

# PERSONNEL PLACEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Detailed answers should be made as the action taken by the War Department will depend upon the completeness of the information furnished.

Where more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

If practicable, attach a recent photograph showing on back thereof date it was made

(Print or type answers to questions.) Boxes in broken lines for use of War Department only.

1. Name Von Der Linn Arthur William  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 Army serial No. (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address 205-10 115th Avenue St. Albans L.I. N.Y.  
(Number) (Street) (City) (State)  
 Legal or voting residence New York Queens  
(State) (County)  
 Person to be notified in case of emergency:  
 Name Ethel G. Von Der Linn Relationship Wife  
 Address 205-10 - 115th Ave. St. Albans, L.I., N.Y.

2. Birth Oct. 7, 1894 Brooklyn New York  
(Date) (Place: State or name of country at time of birth)  
 3. Parental nativity: Country of mother's birth United States  
 Country of father's birth United States  
 4. State whether or not you are a citizen of the United States and whether by birth or naturalization. (If the latter, append evidence of naturalization, or if evidence not available, state on what date and in what court naturalized.) Citizen By Birth  
 5. Marital status (indicate by "X"): Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married X Separated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Widower \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. Dependents (number completely dependent on you other than wife) Three  
 7. Race: White X Negro \_\_\_\_\_ Indian \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. In what fields and in what capacity do you consider that you could be of special service to the Government (list in order of ability).

FIELD	REASONS
1- Construction and Utilities	Have had 25 yrs experience in Gen. Const.
2- Contract Relations - Liaison	& Maintenance. My administrative experience, contract relations. My experience
3- Equipment	handling large units.

9. (a) Chronological statement of service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, including service as a cadet at U. S. Military or Naval Academy, National Naval Volunteers, National Guard in Federal service, as a Reserve officer on active duty, or at military training camps, or as a contract surgeon serving full time, or as a student in the C. M. T. C. or R. O. T. C., Basic Course, Advanced Course, and Advanced Course camp, giving inclusive dates for each day, month, and year, if practicable, from your personal records.—Do not write to War Department for exact data.

DATES		Highest grade	Organization (include arm or service)	Duty	Full name and grade of immediate commanding officer
From—	To—				
2/20/1911	11/10/13	Pvt.	Co "A" 47 Inf. NGNY	Soldier	Captain H. P. Baldwin
11/10/13	8/16/14	Musician	Co "L" " "	Musician	" H. W. Eldred
4/27/14	8/15/16	Sergeant	Machine Gun Co. 47th Inf NGNY	Sergeant	" Henry May
5/28/17	4/4/19	Corporal	Ambulance Co. B.H. #15 - A.E.F.	Assistant-Chief Transportation	Major R. Floyd
			Recommended For Commission-Motor		Transport Corps.



(b) Were you ever rejected for any branch of the military service No or for the R. O. T. C. \_\_\_\_\_ or C. M. T. C. \_\_\_\_\_? If so, state when and where rejected and cause \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Service, showing dates of service and highest grade held, in Officers' Reserve Corps (inactive); National Guard of the United States; Enlisted Reserve Corps (inactive); Naval or Marine Corps Reserve Forces (inactive); National Guard or Naval Militia not in Federal service, or in military or naval forces of foreign countries. (State name of foreign country and when service was performed.) \_\_\_\_\_

Refer to 9 a \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Prior service in Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or Coast and Geodetic Survey. Give dates and nature of service NONE \_\_\_\_\_

10. Are you now a member of—  
(a) National Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No No  
(b) Officers' Reserve Corps \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No No  
(c) United States Naval Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No No  
(d) Marine Corps Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No No  
(e) Coast Guard Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No No  
11. Are you now receiving pay as a retired officer? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No No

12. Are you now drawing compensation or other benefits from the Veterans' Administration? If so, state amount No \_\_\_\_\_

13. Civilian occupations: Under (1) show principal occupation; under (2) secondary experience, etc. If your experience has been in a professional or semiprofessional field, show (a) your occupational field, (b) any specialization within that field, and (c) your major function or activity, e. g. (a) Civil engineer, (b) ports and terminals, (c) construction. \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Firm name Wm. P. McDonald Cons. Co. Type of business Highway Const.  
Name of your immediate supervisor Mr. William P. McDonald  
Position held Ass't to the President Nature of your work Administrative  
Duties, Management, Contract Relations, Liaison, Supervision  
Classification: Executive of Firm Asphalt Construction Contract & Executive Work  
(a) Occupational field (b) Specialization (c) Function

Number of persons under your direct supervision 50 to 300 Rate of your pay (annual) \$12,000.00

Dates of employment:

From March 15, 1932 To Present Total time 10  
(Months) (Years)

(2) Firm name Macasphalt Corp. of Amer. Type of business Manufacturers of Bituminous Mixtures  
Name of your immediate supervisor Mr. John I. McDonald  
Position held General Manager Nature of your work Manufacturers of Bituminous Paving Mixtures  
Classification: Technical Advisor and General Manager Industrial Relations  
(a) Occupational field (b) Specialization (c) Function

Number of persons under your direct supervision 20 - 35 Rate of your pay (annual) \$12,000.00

Dates of employment:

From March 15, 1932 To Present Total time 10  
(Months) (Years)

(3) Firm name Macasphalt Limited, Quebec Type of business Mfg. of Cold Laid Bit. Mixes  
Name of your immediate supervisor Mr. John I. McDonald  
Position held Development-Promotion Nature of your work Development, Promotion and construction of cold laid paving mixtures  
Number of persons under your direct supervision 25-50 Rate of your pay (annual) \$6,000.00



Dates of employment:

From December 20, 1929 To January 15, 1932 Total time 1 3

(Months) (Years)

See Attached Addenda "A"

14. Other experience in management or leadership. (State monthly salary and number of persons under your direct supervision) \_\_\_\_\_

See Attached Addenda "B"

15. In addition to employment in your main field or fields of professional specialization, specify any other qualifications or skills you have acquired through study, civic enterprise, hobbies, construction of instruments, etc. (For example: Photography, aviation, public speaking, civic organizations, cryptanalysis, pigeon training, radio transmission, etc.) Answer specifically *f*, *g*, and *h* below.

Occupation or skill	Describe work or study
(a) _____	_____
(b) _____	_____
(c) _____	_____
(d) _____	_____
(e) _____	_____
(f) Experience as an entertainer _____	_____
(g) Experience as an instructor _____	_____
(h) Athletic skill _____	_____

16. Education (includes military service schools):

	School * (name of institution)	Years attended	Graduate? Yes } No } Year	Degrees	Subject majored in
High school <b>Evening</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus N.Y. City</b>	<b>1920</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>x x x x x</b>	<b>Plan Reading and Estimating</b>
College _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Post graduate _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Military service school (branch and special) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



Other subjects specialized in None

17. Foreign languages (check proficiency).

Language (specify)	Read			Speak			Auditory comprehension		
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Good	Fair

18. Foreign travel and residence:

Indicate specifically the duration, location, and nature of any foreign experience you may have had. (Country and subdivision—Use official name as of 1935):

Dates of travel or residence During the year 1929 to 1932 visited the

Country of Canada, continuously for the

Purpose and nature of Promotion and Manufacture Cold Laid Bituminous Paving Materials.

19. Physical condition is: Excellent X Very good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_

Height 5' 10" Weight 175 lbs

20. Have you ever been turned down for life insurance? No If so, why? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Describe the work, if any, connected with defense activities in which you are now engaged \_\_\_\_\_

See Addenda "c" Attached

22. How many days advance notice will you require before being available for service? 14

23. State any other limitations which you care to place on your availability None

24. Have you ever been convicted by a civil or military court? If so, give the date and circumstances.

No

25. Remarks. State any other information you may desire to submit which will be helpful in ascertaining your best field of usefulness Well known in contracting and engineering circles for ability to organize, manage and supervise construction work, and ability to complete work in advance of completion date and within the allowable costs.

Signature

Arthur  
(First name)

William  
(Middle name)

Von Der Linn  
(Last name)

(SIGN ALL NAMES IN FULL)

(Name typed or printed) ARTHUR WILLIAM VON DER LINN

NOTE.—Do not send with this questionnaire valuable personal papers such as: Birth certificate, passports, citizenship papers, discharge certificates, warrants, commissions, original letters of commendation, etc., which you desire to be returned to you. As a rule these documents are unnecessary for the consideration of your case.



ADDENDA "A"

Question 13

Present Engagement:

William P. McDonald Construction Co.  
Macasphalt Corporation of America  
33-15 Lawrence St., Flushing, L.I., N. Y.

Reference:

Mr. William P. McDonald - President

My positions are Assistant to the President of the William P. McDonald Construction Co. and General Manager of the Macasphalt Corporation of America, a subsidiary company; both companies rated in excess of One Million Dollars each.

(1) My Duties; as Assistant to the President.

- (a) Formulation of Company policy.
- (b) Administrative control of office force.
- (c) In charge of Public Relations.
- (d) Contract negotiations.
- (e) Technical Advisor.
- (f) Field Supervision of Airport, Streets, Highways, Terminal Facilities.
- (g) Liaison with Government Agencies.

(2) My Duties; as General Manager of the Subsidiary Company.

- (a) In charge of operations and maintenance of plant and all other company buildings, docks and other facilities.
- (b) Technical charge of manufacturing methods.
- (c) Full responsibility for efficiency of manufacture of all Bituminous Mixtures.
- (d) Operation and maintenance of trucking fleet, consisting of 25 heavy duty trucks, rollers, locomotive and truck cranes, bull dozers, power graders asphalt spreading and finishing machines as well as all smaller equipment.

(3) My Duties; as Sales Manager (both companies)

- (a) In complete charge of Sales.
- (b) Territory covered, consists of the entire Eastern Seaboard and Canada.

(4) Recent Contracts (1941-1942)

- (a) U.S. Naval Air Station, Floyd Bennett Field, New York.

ADDENDA "A"

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Construction of Runways, Taxiways, Roads.

- (b) U.S. Naval Air Station, Newfoundland  
Construction of Runways, Roads, etc.
- (c) U.S. Naval Air Station, Quonsett, Rhode Island  
Construction of Runways, Roads, etc.
- (d) Republic Aircraft Corporation, Farmingdale, L.I.  
Construction of entire airfield and facilities.
- (e) Continuous program, paving city, county and state, streets  
and highways.
- (f) Camp Upton, L.I., N.Y., U.S. Army Engineers, N.Y. City.  
Construction of Roads, etc.
- (g) Fort Totten, L.I., N.Y., U.S. Army Engineers, N.Y. City.  
Construction of Roads and Facilities.

ADDENDA "B"

Question 14

(1) Technical Advisor and Paving Consultant to:

- (a) Queens Planning Commission  
Boro Hall, Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y.
- (b) New York World's Fair 1939 - 1940  
Roads, Walks, Parking Fields and Flooring inside of buildings.
- (c) Private Architectural and Engineering Companies.

(2) Affiliations:

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| (a) Associate Member:                  | American Society of Civil Engineers.                             |
| (b) Vice President and<br>Fellow, 1942 | Brooklyn Engineers Club, Brooklyn, N.Y.                          |
| (c) Member                             | Municipal Engineers, City of New York                            |
| (d) Director 1940-41-42                | Society of American Military Engineers<br>New York City Chapter. |



ADDENDA "C"

Question 15

(1) Activities:

(a) Vice Chairman 1940-41-42

Greater New York Fund, Flushing, City of New York  
Organized committees for Fund Raising campaigns  
(commended by each yearly chairman)

(b) Member, Executive Committee 1942.

United Service Organization  
Boro of Queens, New York.

(c) Assistant Boro Chief:

Public Works Emergency Division Civilian Defense  
Corps, for the City of New York, assigned to the  
Boro of Queens, New York.

In charge of organizing the Private General Con-  
tractors (allied to the Construction Industry)  
and training personnel in the operation of Mobile  
Disaster Batteries consisting of:

Rescue Squads,  
Miners and Sappers,  
Demolition and Clearance,  
Highway, Road and Street Repairs,  
Water Supply, Gas, Electricity and General  
Utility Repairs.

(commended by the Division Chief for the  
development of this organization)

(d) Public Speaking

Attended public speaking class, two nights weekly  
for one year, 1940 - 1941.



ADDENDA "D"

References:

Major General Francis B. Wilby (active duty)  
U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York

Lt. Colonel Joseph B. Leimer (active duty)  
730th M.P.Bu. Fort Ontario, New York

Rear Admiral R.E. Bakenhus (retired)  
142 Maiden Lane, City of New York

Commander T.A. Scott (USNR)  
Merritt Chapman & Scott Corp.  
17 Battery Place, City of New York

Major A.C. Harper (retired)  
120 Wall St. City of New York, Rm. 225

Mr. Léon M. Schoemaker, Consulting Engineer  
Planning Commission  
Boro of Queens, Boro Hall  
Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y.

Reverend P. Kinsella  
113-03 198th St.  
Hollis, N. Y.