

The Military ID/Dog Tag

A dog tag is the informal name for the identification tags worn by military personnel, because of their resemblance to actual dog tags. The tag is primarily used for the identification of dead and wounded along with providing essential basic medical information for the treatment of the latter such as blood type and history of inoculations. In the event the member has a medical condition that requires special attention, an additional red tag with the pertinent information is issued and worn with the dog tags.

Wearing of the tag is required at all times by soldiers in the field. It may contain two copies of the information and be designed to break easily into two pieces. This allows half the tag to be collected for notification while the other half remains with the body when battle conditions do not allow the casualty to be immediately recovered. Alternatively, two identical tags are issued. One is worn on a long chain around the neck; the second on a much smaller chain attached to the first chain. In the event the wearer is killed the second tag is collected and the first remains with the body.

During the American Civil War of 1861-1865, some soldiers pinned paper notes with their name and home address to the backs of their coats. Other soldiers stenciled identification on their knapsacks or scratched it in the soft lead backing of the Army belt buckle.

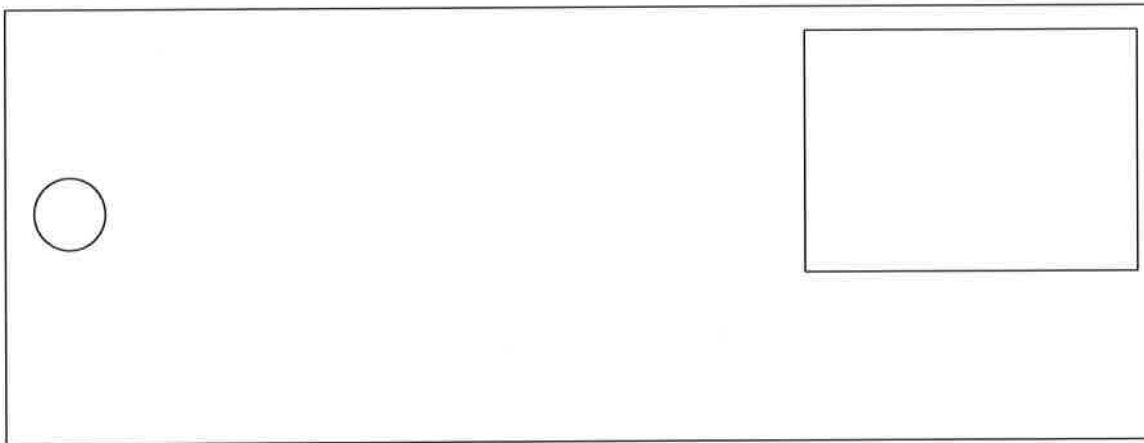
Manufacturers of identification badges recognized a market and began advertising in periodicals. Their pins were usually shaped to suggest a branch of service and engraved with soldier's name and unit. Machine-stamped tags were also made of brass or lead with a hole and usually had (on one side) an eagle or shield and such phrases as "War for the Union" or "Liberty, Union, and Equality." The other side had the soldier's name and unit and sometimes a list of battles in which he had participated.

Your Military ID tag should state:

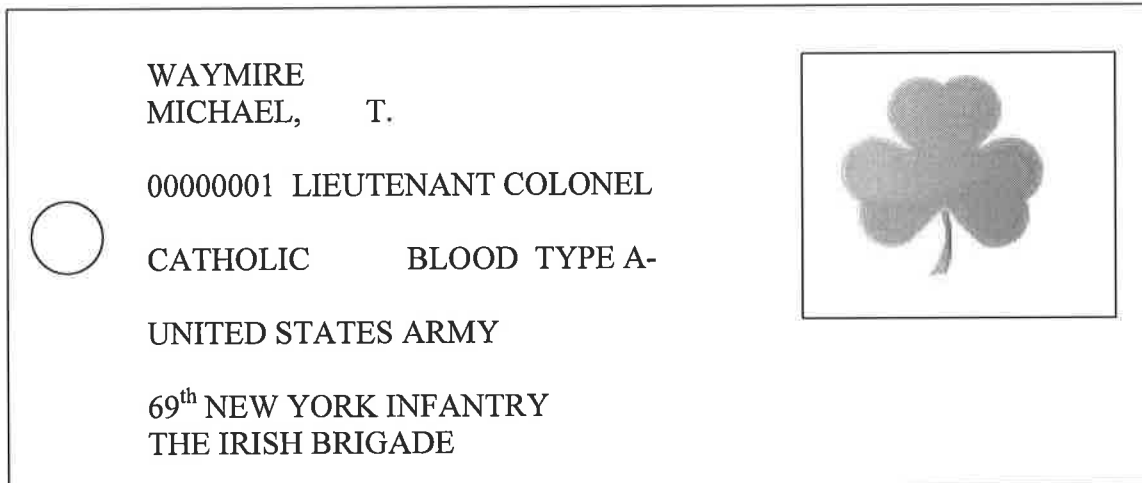
Last Name First Name Class ID (or school id) and Rank Blood Type (A,B -or+ or type O) Religious Pref. (If you want) Union Army or the Confederate States Army A legion /regiment you are a part of for example The 20 th Maine The 54 Massachusetts The Irish Brigade 27 th Virginia Berdan's Sharpshooters The 4 th Texas The 6 th Louisiana Tigers The IX Corps	A symbol that represents your regiment
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Instructions

1. On the blank Tag Below write all the information that is required for the Dog Tag. If you are unsure what a blood type is go to... http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blood_type . If you are confused as to what rank you should choose go to... <http://www.friesian.com/rank.htm>. Remember your rank cannot be higher than Lieutenant Colonel. Get this paper stamped.
2. Ask your teacher for a piece of precut shrinky dink paper and a sharpie.
3. Select a famous legion from the Civil War that you might connect with. The legion you chose will determine your affiliation US Army or CSA. Go to... [www.http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_American_Civil_War_regiments_by_state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_American_Civil_War_regiments_by_state) to choose which regiment best represents you.
4. Transcribe all the information onto the Shrinky Dink Paper.
5. When your paper is complete, see your teacher. (Dog tags will be shrunk on selected days only. After your Dog tag is complete). Show it to your teacher.



A rectangular box representing a blank dog tag. On the left side, there is a small circle. On the right side, there is a larger square area.



A rectangular box representing a completed dog tag. On the left side, there is a small circle. To the right of the circle, the text is as follows:

WAYMIRE
MICHAEL, T.

00000001 LIEUTENANT COLONEL

CATHOLIC BLOOD TYPE A-

UNITED STATES ARMY

69th NEW YORK INFANTRY
THE IRISH BRIGADE

On the right side of the box, there is a square containing a four-leaf clover.