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**Grandpa
Frank's
Military
History**

The Military History of Frank James Riel Jr.

Editors Note: As many of you know Grandpa Frank is very meticulous about his record keeping. Basically he never throws anything away and files just about everything that could be important. One of the files he kept contained everything about his military career, including things like receipts for pillow cases, test taken, bills for dinner and even the important stuff like his orders to and from different assignments. Because he kept such good documentation, I was able to piece together the following chronology of his life in the Military. I found it to be very interesting and revealing of the life of a soldier during WWII. Each date represents an actual record in the file and conveys just the facts as they apply to Frank James Riel Jr. (FJR).



6/4/41

Notice to 2nd Lieutenant Frank J Riel who was at the time in the infantry reserve (chemical warfare), placing him on extended active duty 7/1/41 reporting to Fort Benning Ga., joining the 24th Infantry.

6/28/41

Letter revoking the previous orders and changing his status to "active duty in the near future"

7/741 SO No 140

Orders were received by Lt Riel to place him on extended active duty for one year effective 7/23/41. He was to report to Fort Hayes in Columbus Ohio (403rd Chemical Field Laboratory) for a physical and then to the Edgewood Arsenal (chemical Warfare), Maryland for duty. He was scheduled to be released from active duty on 7/22/42

7/9/41

Frank Riel accepts his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army.

7/23/41

Frank Riel has a Physical Examination at Fort Hayes. Standing 5' - 6 1/2" and weighing in at 119 pounds he was 4 pounds below the minimum weight. A waiver of physical defect was applied for on 7/25/41 and accepted on 7/26/41.

9/2/41 SO No 204

FJR is reassigned from Chemical warfare service replacement training center, Edgewood Arsenal and reassigned to Edgewood Arsenal.

9/6/41 SO No 208

FJR reported for duty and was assigned to be a assistant post exchange officer.

1/9/42 SO No 9

FJR receives a marksman qualification shooting a pistol (dismounted).

2/24/42 - 2/26/42

FJR is in basic training and takes several tests averaging in the high 80's or low 90s

3/5/42

FJR is recommended for promotion to 1st lieutenant

3/7/42 SO No 66

FJR is attached to the headquarters Detachment CWS, Edgewood Arsenal, MD.

3/27/42

FJR is inoculated for yellow fever

3/27/42

FJR is promoted to 1st Lieutenant

4/9/42 SO No 99

FJR is relieved from his attachment to HQ CWS, Edgewood Arsenal, MD.

5/7/42 SO No 127

FJR is granted 4 days leave starting 5/12/42.

5/15/42

FJR is ordered to leave Edgewood Arsenal and report to Fort Meade, MD for temporary duty and training, after which he will receive further orders.

5/17/42

FJR signs out of Edgewood Arsenal, a process that requires him to collect 10 different signatures stating he is "clear of property and responsibility of all in-

debtedness as far as pertains to his account with the following offices:" Officers' Mess, Quartermaster, Sales Officer, Signal Officer, Post Exchange, Supply Officer, Safety Division, Chemical Warfare School, Officers Replacement School and Finance Office.

FJR signs in at Fort Meade and signs for the following property: 2 blankets (wool), 1 mattress cover, 1 pillow, 1 pillow cover, 2 sheets, 1 cot (steel, folding), 1 gas mask, 1 regimental recreation officers guide, 1 morale officers guide, 1 typical layout and construction detail and 1 name card holder.

6/15/42

FJR graduates from special services school and is ordered to report to the Aviation Cadet Examining Board at Bolling field DC for examination for training, under the provisions of letter, War Department, AG 580.7

6/18/42

FJR is ordered to report to the 9th Special Services Unit, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

7/16/42

FJR request to take a physical examination for application to Officer Flight Training is approved.

7/23/42

FJR signs up to have \$7.50 every other week taken from his pay to purchase a \$50 Defense Savings Bond

8/17/42

FJR requests and is granted a 1 day leave of absence on 8/21/42 to take a physical examination for the Air Corps at Shepard Field, Texas.

10/16/42

FJR diverts \$140 per month from his pay to Grogham Bank and Saving Co., Fremont Ohio.

10/20/42

FJR diverts \$6.70 per month from his pay to the Veterans Administration.



Frank Riel Skiing in the mountains near the Teheran district, April 1943

FJR's unit (9th special services unit) is ordered to report to Fort Dix, New Jersey for overseas deployment. FJR signs power of attorney to his mother Edna S. Riel and files a form for will naming his father Frank James Riel as the executor.

10/23/42

FJR under the 9th special services unit stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey is placed in command of the 2nd service platoon and is designated Ass't Supply Officer.

12/30/42

In accordance with paragraph 1, November Order #6, Headquarters, Port Services, Offices of Port Commander, Khorramshahr, Iran, Dated 12/29/42, 1st Lt. F. J. Riel, is designated as Detachment Commander of the 9th Special Service Unit for Teheran District.

2/9/43

FJR is appointed as Special Service Officer Teheran District, Persian Gulf Service Command (PGSC).

3/28/43

FJR is outfitted with the equipment as shown below

4/14/43

FJR is notified that a Captain Hall was enroute from the US and should arrive the first part of May at which time FJR will be relieved from assignment of Special Services Officer, Teheren District.

4/24/43

FJR is appointed as the Post Exchange Officer in the Teheren District.

4/25/43

FJR is relieved from assignment of Special Services Officer, Teheren District.

6/17/43

FJR is placed on DS (Detached Service?) with the Mountain Dist, PGSC.

8/12/43

FJR receives a letter from Colonel F. H. Dryden reminding FJR that he is responsible for all activities of operation for exchanges in the Mountain Command. One paragraph directs him as follows:

You will make such inspections of field installations as are necessary to determine their efficiency and to assure equitable distribution of all merchandise. A case in point is at Hamadan; on a recent inspection of the district by the District Commander it was revealed that cigarettes were being sold at the ratio of one popular brand and two unpopular brands. It is your responsibility to correct and preclude any malpractices in sales of critical items.

9/4/43

Camp Amirabad, FJR is designated as a Class "A" Agent Financial Officer for the purposes of payment of enlisted personnel.

12/24/43

FJR is relieved from his appointment as Mountain District Exchange Officer and replaced by Captain Everett.

1/3/44

FJR is appointed Exchange Officer, Camp Amirabad, ad was to report to the Post Provost Marshal for duty.

6/30/44

FJR request a permit be obtained from the Russian Legation, authorizing him to travel from Teheran, Iran to Tabriz, Iran. For the period covering 7/7/44 - 7/11/44.

7/5/44

FJR is detailed to a board of Officers for the purposes of inspecting and making such recommendations as may be desirable with regard to fire prevention measures and fire-fighting facilities on his post (camp Amirabad).

7/7/44

Request by FJR for travel to Tabriz is disapproved, stating that the Russian Consulate does not favorably consider requests for passes to Tabriz for recreational purposes.

7/8/44

FJR request to be considered for return to the zone of the interior for reassignment.

7/25/44

FJR is ordered to temporary duty in Tabriz, Iran.

7/26/44

FJR is relieved of his appointment as Exchange officer Camp Amirabad.

8/2/44

FJR is appointed Special Services Officer, Camp Amirabad, Iran

8/4/44

FJR is relieved from assignment to the 9th Special Service Command and assigned to the Chemical Warfare Service Replacement pool, Edgewood Arsenal, MD.

8/19/43

The 9th Special Service Unit is transferred to the Provisional Unit, #2730, Army Exchange Unit, Teheran, Iran.

8/20/43

FJR is ordered to Temporary Duty in connection with Service C Activities in Kazvin, Hamadan & Ghom, Iran. Upon completion of duty he was to return to Tehran, Iran.

8/26/43

FJR is assigned to Bachelor Officers Quarters (BOQ) 1, room 9 in the Amirabad Barracks

WAR DEPARTMENT
GMC FORM NO 434
Revised 1-8-35

SHIPPING TICKET

CONSIGNOR'S YOU, NO.
CONSIGNEE'S YOU, NO.
NUMBER OF SHEETS.

CONSIGNOR: **COMMANDING OFFICER, 9th Special Service Unit**

DATE SHIPPED OR DELIVERED: **March 28, 1943**

Ship To-- **F. J. RIEL,
1st Lt., C. W. S.,
COMMANDING, Teheran Det.**

Authority or Req. No.
Transportation Cost of \$.....
Chargeable to P/A No.

QUANTITY		STOCK NO.	ARTICLE	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
ORDERED	SHIPPED					
	1	1	Bar, mosquito, sandfly	ea		
	1	1	Belt, pistol	ea		
	3		Blankets, WOD 3 1/2 lbs.	ea		
	1		Compass, watch	ea		
	1		Flashlight, TL-122-A	ea		
	1		Headnet	ea		
	1		Helmet, steel, M-1 (complete)	ea		
	1		Holster, pistol	ea		
	2		Magazine assy	ea		
	1		Mask, gas, diaphragm	ea		
	1		Pistol, Auto. cal. 45	ea		
	1		M1911 #495254	ea		
	1		Pocket, mag. web, double	ea		
	2		Poles, tent, shelter half	ea		
	10		Pins, tent, shelter half	ea		
	1		Pouch, 1st aid	ea		
	1		Roll, bedding, Off.	ea		
	2		Tents, shelter half	ea		
	1		Whistle, thunder	ea		

I certify that the articles listed hereon were previously issued to me at Fort Sill, Okla.

**F. J. RIEL,
1st Lt., C. W. S.,**

I certify that I have this date issued the items listed by to the person who accomplished the foregoing certificate.

ARTICLES LISTED IN COLUMN "ORDERED" HAVE BEEN RECEIVED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN COLUMN "SHIPPED."

**E. C. CLARK, Jr
Capt., Infantry**
COMMANDING OFFICER

(NAME) (RANK) (ORGANIZATION)
FOR YOUR FILES

8/5/44
FJR Returns the following items to the Government:

MEMORANDUM RECEIPT
* CREDIT * ~~DEBIT~~ SLIP

Received for } F. J. Riel, 1st Lt.
named in by }

Amirabad Date 5 August, 1944

Special Service Company Property
(Name of supply branch)

STOCK NO.	ARTICLES
Ea	Pistol, US, Auto Cal..45, M1911, # 495251
ea	Magazine assy (45)
ea	Holster, pistol
ea	Rod, cleaning (45* w/brush
ea	Watch, compass
ea	Desk, field, fiber, 60.
ea	Lantern, Electric
ea	Heaters, Water, Range, Field, M1937
ea	Can, Galv. G.I. 10-gal.
ea	Buckets, G.I. galv. 14-qt.
ea	Machine, computing, listing, Remington, 8-column. #73-305316
*****LAST ITEM*****	
This supersedes all previous receipts issued for the same property.	

Received the above-named articles.

Robert D. S. S. S.
(Signature with rank and organization)

Supply Dept.
(Official designation)

C. Form 487
Revised May 14, 1961 *Strike out words not applicable. G P O

8/14/44
FJR signs out of the Persian Gulf Command, a process that requires him to collect 12 different signatures stating he is "clear of property and responsibility of all indebtedness as far as pertains to his account with the following offices:" Post Supply Property, QM Laundry, Post Utility Property, Hospital Mess, Signal Officer, Organization Property, QM Salvage & Repair, QM Commissary, Officers Mess, HQ Commandant, Organization Funds and Billeting Officer.

8/18/44
FJR arrives at Washington Airport Army Base and is ordered to report to Edgewood Arsenal without delay.

8/20/44
FJR is granted 21 days of leave effective immediately.

9/12/44
FJR is attached to Chemical Weapons School

9/29/44
FJR is assigned to Camp Detrick, Frederick, MD effective 10/7/44

10/5/44
FJR is relieved from attachment to Chemical Weapons School.

10/17/44
FJR is attached to HQ for duty at Camp Detrick, Fredrick, Maryland as a Special Service Officer.

10/31/44
FJR is attached to 0 Division for duty at Camp Detrick, Fredrick, Maryland.

11/3/44
FJR is assigned to the Pilot Plant Branch at Camp Detrick, Fredrick, Maryland.

11/30/44
FJR is assigned to the Technical Department at Camp Detrick, Fredrick, Maryland.

12/3/44
FJR request a 9 day leave of absence effective 12/10/44 to visit his parents in Fremont Ohio. He also sends a letter of inquiry to the Transportation Officer, New York Port of Embarkation, requesting that a search be made for his missing foot locker and bed roll shipped on 8/14/44 from the Persian Gulf Command.

12/11/44
FJR receives notice that his property cannot be located and to contact the Chief of Transportation, Water Division, Ships Operation Branch, Washington 25, D.C.

12/15/44
FJR is granted a leave of absence for 6 days starting 12/21/44

12/22/44
FJR writes the Chief of Transportation asking him for assistance.

2/2/45
FJR receives notification that his baggage has been found and is on hand at the New York Port of Embarkation.

2/17/45
FJR receives a notice from the Transportation Officer at the New York Port of Embarkation that his baggage has been shipped to 2324 S. Buckland Ave, Fremont Ohio.

3/29/45
FJR is assigned to VIGO plant, Terre Haute, Ind. Effective 4/1/45

FJR receives the following Western Union Telegram:
TRUNK ARRIVED PLEASE ADVISE COME IF YOU CAN= MOTHER.

4/9/45
FJR is assigned to Production Division, VIGO plant, Terre Haute, Ind.

4/12/45
FJR is detailed to duty at plant No. 1, Catalyst Section.

4/25/45
FJR is notified that he will be paid \$8.50 for damages caused to his parked car when a Government vehicle ran into it.

6/14/45
FJR is assigned to the 9768 TSU, CWS HQ, VIGO plant, Terre Haute, Ind.

7/16/45
FJR is granted 7 days leave starting 8/6/45

8/11/45
1st Lt. Frank James Riel, JR. is promoted to Captain.

8/14/45
FJR is granted 7 days leave starting 8/15/45

8/21/45
FJR is detailed for duty with the supply division.

8/22/45
FJR is detailed for duty with the Service Section.

10/25/45
FJR is awarded the "AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL" and the "WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL".

11/16/45
FJR is relieved from duty at Vigo Plant and assigned to CWS Replacement Pool Edgewood Arsenal, MD., effective 11/27/45

11/29/45

FJR is relieved from Active Duty, CWS, Edgewood Arsenal, MD., with temporary duty at Fort Meade MD., starting 12/6/45.

12/7/45

FJR attended the following training: Orientation, Finance, Final Physical Exam, Classification and Counseling.

12/8/45

FJR was indoctrinated into the paperwork and rules of the Officers Reserve Corps through an all day training class.

12/10/45 to 3/15/46

FJR on Terminal leave

3/15/46

FJR receives final separation from the Military.

Captain Frank James Riel JR. Shortly after he was discharged from the army in 1946



FAMILY SHORTS

Jeff and Carol went whale watching at the beginning of February. While Holden got to play in the snow. Who do you think had the most fun? Hint... can you get seasick in the snow?



Michelle reports: "the Baby is moving up in my belly! Can't say I'm super excited about that... preggy pics are so much cuter when baby is low instead of up so high! Fun fact- difference between 5 weeks and 18 weeks is only 3 lbs! This baby is a mover & a shaker!! Doc had to chase little baby with the doppler to get his/her heart rate today!! Baby also goes to "Gymboree" in my belly every morning at 2am. I had to get out of bed and bounce around our bedroom the other night to get baby back to sleep... and so it begins..."



Katy tells us: "I went to Pagosa Springs, CO for Thanksgiving with some family and friends. I drove over with my cousin Kevin and his fiancé Monica and we decided to make it a two day drive and see the Grand Canyon as well, seeing as neither Monica nor I had ever been. I'm glad we went and I can cross that off the bucket list but I'm not sure I would ever want to go back. It's beautiful, but let's face it; it's just a big hole in the ground."

Annie, on the go... Again!



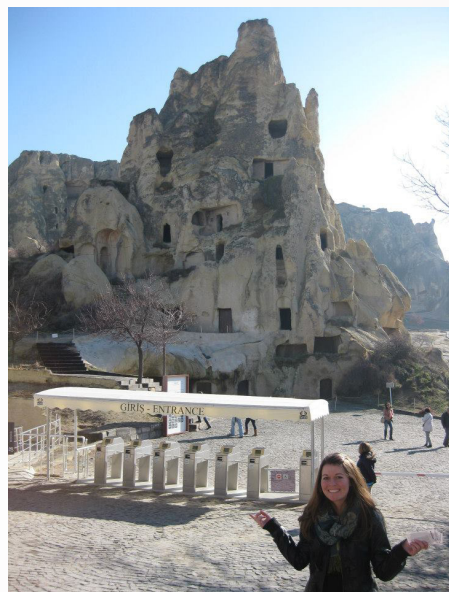
Hey family! Just checking in so you know I'm alive in Spain! Things are good here! I recently spent the holidays in Turkey and was amazed at the places I visited! Istanbul was incredible. We spent 5 days there, including New Years and had a great time.

The Bazaar was really cool- much like that of Jerusalem: men telling you are beautiful and trying to sell you things for 8 times the price then pretending they are making an exception for only you as they lower the price while you walk away. It's fun as long as you have a good attitude about it.

The Blue Mosque was incredible. We had to take off our shoes and wear scarves on our heads to enter. There are also separate entrances for men and women. It was really interesting but pretty smelly (see: no shoes). The food in Turkey was delicious! I am pretty deprived of spices in Spain so it was a welcome change. Everything was also really cheap in Turkey, with the exception of alcohol and entrance fees- they have figured out the whole make money off of tourism thing.

After Istanbul, we headed to Cappadocia, which is sort of in the middle of the country. Cappadocia has amazing landscapes that look as if they came out of a star wars movie (in fact I think one of the star wars movies was filmed there (don't quote me on that!)). We spent 4 days there visiting all of the surrounding villages. It was beautiful, definitely something I have never seen before!

Basically the landscape is eroded volcanic rock. So the rivers flow through this soft volcanic rock and wore down the landscape into....they call them fairy chimneys. I really have no better way to describe it. It's super cool though. It also snowed on us, which made the landscape even more spectacular! Turkey was a great trip and I would highly recommend others to visit!



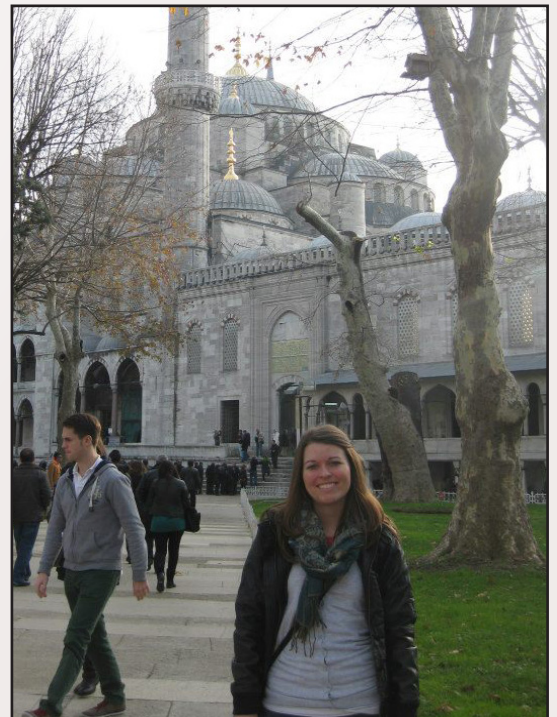
Other thoughts: I am SO excited for Keith baby #2!

Plans for next year: No idea. Hoping to come home at sometime this summer so hopefully I will see all your beautiful faces then!

Upcoming trips: Berlin and Romania!

On a last note, family is always welcome in Spain!

Miss and love you all! From reading the RFNL, I can say that everyone is looking good! Lots of love! - Annie!



Listy returns to the running world with the Calico 30K Trail Run!

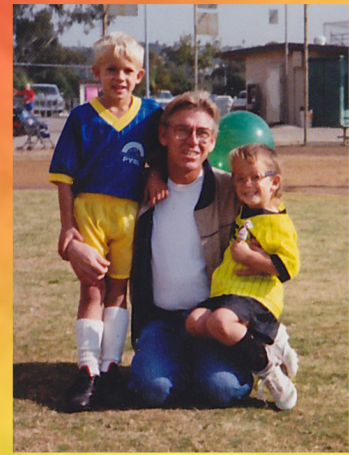
By Listy Gillingham

I know you can't really see the expression on my face, but I was truly beaming to be able to complete my first official long-distance race since my accident last year. Our "running club" set our sights on this race as it had two events: a 50K and a 30K. Friends Kym, Sarah, and I selected the 30K (18.6 miles) while Doug, Cory, and Matt decided to do the 50K (31.2 miles). The race took place in the high desert region starting in the Calico Ghost Town (near Barstow, California). I ran with Kym for the entire race. There were a few river rock beds that posed a challenge for the steadiness of my knee, but everything was smooth sailing. At about mile 12, we met up with a woman, who we thought might be in our age range, and passed her. Later, she passed us at an aid station and we continued to run behind her until mile 17. At that point, we could see her in the distance climbing one of the last hills. We slowly edged closer and just as the hill crested,

we picked up our speed and passed her. This part was critical, because it was the first time I felt like myself again. We were able to pick up the pace and run down hill, losing her in the dust. The acceleration after running 18 miles felt great and gratifying in many ways. After we finished we found out that we had tied for second in our age division (50-59....man that sounds old)! There were actually ten people in our division. But, out of the 38 women who ran our race ranging from 18-69, we were 9th (single digits), so that was fun. We were also 37th overall from about 75 runners (male and female). We received rock-painted awards for our stellar finish and couldn't be more proud of the results. Special thanks to my running club (Robert included) for helping me get back to the running world...one step at a time.



Our running club actually performed quite well in that all the women "rocked" (as opposing to medaled) so training together with our fine male colleagues made a huge difference (even Seamus gets some credit as he runs with us on Weds. mornings).



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