

Basic Detail Report



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an **Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, a century ago, more than four million American families sent their sons and daughters off to serve in World War I, including over 65,000 from Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, these men and women who journeyed thousands of miles from home faced the horrors of trench warfare and grim advancements in scientific killing, in an era when leaders could not yet comprehend the technological changes that had overtaken the world, and the tragic result was the death of 116,516 Americans, including over 1,900 servicemembers from Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, those of Connecticut who served and gave their lives came from every social strata and every community, farmers from Litchfield and fishermen from Stonington, elite students from Yale and immigrant laborers from shop floors and brickyards across the State; and

*W*HEREAS, the Armistice ending World War I began at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918, a planned halt of attack that the generals famously delayed by six hours for a dramatic 11-11-11 moment for the history books, and for that reason alone, on that morning three Connecticut soldiers were killed in action: Paul Maynard of Torrington, Giuseppe Basta of New Haven, and Harry Houghtaling of Chester; and

*W*HEREAS, the unimaginable sacrifice of so many people, from the tragic death of Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie, followed by the loss of over twenty million combatants and civilians from every part of the world, set in motion the profound sweep of events of the 20th and 21st centuries, leading to many of the challenges the world faces today, but also to a Wilsonian vision of peace and democracy, and an enduring hope for an end to armed conflict; and

*W*HEREAS, the last known veteran of World War I in Connecticut, Ernest "Ernie" J. Pratt of Winsted, passed away at the age of 105 on April 24, 2001, and as the events of World War I pass from living memory, if we do not respect this terrible conflict's importance in our history, all of the mistakes, and hubris, and bitter lessons of the war threaten to make their return; and

*W*HEREAS, 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I, and this historic day is recognized with the tolling of Bells of Peace around the world, in a traditional expression of honor and remembrance; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby honor and recognize, in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed,

THE WORLD WAR I ARMISTICE CENTENNIAL in the State of Connecticut.




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