

HISTORICAL MINGLE CARDS

Drafted Soldier



- I registered for Selective Service, which is the military draft, because I am 21.
- My draft number was read by the President, and I had to report for service.
- I am going to be sent to the war after seventeen weeks of boot camp training.
- I was given a uniform, equipment, and a serial number.
- I became an important part of my unit.
- I made one mistake, so I got kitchen duty.

Rationing



- I participate in the government's ration system.
- I have a book of stamps that I have to use when I go grocery shopping.
- Rationed items such as sugar, coffee, and meat are hard to find, and I can only buy those items if I have enough stamps.
- To stretch the small amount of coffee I'm allowed, I often reuse the grounds.

Victory Garden



- I made a garden in my backyard to grow vegetables and fruits for my family.
- Food grown by large farmers can go to the soldiers fighting the war.
- I planted packets of "Victory Seeds."
- I was given instructions by an expert on how to plant and care for my garden.
- I grow beets, broccoli, parsnips, and spinach.
- I'm taking my produce and canning it to save food for the future.

War Bonds



- I bought bonds from the government.
- I paid \$18.75 (worth \$333.95 today) for a \$25.00 (worth \$412.39 today) bond.
- The government uses the money for war expenses.
- In ten years, I can cash in the bond and get \$25.00 from the government.
- I bought my war bond at a booth in Woolsworth's Five and Dime Store.

Scrapping and Salvaging



- I organized a Salvage for Victory campaign in my neighborhood.
- We collected materials such as metal, rags, rubber, and even animal fat.
- Our New York Sanitation Department picks up our items on an alternating schedule.
- A lot of the school children help with the collection.
- The materials are recycled and turned into items for the war such as tanks, guns, bombers, and gas masks.

Car Sharing



- There is a shortage of rubber for tires because Japan has cut off America's access to rubber plantations in southeast Asia.
- I have been carpooling with my neighbors to and from work.
- By sharing cars, we can make our tires last longer.
- I want to move closer to my job for a shorter commute.
- I got my car inspected and filled out an application for new tires.
- I recycle worn out hot water bottles, inner tubes, and rubber scraps.

Soldier



- I signed up for the army and was assigned to the all-Black 370th Infantry due to segregation.
- I fought in France.
- We fought with the French military against the Germans.
- We became known to the Germans as the “Fighting Black Devils.”
- I will receive a Medal of Honor for my part in the war.

Nurse



- Because women aren't allowed to fight in the war, I joined the Army Nurse Corps.
- I completed training.
- I was sent overseas to Europe by the Red Cross.
- I care for injured soldiers in a Clubmobile unit.
- I will receive a Bronze Star for my bravery during the Battle of Bastogne.

Sailor



- I joined the Navy voluntarily, just hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- I am only twelve, but I lie and say I am sixteen.
- I am a gunner on the USS South Dakota.
- I fought in the Battle of Santa Cruz and Naval Battle of Guadalcanal where we sustained damage.
- I was present when Japan gave their Formal Surrender.

Factory Worker



- I took a job in an airplane factory.
- I used to be a secretary.
- I installed rivets and made sure each one fit just right.
- It was a very tough job, and I didn't want a mistake to cause a death.
- I worked on B-17, B-24, and B-29 aircrafts.

Baseball Player



- I played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.
- With baseball players off to war, the League gave Americans something to cheer for and be excited about.
- I played for the Rockford Peaches, out of Illinois.
- I pitched the League's first no-hitter game.
- I played my heart and soul out.
- Attendance just kept going up.

Drafted Soldier



- I signed up for the draft.
- I was drafted and trained at Camp Claiborne.
- I fought in the 761st Tank Battalion, known as the Black Panthers.
- I have to fight in a segregated unit because I am African American.
- My unit fought hard to capture the German town of Morville-les-Vic.

Code Talker



- I am a Native American of the Navajo tribe.
- I was recruited and trained to be a Code Talker by the US Marines.
- I use my tribal language to send secret communications.
- I work with a partner. He operates the portable radio, and I would receive, send, and translate the messages.
- We played a huge part in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Soldier



- I signed up for the army.
- My family supports me in voluntarily joining because we were all angry about Pearl Harbor.
- I was trained and equipped with a uniform.
- I was immediately deployed overseas.
- I flew a Douglas SBD-6 Dauntless aircraft.
- I flew during the Battle of Midway.

Factory Worker



- I took a job in a bomb factory.
- I work for General Motors (GM).
- I was needed to help make materials for the war.
- My work was very dangerous.
- It required two hands to carefully put the fuses together.