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Gary is the founder of Baseball in Wartime – <http://www.baseballinwartime.com> – which is a website dedicated to preserving the memories of professional baseball players who served with the armed forces during World War II. He is the editor of the acclaimed Baseball in Wartime e-newsletter and the author of *Baseball in World War II Europe*, which was published by Arcadia Publishing in 2000. In 2007, he was the keynote speaker at the *When Baseball Went to War* conference, which was held at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans,

Louisiana, and he was the main contributing author of the book that accompanied the event. In 2009, McFarland published Gary's follow-up book *Baseball's Dead of World War II: A Roster of Professional Players Who Died*. As a catcher, Gary played for Enfield Spartans from 1976 to 1997, a team that won titles in national leagues on four occasions. Finally, Gary was with the Great Britain national team in 1986, 1989, and 1991, played against the Legends of Baseball in 1989, and coached the American School in London.