. Sergeant John H. Quick, U. S. Marines, while serving as 3d Sergeant of "C" Company, 1st Battalion Marines, in Cuba, distinguished himself in battle, showing gallantry under the following circumstances.

3. Two companies and a half under my Command on detached service, were engaged in an offensive fight on June 14th, 1898, at Cuzco, some five miles from the main camp. The entire firing line being engaged were kneeling or lying down, occupying the sharp crest of a steep hill; the enemy, (at this stage of the fight) were in the valley, but were concealed by bushes. It was deemed advisable to signal the U. S. U. Dolphin on three occasions, asking that she would throw shell into the valley, etc., in order to make the enemy move so that we could see to shoot them, they having been driven to shelter by our fire. Sergeant Quick volunteered to signal, using a dark blue flag belonging to the Cubans. After a trial of twenty minutes, it was found impossible for the U. S. U. Dolphin to read the signal against the background, and that it was necessary to make it from the crest of the hill, so that the flag would show against the sky. Sergeant Quick on each occasion stood fairly on the crest, his back to the enemy number of whoppers fire, and made his signal as coolly as if on a parade ground; bullets drifted by him and some cut the dust near his feet, of which he must have been conscious. When a signal was ended the Sergeant remained on

the same ground would kneel and fire.

4. Personally, I think of no words that express his action so well, as that it was beautiful.

5. I respectfully recommend that Sergeant Quick be granted a medal, of such a class as the Honorable Secretary of the Navy may see fit to adjudge.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) G. F. Elliott
Captain, U. S. N. C.,
Commanding Marines,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

1st Endorsement.
U. S. Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., Nov. 26, 1898.
Approved, and respectfully referred to the Secretary of the Navy, via the Colonel Commandant, of the U. S. N. C., Sergt. J. H. Quick, U. S. N. C., is now at this Yard.
(Signed) A. E. McConick
Captain, U.S.N.C.
Commandant.

End Endorsement.
Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., December 2, 1898. Approved and respectfully forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy. The within described action of Sergeant John H. Quick, U. S. Marine Corps, seems to have been one of extraordinary heroism and gallantry performed in the line of his profession, and to entitle him to the medal of honor provided in Article 897 of the Navy Regulations.
(Signed) Charles Hayward,
Colonel Commandant.

3rd Endorsement.
#8927-15 - 3d Navy Department, Dec. 6, 1898. Subject. Elliott, G. F., Captain U. S. N. C., Commanding Marines, Navy Yard Washington - Calls attention to gallant and heroic conduct of Sergeant John H. Quick, U. S. N. C., while serving as 3d sergeant of Company C, 1st Battalion of Marines in Cuba, and recommends that he be awarded a medal of honor. Referred to the Bureau of Navigation, approving the recommendations contained in the within letter of Captain G. F. Elliott, U. S. N. C., and in the 2d endorsement hereon of the Colonel Commandant, U. S. N. C., and authorizing the award of a medal of honor to the within named Sergeant John H. Quick, for extraordinary heroism and gallantry in the line of his profession on the occasion mentioned.
(Signed) John D. Long,
Secretary.

This letter was written by Quick's commanding officer, Captain G. F. Elliott, as part of an effort to award Quick the Medal of Honor for his bravery during combat in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. The captain, who became the tenth Commandant of the Marine Corps, relates the details of Quick's action to signal a nearby ship while taking enemy fire.

Citation: World War I Marine Corps Enlisted Official Military Personnel Files, "Quick, John H." Records of the United States Marine Corps, Record Group 127; National Archives and Records Administration - National Personnel Records Center, Archival Programs Division.

NARA West Coast November 2006

**Margaret Christensen
Welding at the Puget
Sound Navy Yard**
Citation: RG 181, NARA's
Pacific Alaska Region (Seattle)



**Exhibits:
Pacific Alaska
Region
Seattle, WA
Picturing the
Century**

**Picturing the
Century in the
Pacific Northwest**

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MONDAY

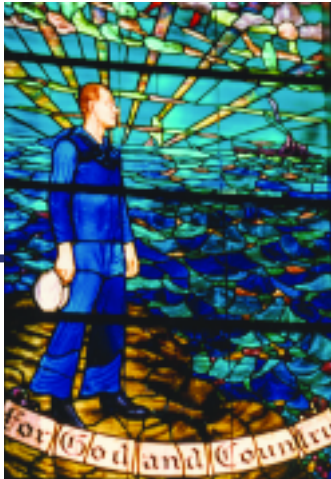
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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SATURDAY



**Stained Glass
Window at Naval
Training Center,
San Diego**

Citation: RG 181, NARA's
Pacific Region (Laguna
Niguel)

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Denver, CO
**Using Military Service
Records at NARA**
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Records for Genealogy**
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**American Indian
Records Research**
Workshop
General Public
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Laguna Niguel, CA
**Veterans Day
Open House**
949-360-2640

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**Military Service
Records at NARA**
Workshop
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Denver, CO
**Veterans Day
Open House**
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Anchorage, AK
Veterans Day Ceremony
Information Booth
General Public
907-261-7820

Anchorage, AK
**Women's Veterans
Day Event**
Information Booth
General Public
907-261-7820

Seattle, WA
Brick Wall Discussion
Workshop/General Public
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Perris, CA
**Veterans Day
Open House**
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San Bruno, CA
**Veterans Day
Open House**
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**Veterans Day
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Denver, CO
**Using Primary
Source Materials**
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General Public
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Thanksgiving Day
All NARA Facilities
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**Miss
Bombshell,
Ogden
Arsenal,
Ogden, UT**
Citation: RG 156,
NARA's Rocky
Mountain Region
(Denver)

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Education in Black & White

*Around the World With the
USS Olympia*

Exhibits:
Southeast Region
Morrow, Georgia
Firsthand History

Exhibits:
Northeast Region
New York, NY
Veterans at Work

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Exhibits: Philadelphia, PA <i>The Constitution at Ground Level</i> Exhibits: New York, NY <i>From NARA's Holdings: New York Photographs</i>			1 Philadelphia, PA Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors Workshop Genealogists 215-606-0112	2 Waltham, MA Chinese Exclusion Acts Lecture/Teachers 866-406-2379	3 Plainview, Long Island Genealogy Research Using Customs House Records Lecture/Genealogists 866-840-1752 <hr/> Philadelphia, PA First Friday Genealogy Open House 215-606-0112	4 Morrow, GA Clayton County Homeowners Association Open House General Public 770-968-2555
5 	6	7	8 Pittsfield, MA Beginning Your Genealogy at NARA Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600 <hr/> Philadelphia, PA Your Family and the Courts Workshop/Genealogists 215-606-0112	9	10 New York, NY Veterans Day Open House 866-840-1752 <hr/> Philadelphia, PA Veterans Day Open House 215-606-0112	11 Portland, ME Military Records Lecture Genealogists 866-406-2379
Betty Grable Entertaining the Troops at Camp Kilmer, NJ <i>Citation: RG 338, NARA's Northeast Region (New York)</i>		14 Morrow, GA Veterans' Day Workshop Workshop/General Public 770-968-2555 <hr/> Waltham, MA Passenger Lists & Can. Border Crossings Lecture/Genealogists 866-406-2379 <hr/> New York, NY Using Military Records Lecture/General Public 866-840-1752	15 Birmingham, AL Southern Historical Association Conference/Academicians 706-542-8848 <hr/> Pittsfield, MA Using Federal Census Records Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600	16	18 Morrow, GA Veterans Day Open House 770-968-2555	18 Portland, ME Military Records Lecture Genealogists 866-406-2379
19 Fayetteville, GA Fayette County Historical Society Lecture/General Public 770-716-6020 <hr/> Hillsdale, NY Beginning Your Genealogy at NARA Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3604	20		22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Philadelphia, PA Telling the Story: Ways to Share Family History Workshop 215-606-0112	30 Thanksgiving Day All NARA Facilities Closed <hr/> New York, NY Teaching with Documents: Document Analysis Workshop K-12 Teachers 866-840-1752		Convoy of Trucks Carrying Anti-Aircraft Systems, c. 1918 <i>RG 156, NARA's Mid Atlantic Region (Philadelphia)</i>

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NARA Midwest November 2006



GAR Members Stevens & Bell of Missouri. Grand Rapids, Michigan, 9/15/1927.

Citation: RG 77, NARA's Central Plains Region.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 <p>African-American sailors at Hastings Naval Ammunition Depot, Hastings, Nebraska. <i>Citation: RG 181, NARA's Great Lakes Region.</i></p>	1	2	3	<p>Independence, MO National History Day Workshop Workshop K-12 Teachers 816-268-8012</p> <hr/> <p>West Plains, MO Overview of the National Archives Lecture/General Public 816-268-8017</p>
5	6	7	8	<p>Kansas City, MO Veterans Day Open House 816-268-8072</p> <hr/> <p>St. Louis, MO Veterans Day Open House 314-801-0909</p> <hr/> <p>Fort Worth, TX Veterans Day Open House 817-831-5620</p>	10	<p>Chicago, IL Veterans Day Open House 773-948-9001</p> <hr/> <p>Chicago, IL Lake Michigan's Aircraft Carriers Public Reading General Public (773) 948-9001</p> <hr/> <p>Salina, KS Using NARA Records to Enhance Your Genealogy Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8014</p>
12	13	14	15	16	<p>Parkville, MO Document and Photo Preservation for Genealogists Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8014</p>	
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26	27	28	29	30	<p>Thanksgiving Day All NARA Facilities Closed</p>	<p>Exhibit Chicago, IL <i>Surveys of Indian Industry</i></p> <hr/> <p>Chicago IL <i>A National Resource in a Local Setting</i></p>
	<p>Topeka, KS If Only These Walls Could Talk Lecture General Public 816-268-8014</p>		<p>Lee's Summit, MO Using NARA Records to Determine Immigrant Origins Lecture/Genealogists 816-268-8014</p>			

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