Research Tasks for Class & Media Lab Work

Objective: to develop a "punch list" of key terms and research strategies for the essay paper. Hopefully, your terms are spelled correctly. If not, use a dictionary or Google search. Use the Punch List Form as a check list for what needs to be looked up, where items are located, and to keep track of sources once they have been found. More detailed information is found in the OHP Manual on FirstClass.

 [Noodle tools or 2007 Word will help you with the bibliography later. For the technically skilled, use the 'references' tab in Word to work with managing sources, to follow the Chicago Manual of style, or to insert citations or endnotes. You will receive guidance on this in class, too.]

Three Step Process

Step 1 Identification: skim through your transcript to the most interesting or anecdotal sections. Highlight all words that relate to a) potentially a famous person, b) location of battle or battle event, c) specific types of aircraft/ships/transportation, d) military acronyms, or e) other.
Step 2 – Ask probing questions and then locate useful and accurate information.
Step 3 – Record and cite the sources correctly.

"Learn by Doing"

Step 1: Highlight by color-coding all important known and unknown terms; ID possible additional terms of interest.

Step 2: What questions should be asked? See review notes on the side of page for examples. Do this electronically with your own transcript. Go to 'review' tab, then 'new comment' if you want to select items for research.

Sample Transcript from WWII Veteran

[095]
AT: As far as your experience, . . . where did you go in Europe? And could you talk about your journey in different parts of Europe and where you went over the years?

JC: Well, my division sailed on a ship called the S.S. *George Washington*. This was a liner that had been captured from the Germans in WWI, and renamed the S.S. *Washington,* and when Woodrow Wilson went to the peace conference in 1919 in Europe, this was the ship he selected to go on because it was supposed to be a really, a very, very luxurious liner of its day, but when I got on it, all that stuff had been ripped out and about one third of the 83rd Division was on this ship and the division in those days had about 14, 000 men. We docked at Liverpool after a fourteen-day voyage in which we had several submarine alerts. It was interesting, you know, not being in the navy, to watch what the navies did, when they had these sightings, but . . .I went there – to a place in Europe, in England called 'Keele Hall.' This was a British estate, that had been converted into a British Army base. That was the headquarters of the 83rd Division. . . . Then, I was sent to a school in Sunning Hill Farms, and eventually to the Royal Air Force School of Army Cooperation in Old Sarum. That's down west of London near Salisbury. And then when I graduated from that school, I came back to Keele Hall and was told I had to report to General Patton. He was up at Nutsford, and then I went there and I was sent on detached service, down to what became known as "Buzz Bomb Ally," not too far from Dover, a little town near Ashford. I was attached at that point to the 36th Fighter Group and I was to be the ground officer for them.

Comment [kwl1]: General questions for research based on terms in the transcript. Do not bother with items that are too generic or too broad (see examples below)

Comment [kwl2]: Was this ship important for the war effort? What might it have looked like? Is this veteran's knowledge of the ship accurate?

Comment [kwl3]: What was Wilson's role in the peace conference? What can we assume about this veteran and his understanding of WWI history, based on the information here? (he was very knowledgeable)

Comment [kwl4]: What is the military history for this division (only in WWII). Where could one find reliable information about this division (besides Wikipedia)?

Comment [kwl5]: Was this city important? How so? Searching the term "Liverpool" is too broad, perhaps narrow to "Liverpool port in WWII"

Comment [kwl6]: Can this place be located on a map? Where was the veteran in relation to London at this time?

Comment [kwl7]: Can any information be found about this Royal Air Force School?

Comment [kwl8]: Where can the best information on Patton be found? Why was he so important in WWII

Comment [kwl9]: What is meant by "buzz bomb alley"?

Step 3: Paste in websites or bibliography sources
Open a search engine (Mozilla preferred), then select term or phrase from transcript, copy and paste into Google. Be selective with choices returned before copying the information into the chart. You may also go to the handout for military terms, places and websites which was received earlier in the year (see also FirstClass).

(Note: the sample below only includes online items, but you are expected to locate materials in reference materials in the Media Center (encyclopedias for WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, etc.) Note you may only use Wikipedia to get "oriented" for finding better resources. You may not rely on this solely, because it is not dependable!

"Sample Punch List"

Term	a) Question & b) Info found	Where located	Citation
(comment kwl2) **S.S.** *George Washington* **Google search was for "SS George Washington & WWII**	a) Was this ship important for the war effort? What might it have looked like? Is this veteran's knowledge of the ship accurate? b) USS *George Washington* (ID # 3018). US Army Transport ship between England and US in WWII	**Web site:** **http://www.history.navy .mil/photos/sh-us-cs/army-sh/usash-ag/g-washgn.htm**	**http://www.history.nav y.mil/photos/sh-us-cs/army-sh/usash-ag/g-washgn.htm** **(Navy Historical Center homepage)**
(comment kwl3) **Woodrow Wilson** **Google search was: "Woodrow Wilson and WWI peace process"**	a) What was Wilson's role in the peace conference? What can we assume about this veteran and his understanding of WWI history, based on the information here?	Web article: *President Wilson Begins Negotiations for a World War One Peace Treaty* Written by Frank Beardsley *12 April 2006*	**http://www.voanews.co m/specialenglish/archiv e/2006-04/2006-04-12-voa2.cfm**
(comment kwl4) **83rd Division** Google search was for "83rd Division WWII"	a) What is the military history for this division (only in WWII)? b) **"**The "Thunderbolt" division landed on Omaha Beach and began advancing into France. By the end of September, the division had moved into Luxembourg. In late December 1944, the 83rd took part in the Allied effort to stop the German offensive in the Battle of the Bulge.**"**	http://www.ushmm.org/wl c/article.php?lang=en&M oduleId=10006145	**See also:** **http://home.comcast.ne t/~83division/**
(comment kwl5) **Liverpool** **Google search was for "Liverpool & port & WWII"**	a) Was this city important? How so? b) **"**Liverpool during WW2**"**	Web site and good resource: "PortCities: Liverpool"	**http://www.mersey-gateway.org/server.php ?show=nav.00100h003**
(comment kwl6) **Keele Hall** **Google search for "Keele Hall & WWII & Airfields"**	a) Can this place be located on a map? Where was the veteran in relation to London at this time? b) During **World War II**, each USAAF-occupied **airfield** was prefixed by **......** (**Keele Hall**). A,	Web resource: "Army Air Bases"	http://afhra.maxwell.af. mil/world_war2/usaaf_ bases_in_united_kingd om.pdf
(comment kwl7)	a) Can any information be found	Website with history of	**http://www.bbc.co.uk/d**

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Royal Air Force School & Army Cooperation **Google search was for "Royal Air Force School & Army Cooperation & WWII"**	about this Royal Air Force School? b) School of Army Cooperation / Old Sarum Airfield	airfield: BBC & Sarum Airfield, Wiltshire, UK	**na/h2g2/A16990662**
(comment kwl8) General Patton **Google search was "General George Patton & WWII"**	a) Where can the best information on Patton be found? Why was he so important in WWII b) Biography of Patton. See also home page	First source: biography Second source: home page of Patton museum	**http://www.generalpatton.com/biography.html** **http://www.generalpatton.com/**
(comment kwl9) Buzz bomb alley **Google search was "buzz bomb alley & England & WWII"**	a) What is meant by "buzz bomb alley"? b) ". . . buzz bombs were not restricted to night and their "targets" . . . They roared up Buzz Bomb Alley, between Dover and Croydon, falling where their haphazard fuelling was exhausted."	Oral history story 1: http://www.kwsu.org/WWII/Stories/DonThomas/01aBuzzBombAlley.aspx Oral history story 2: http://www.delphosherald.com/2007/01/22/veteran-recalls-infamous-%E2%80%98buzz-bombs%E2%80%99/	**BBC:** **http://www.bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar/stories/70/a1985970.shtml**

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