

Military Records Destroyed in Blaze At St. Louis Center

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 22 (AP)—Military records worth \$50 million were destroyed in a fire that broke out in the building housing the Army's Military Personnel Center here today.

The fire, which started about 10:30 a.m., was spotted by a fireman in the building's lobby. It spread rapidly, burning through the building's steel frame and gutters, and firefighters battled for hours to contain it.

The blaze, which was extinguished about 1:30 p.m., destroyed all the records in the center, which is the Army's main repository for military personnel records. The records, which are stored in thousands of files, include names, addresses, and other information on active-duty soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines.

The records are also used to determine military benefits for veterans and their families. The records are stored in a building that is part of the Army's Military Personnel Center, which is located in the downtown St. Louis area.

The fire, which was caused by a short circuit in the building's electrical system, destroyed about 10 million records, including those of World War I and World War II veterans. The records are stored in a building that is part of the Army's Military Personnel Center, which is located in the downtown St. Louis area.

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All the accounts I've seen and heard about yesterday's fire at the St. Louis records center refer to GSA operation. Actually, it is Archives, which is part of DGA. We can conjecture only about the records lost, but it seems not unreasonable to wonder if among these military records might not be those of The Ft. Jackson Brigade, speaking, spooks, etc. With persistent efforts at arson, all, seeming, after WC, and with some of the odd WC involvements, like McCord's list preparations, there could be some kind of connection.

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