

William Lewis Uaana Biography

Candidate School, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, November 1942, as a 2nd Lt., Corps of Engineers. Assigned to Military Intelligence, Counter Intelligence Corps, as Director of Investigations, First Service Command, Boston, Mass. Reorganized investigation sections consisting of 300 agents into various specialty squads handling subversive, espionage, plant security, sabotage, labor, water front, and personnel Investigations. Responsible for reviewing and evaluating all investigative reports of above-mentioned squads.

In February 1943, assigned as Commanding Officer, Military Intelligence, Counter Intelligence Corps, Xth Corps, Sherman, Texas, commanding 112 officers and 35 agents and responsible for the Xth Corps, 84th, 86th, 88th, 102nd and 42nd Divisions. Responsible for setting up the first intelligence units with troops in this country. Responsible for initiating investigations and reviewing and evaluating investigative reports concerning the loyalty of individuals in the above-named Corps and Divisions prior to overseas shipment and also the physical security programs and training of personnel of these units.

August 1943 assigned as Instructor, Army Service Forces, Military Intelligence, Counter Intelligence Corps School, Chicago, instructing in fingerprinting, telephone monitoring, demolitions, signal communications, camouflage, plant security, etc. In this connection, I prepared a manual embodying many phases of physical security, including plant security, port security, signal security, camouflage, etc. This manual was furnished to all Intelligence Units, and 1000 copies were made for distribution to the Provost Marshal General.

In the latter part of 1943, I was one of six instructors selected from the above-mentioned school by the War Department and assigned to the Manhattan Engineer District which was then in the early stages of its work of developing the Atomic Bomb. After six weeks of indoctrination by leading scientists and observation of technical processes at various installations of the MED, I was assigned in early 1944 as the MED Security Officer for the New England operations of MED and located in Boston in offices proximate to those of Stone and Webster, one of the prime contractors who were performing a great deal of the design work for the facilities at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. My duties involved a knowledge of plant layout, design, and the effecting of physical and other security safeguards to insure that classified details of engineering know-how were properly guarded in a manner that did not interfere with urgent operations necessary to complete the work. In addition I was responsible for assuring physical and other security safeguards for the numerous suppliers, manufacturers, and research activities working on the program in my jurisdiction. My responsibilities included security for classified work at Harvard, Brown, Yale, MIT, General Electric, Westinghouse, American Cyanamide, and about 150 other organizations.

In August 1944, I was appointed Security Officer for the Clinton Engineer Works, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, with security responsibilities for MED activities in seven Southern states involving duties similar to those described for activities in the Boston Office. Considerable construction was under way at this time in Oak Ridge; my responsibilities included insuring proper security for construction and later operation for such plants and operating facilities as Carbon and Carbide Corp., Tennessee Eastman, DuPont, etc., and numerous other organizations performing work at, or supplying equipment to Clinton Engineer Works. In addition I was responsible for carrying on the personnel clearance program (involving at this time the clearance of over 50000 persons) for assuring adequate physical security of CEW, for the operation of the police department, the detective bureau, the Public Welfare Division, and

supervision of investigations pertaining to possible sabotage and espionage. Of particular importance were responsibilities for assuring safe transportation of end products to Los Alamos, New Mexico where final processing was made for the atomic bomb.

In February of 1945, I was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of War and attached to the 509th Composite Group (the Air Force Arm that dropped the atomic bombs on Japan) in charge of the First Technical Service Detachment with the responsibility of assuring physical and other security safeguards for the operations involving atomic weapons. While stationed with this unit in Utah, I had responsibility for providing and supervising the following activities:

- a) Devising, executing, and providing follow-through to assure compliance of physical security for the restricted area wherein was located the 509th Group, its equipment, and its activities which included practice assemblies of atomic weapons.
- b) Assuring that all members of the 509th and its supply groups were investigated and cleared for access to highly classified information.
- c) Assuring that proper standards and procedures for safeguarding classified information were initiated, disseminated and enforced.
- d) Supervision of all physical security protection for the overseas movement of the 509th CG and the security maintenance of its supply lines and equipment
- e) Upon arrival at the overseas base at Tinian occupied by the 509th, supervised all physical security layouts for planes, equipment, shop and laboratory areas where atomic weapons were assembled and loaded and all other security precautions affecting atomic weapons and equipment.
- f) Assisted in laying out physical and other security safeguards for emergency bases apart from Tinian in connection with assuring the delivery of atomic weapons to the enemy.

In September 1945, I was assigned with certain engineers and medical men to Japan and spent four weeks in Nagasaki studying and reporting bomb damage and radiation, medical case histories, etc., impounding records and safeguarding information from certain representatives of a foreign government which representatives included five generals and several scientists.

In October 1945, I was returned to Washington and after preparing a final report on security activities was separated from the service in April 1946.

(From April 1946 to September 1946, I practiced engineering and law for myself while located in Boston)

In October 1946 the Army requested that I return to active duty to investigate an incident in which former servicemen were alleged to have obtained atomic bomb pictures and to have offered them for sale to a Baltimore newspaper. I accepted the commission and conducted the investigation for the Army. After this was completed, the Atomic Energy Commission requested the Army to assign an officer to set up the personnel clearance program for AEC as required by Public Law 585 of 1946.