

McLean County Museum of History

World War I Collection

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Brief History

The United States of America formally entered World War I on April 6, 1917, two days after the U.S. Senate voted 82 to 6 to declare war against Germany and the U.S. House of Representatives endorsed the declaration by a vote of 373 to 50. "There was no part of the country which more willingly acceded to the martial needs of time than McLean County" (*McLean County, Illinois, in the World War, 1917-1918*, p.3).

Immediately after war was declared, the Bloomington, recruiting station was busy. Hundreds of young men had received their preliminary military training before the national draft law was inaugurated. An additional 675 faculty, students, and alumni from Illinois State Normal University also answered the call of duty. By war's end, more than 5,000 McLean County men had served and more than 150 had died.

Moreover, at least 35 McLean County women, plus eight women from ISNU, served as Army nurses at U.S. military bases and overseas in Europe during the war. On the home front, McLean County citizens raised more than \$11 million in the Liberty Loan drives; physicians, surgeons, and nurses worked at the front and in stateside hospitals; the local Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. raised funds and materials; money was raised for various relief organizations and humanitarian projects; and women and girls worked unselfishly in various capacities.

Scope

The World War I Collection is divided into five sections, organized from general to specific as documents relate to McLean County. The Liberty Loan Campaign was national, so this section includes that information but focuses on efforts in McLean County, such as the record books of contributions of local residents and the officers of the local organization (Folder A2). The second section includes other home front efforts.

The third category includes publications about local efforts and service personnel, booklets servicemen received from the War Department, as well as postcard booklets and other guidebooks which servicemen brought home from Europe.

Documents relating to service personnel are in two major sections: General and Specific Personnel. Folders with induction records, exemption board records, and miscellaneous correspondence contain such documents about various individuals, usually when there is only one item on a person. Multiple documents about an individual are filed in the last section, labeled by the individual. These folders include a variety of materials: letters written to family at home, military documents, biographical information written by the individual or taken during personal interviews. Whenever possible, each individual folder contains an obituary.

Folder Inventory

A Liberty Loan Campaigns

Folder A1 Liberty Loan Campaigns, General

Note: See also Window Posters (Folder B3)

- A.1.1 Definition of Liberty Bonds, Liberty Loan Campaign, Thrift Stamps, and War Savings Certificates, from internet, November 2022, 2pp.
- A.1.2 Flyer, How the Great War Was Won, publication 37, Victory Liberty Loan, undated.
- A.1.3 Flyer, "Sure! We'll Finish the Job," publication 35, Victory Liberty Loan, undated.
- A.1.4 "That Liberty Shall Not Perish From the Earth: Buy Liberty Bonds," on reverse is advertising essay "The Princes of Germany are Shaking Dice for the United States" by Herbert Quick. *Chicago Herald Examiner*, September 29, 1918.
- A.1.5 Liberty Song Sheet, Buy Liberty Bonds, words to 16 patriotic songs, 2 copies.
- A.1.6 Fourth Liberty Loan Subscriber's Receipt for payment of \$10.00 towards a \$100.00 bond, undated.
- A.1.7 Round button tag for volunteer subscriber for Fourth Liberty Loan.
- A.1.8 Letter from Treasury Department Liberty Loan Campaign Committee, from H. K. Hoblit, Chairman for McLean County, notifying Abe Livingston's appointment as solicitor for Precinct #26 during Third Liberty Loan Campaign, photocopy.
- A.1.9 "The Victory Loan," *McLean County Illinois in the World War, 1917-1918*, Bloomington: McLean County War Publishing Co, pp. 149-153. Includes photo of the ship "Evergreen City."
- A.1.10 "February 21 Launch Date for 'Evergreen City,'" *Pantagraph*, November 14, 1919.
- A.1.11 "Bloomington Ship given to Her Native Element Under Happy Conditions," *Pantagraph*, March 22, 1921.

Folder A2 Liberty Loans Record Books

- A.2.1 Record book: Liberty Loan Organization for McLean Co." by Harris K. Hoblit. Includes list of officers and executive committee, names by precinct committees, townships and businesses. Maroon cover, lined sheets, 5 x 8".
- A.2.2 Record of the Fourth Liberty Loan, organization and record. Bound book, light green cover with maroon corners, lined sheets, 8 x 10".
- A.2.3 Record of the Fifth Liberty Loan, organization and record. Bound book, light green cover with maroon corners, lined sheets, 8 x 10".

Folder A3 Thrift Stamps

- A.3.1 Explanation of Thrift Stamps, November 2022.
- A.3.2 War Savings Service Certificate presented to Albin B. Kron, December 30, 1918.
- A.3.3 Thrift cards, one for Edward Lane, one unnamed.
- A.3.4 War Savings Certificate for Mildred L. Brigham, fragile condition.

B The Home Front Efforts

Folder B1 Benefits

- B.1.1 Flyer advertising Monster War Benefit, date not given.
- B.1.2 Program for pageant "The Allied Countries" by Margaret Anne Coleman, Benefit for

Bloomington Chapter of the Red Cross, April 5, 1918, Coliseum.

Folder B2 Poems and Songs

- B.2.1 "Summer's here with all its splendor ...," poem written by George C. Bragonier, Sgt, Office Chief Surgeon, Tours, France, dedicated "To My Mother. May 30, 1919.
- B.2.2 Poem beginning "When the shades of night have fallen," untitled, no author, no date.
- B.2.3 Poem, "Where Poppies Blow," handwritten, no author, no date.

Folder B3 Window Posters

- B.3.1 Third Liberty Loan Subscriber, H. Packad[?]
- B.3.2 Subscriber, Honor Emblem, 4th Liberty Loan, 2 copies.
- B.3.3 Subscriber, Victory Liberty Loan.
- B.3.4 Save a Life, American Committee for Relief in the Near East.
- B.3.5 Member of United States Food Administration.
- B.3.6 Large red cross with two smaller red crosses/ 100% universal.
- B.3.7 Welcome Home Our Heroes, with American flag image.

Folder B4 Labor and Farm Workers

- B.4.1 Letter to Herman S. Ochs, from Roy C. Bishop, Administrator of Farm Labor Administration, expressing appreciation of the State Council of Defense for his and his committee's work in registering emergency farm workers, July 6, 1918.
- B.4.2 Letter to Herman Ochs from Kate L. Brewster, Chairman, Chicago Committee of The Fatherless Children of France, indicate the child he cared for is not eligible for adoption, January 16, 1919.
- B.4.3 Article in *The Pantagraph* indicating the personal holdings of Herman Ochs, who died intestate on December 25, 1927. March 12, 1928.
- B.4.4 Questionnaire of Employers of Labor in District No. 13, Federal Community Labor board of Bloomington, completed by B. F. Hiltabrand for the McLean County Abstract Co. Undated.

Folder B5 Hoover Cards

- B.5.1 Explanation of Hoover cards.
- B.5.2 "You can serve, if you conserve" postcard.
- B.5.3 "Lady, spare that stitch ..." postcard.

C Publications

Folder C1 McLean County and General

- C.1.1 Description of *McLean County and the World War* to be published by the McLean County War Publishing Co., Bloomington. Pamphlet describes the intended material to be included in the book.
- C.1.2 Order Blank for afore-mentioned book with return envelope and envelope addressed to Charles A. Kommick, Covell, Ill. From McLean County War Publishing Co., postmarked May 21, 1919. Possibly the order form was mailed in this envelope.
- C.1.3 *Excellent Recipes for Baking Raised Breads*, The Fleishman Co., 1917. Stapled booklet.
- C.1.4 "These are the Dead," clipping from unknown magazine.
- C.1.5 Three colored illustrations, perhaps from magazine covers, of servicemen in battle.

Folder C2 Service Personnel

- C.2.1 18 carte postale, black and white photos of views of American servicemen at Camp d'Anvours. Bound booklet.
- C.2.2 Gospel of Mark and Its Message for Today, Special Army and Navy edition. Owned by serviceman Roy J. Wilson.
- C.2.3 "Friend or Enemy? To the Men of the Army and Navy," by M. J. Exner, M. D., Association Press, 1916. Booklet advising men to uphold their manly ideals and not engage in sex outside of marriage.
- C.2.4 "When You Go Home—take this book with you," distributed by the War Department, Commission on Training Camp Activities. Advice about not bringing venereal diseases to the women back home, 15pp.
- C.2.5 List of 94 items with handwritten note: "Brought back souvenirs in one trunk and two bedding rolls. One was Lt. Miles M. Parmely[‘s] which I was bringing back to his mother." Author unknown. Envelope written "list of souvenirs" with W. D. Hoover, Jeweler, Granite City, Illinois in return address.

Folder C3 From Europe

- C.3.1 *Cannes, Pearl of the Riviera*, guidebook for American soldiers. Inscribed in front: "Abe Mann, 23 Singer Ave, McKees Rocks, Penn."
- C.3.2 *The Rhine and its Legends*, compliments of the American Y.M.C.A.
- C.3.3 *Illustrated Guide of the National Museum of Versailles*.

D Service Personnel, Miscellaneous

Folder D1 Induction Records, 1918

- D.1.1 List of names of persons whose registration cards are in the possession of this local board. Local Board, McLean Co. #2, Bloomington, Illinois. Men are listed with individual's serial number, name, address, and color [Note: all but two are white]. 4pp.
- D.1.2 Induction List, Local Board No 1, McLean Co. Book 1. Stapled ledger sheets with list of voters by name and occupation, 16pp. Lists of Republican, Democratic, Socialist, and Progressive parties.

Folder D2 Exemption Board – General

- D.9.1 "Exemption Board Rules," *Pantagraph*, July 11, 1917, explains instructions, the rules and regulations of individual boards.
- D.9.2 Miscellaneous notes, which may have been attached to lists in the following folders.

Folder D3 Exemption Board – Summary Cards

- D.6.1 Summary Card No. 1, Local Board No. 2, November 8, 1918.
- D.6.2 Summary Card No. 2, Local Board No. 2, November 18, 1918.
- D.6.3 Summarization Blank, County Registration Board, June 8, 1917.
- D.6.4 Summary of numbers of men in Board No. 2 in categories, such as ordered to entrain, accepted at camp, and not classified. Other lists are by race and by class, handwritten, 4pp
- D.6.5 Numbers for Board No. 1 and Board No. 2, of men categorized by age, handwritten.

Folder D4 Exemption Board – Black Soldiers

- D.7.1 War Record Exemption Boards, McLean County, List of Black Soldiers from Board No. 1, handwritten lists include name, whether enlisted or rejected, name of camp, and where served, 8pp.

Folder D5 Exemption Board No. 1

- D.5.1 Board No. 1 list by registration number of men served in 1st Regiment, totals by township.
- D.5.2 List of men entrained on November 11, 1918, for Camp Wadsworth, Spartansburg, South Carolina, when they were ordered home when Armistice was declared.
- D.5.3 List of men, date entrained, and residence, handwritten on ledger sheets.

Folder D6 Exemption Board No. 2

- D.6.1 List of Enlistments for Board No. 2, by serial number, name, address, handwritten, 11pp.
- D.6.2 List of Inducted men from Bloomington for Board No. 2, listed by order, name, serial number, relative, and address, typed, 25pp.
- D.6.3 List of Bloomington soldiers by serial number, name, camp, and date, typed, 17pp.
- D.6.4 Note regarding McCan Dunn's picture.

Folder D7 Exemption Board – Miscellaneous Lists

- D.7.1 List of men from towns other than Bloomington, listed by order number, name, serial number, relative's name, and address, typed, 6pp.
- D.7.2 List of men from towns other than Bloomington, listed by order number, name, serial number, relative's name, and address, dated January 23, 1919, typed, 5pp.
- D.7.3 List of men from towns other than Bloomington, listed by order number, name, serial number, relative's name, and address, typed, 12pp.
- D.7.4 List of men from towns other than Bloomington, listed by order number, name, serial number, relative's name, and address, typed, 7pp.
- D.7.5 List of men from towns including Bloomington, listed by order number, name, serial number, relative's name, and address, typed, 14pp.

Folder D8 Exemption Board – Deaths/Discharged

- D 8.1 List from Exemption Board No. 1 of deaths in McLean County in 1918, handwritten, 2pp.

Folder D9 Personnel, Miscellaneous

- D.9.1 Men in the Service, list of additions or corrections for list of men from McLean County.
- D.9.2 Capt. A. James Casner, photocopy of his description from *McLean County and the World War: 1917-1919*, ed E. E. Pierson and J. L. Hasbrouck, p. 216; Christmas greetings card, 1918, from Capt. A. J. Casner, Medical Corps, US Army; Casner's obituary, *Pantagraph* December 20, 1951.
- D.9.3 Pamphlet for Prof. George M. Palmer's lecture to the American Expeditionary Forces, with inserted handwritten note that Palmer was Professor of Literature at Illinois State Normal University. He died in 1944.
- D.9.4 Notice from the Service Recognition Board that may have accompanied payment to "compensate for the financial loss sustained." Signed Governor Small.
- D.9.5 Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army for Park Vance, August 15, 1919.
- D.9.6 Honorable Discharge from U.S. Army for Charles J. Zobrist, August 25, 1919.
- D.9.7 Email from William Fike to Bill Kemp with photos attached of his great-uncle Lyle Fike's funeral c. May 30, 1921. Scans attached with "Body of Lyle Fike Has Arrived

- From Overseas," *Pantagraph*[], undated.
- D.9.8 "Remembering World War I: Heyworth's Warren H. Fletcher," source unknown, November 15, 2018.
- D.9.9 Charge Sheet for Robert Johnson, absent without leave on April 16, 1918.
- D.9.10 "Carl S. Martin," *Back in the Day*, by Jack Keefe, September 2022. Article about Carl S. Martin (1899-1922), 4pp.

Folder D10 Correspondence, Miscellaneous

- D.10.1 Letter from Harry to his aunt and uncle Henry Schmilman, Danvers, Illinois, from Camp Wheeler, Georgia, July 27, 1918, mostly about the weather, conditions and training at camp. Handwritten, 2pp both sides, with envelope.
- D.10.2 Postcard from Anton Hildebrandt to William Hildebrandt, McLean, Illinois, with pre-printed message: The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas.
- D.10.3 Packet of postcards with generic black and white photos of service men from Charles L. Stephens to Nelle Stephens, Weston, Illinois.
- D.10.4 Packet of postcards with generic color photos of camp life from Charles Fisher to Miss Giles, Cherbanse, Illinois.
- D.10.5 Packet of postcards with generic color photos of army cantonment camps, Ft Oglethorpe and Chickamauga Park, sent to Mr. and Mrs. Rahouds, Bloomington, Illinois.
- D.10.6 Packet of postcards of color photos of sunny California sent from J. marks to Mrs. Larry Stephens, Weston, Illinois.
- D.10.7 Packet of postcards of color photos of views of Pagifig Branch, National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Soldiers' Home, Gal. sent to Mrs. Carrie Stephens, Weston, Illinois.
- D.10.8 Postcard sent from Germaine Saby to G. B. Ferrel, Urbana, Illinois, with photo of Philippeville church, France.
- D.10.9 Letter from Joseph A. Kennedy from a hospital in France to Bernadine Smith, 2pp with photocopy. Envelope addressed to Miss Bernadine Smith, Leroy, Illinois, fragile condition, with photocopy.

E Service Personnel, Individuals

Folder E1 Dewey O. Bates (1899-1988)

- E.1.1 "Dewey O. Bates" obituary, *Pantagraph*, September 14, 1988, 2pp.
- E.1.2 Transcription of interview conducted by Hugh Morris, April 22, 1981, 42pp.

Folder E2 Charles S. Butler (1890-1967)

- E.2.1 "Charles S. Butler" obituary, *Pantagraph* May 8, 1967.
- E.2.2 Letter sent to "Mom & all" from Waco, Texas, May 17, 1918.
- E.2.3 Letter sent to "Mom & all" from Waco, Texas, May 17, 1918, 2pp.
- E.2.4 Letter sent to "Mom & all" May 28, 1918, 2pp.
- E.2.5 Postcard sent to Mrs. Anna Butler, Bloomington, Illinois, from Charles S. Butler with pre-printed message The ship on which I wailed has arrived safely overseas.
- E.2.6 Letter sent to "Dear Mamma" from Somewhere in France, October 22, 1918, 1 page folded in half.

Folder E3 Clarence Delmar Carlson (1895-1974)

- E.3.1 "Clarence Carlson" obituary, *Pantagraph*, May 23, 1974.

- E.3.2 Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army for Clarence D. Carlson, July 17, 1919.
- E.3.3 Military History of Clarence D. Carlson
- E.3.4 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, May 23, 1974.

Folder E4 Herbert Lee Cooke (1890-1922)

- E.4.1 Copy of letter dated January 29, 1997, faxed to McLean Cty Recorder from junior high students History class in Saint-Aignan-sur-Cher, France, studying WWI. They found graffiti on a wall made by Americans and are writing to as many as possible to find out what became of them and their families. The students plan an exhibit on WWI.
- E.4.2 Letter dated March 17, 1997, from Pat Hamilton, McLean Historical Society librarian/archivist, to the students with information on the Bloomington soldier in WWI. His name was Herbert Lee Cooke. Pat included Cooke's date of birth, family, education, and work.
- E.4.3 "Herbert Lee Cooke Consigned to Earth," *Pantagraph*, June 14, 1922.
- E.4.4 4 Photos of Lee Cooke marker and family plot in Park Hill. 2 Photos of the Cooke family home at 516 University St. in Bloomington.
- E.4.5 Letter dated March 21, 1997, from the History teacher in France thanking Pat Hamilton for the information on Cooke and promising to keep her informed of the progress and outcome, with envelope postmarked March 24, 1997. Picture of H Lee Cooke in Army uniform.
- E.4.6 Photos (2) of the French students and teacher taken Spring 1997.
- E.4.7 Letter of thanks to students and teacher from Patricia Hamilton, dated September 13, 1997
- E.4.8 Letter dated March 4, 1999, from history teacher to Patricia Hamilton explaining the exhibit will take place May 20 to June 10, 1999, and inviting Pat to attend. Envelope postmarked March 5, 1999. Copy of an email from Pat to the History professor and students with a post-it note saying it did not go through.
- E.4.9 Glossy booklet that accompanied the exhibit, mostly in French with some paragraphs in English, contains many photographs of American soldiers and the small towns and the countryside taken in 1918-1919. 82pp. With envelope addressed to Patricia Hamilton, postmarked June 29, 1999.
- E.4.10 Photocopy of letter dated Oct. 14, 1918, from Cooke to A. Milner
- E.4.11 Photocopy of letter dated May 20, 1919, from A[nge] Milner to Corp. Cooke
- E.4.12 Photocopy of note from Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Cooke to Miss Milner thanking her for her expression of sympathy at the death of their son, undated.

Folder E5 Maude Essig (1884-1981)

- E.5.1 Maude Essig obituary, *Pantagraph*, September 14, 1981.
- E.5.2 Biography of Essig, more detailed than obituary, typescript, 2pp.
- E.5.3 "My Trip Abroad with Uncle Same – 1917:1919: American Expeditionary Forces in France / Reserve Army Nurse Corp. / American Red Cross Nurse #4411 / How We Won World War I," by Maude Frances Essig, written Summer 1919. 57pp typescript.
- E.5.4 Letter from Alma S. Woolley, Georgetown University, to Margaret Wasson. Explanation of article in *Indiana Magazine of History*, not in folder. January 22, 1988.
- E.5.5 "Maude Frances Essig, 1884-1981: Midwestern Nightingale" by Alma S. Woolley, 1984. Original paper, basis for the published article referred to above. 44pp, spiral bound.

Folder E6 Mark R. Ethel (1883-1960)

- E.6.1 Mark R Ethell, listing from findagrave.com, December 1, 2022.

- E.6.2 Bloomington City Directory listings 1909-1960, March 2007.
- E.6.3 List of Engineer Officers Reserve Corps assigned to active duty, includes First Lieut. Mack[sic] Ray Ethell, War Department, August 28, 1917.
- E.6.4 Promissory note to The Army National Bank for \$161.11, September 27, 1917; and permission to travel form, January 8, 1919.
- E.6.5 Order granting Mark Ethell permission to travel on duty in France, December 27, 1917.
- E.6.6 Special Order that Mark Ethel[sic] will travel to Base Hospital at Vichy, France, January 28, 1919.
- E.6.7 Letter to Mrs. Mark R. Ethell, indicating Mark Ethell arrived at hospital in Chicago, March 14, 1919.
- E.6.8 Blank envelope with this return address: Mark R. Ethell & Co., Contractors and Builders, Bloomington, Illinois.
- E.6.9 Letter to Mark Ethell from his nephew A. R. Short from where he is stationed in Texas, September 12, 1917
- E.6.10 Letter to Mark Ethell from his brother Pat, September 16, 1917.
- E.6.11 Letter to Mark Ethell from E. C. Cutler, Major Retired, September 25, 1917.
- E.6.12 Letter to Mark Ethell from his sister Irene Bright, September 23, 1917, with envelope.
- E.6.13 Letter to Mark Ethell from his wife, December 31, 1917.
- E.6.14 Letter to Old Bulletin from Mark Ethell from France, April 14, 1918, publication unknown.
- E.6.15 Letter to Mark Ethell from his brother Lloyd Orendorff, December 27, 1917.

Folder E7 Otto Gose (1893-

- E.7.1 Transcription of oral interview conducted by Hugh Morris, April 25, 1981, 3pp.

Folder E8 B. Paul Jefferson (1900-1990)

- E.8.1 Transcription of oral interview conducted by Hugh Morris, date unknown, 11pp.
- E.8.2 "B. Paul Jefferson," obituary, *Pantagraph*, May 13, 1990.

Folder E9 Allington Joyce Jolly (1896-1919)

- E.9.1 "Eulogy for Allington Jolly," obituary, *Daily Bulletin*, May 6, 1919.
- E.9.2 "Lieut. Allington Jolly," obituary, *McLean County, Illinois, in the World War, 1917-1918*.
- E.9.3 "A Christmas Fantasy," *Air Enthusiast*, December 1973. Reference to Jolly's accidental death on p. 303.
- E.9.4 "Christmas," *Aero: The Journal of the Barry Aeroplane*, 146, November 1994, pp. 37-47, with addenda of unpublished photographs about the Christmas Bullet/Family Legend.
- E.9.5 "The Christmas Bullet," *Encyclopedia of U. S. Military Aircraft, Part II: The World War I Production Program*, by Robert B. Casari, 1973, pp. 83-93.

Folder E10 Albert Louis Kerber (1895-1918)

- E.10.1 Albert Louis Kerber, brief obituary, *McLean County, Illinois, in the World War, 1917-1918*, p. 74
- E.10.2 Record of Albert Kerber's family, handwritten.
- E.10.3 "Legion," the Davis-Kerber Legion post organized in Colfax, June 1920, was named in honor of Bernard Davis and Albert Kerber, 2pp.
- E.10.4 Postcard sent to Miss Terese Kerber, Colfax, from Albert Kerber, October 4, 1918.
- E.10.5 Poem "The After Mathe[sic]," handwritten on 4x6" notepaper and typescript.

Folder E11 William Foreman Masters (1894-1958)

- E.11.1 William Foreman Masters, listing from findagrave.com, December 5, 2022.
- E.11.2 Letter to Sis, April 12, 1918.
- E.11.3 Letter to Sis, April 15, 1918, with envelope.
- E.11.4 Letter to Father, April 21, 1918, with envelope.
- E.11.5 Letter to Lewis Hendryx, May 28, 1918, with envelope.
- E.11.6 Letter to Sis, with envelope postmarked June 25, 1918.
- E.11.7 Letter to Sis, July 31, 1918, with envelope.
- E.11.8 Letter to parents, August 2, 1918, with envelope.
- E.11.9 Letter to Sis, August 7, 1918, with envelope.
- E.11.10 Letter to Sis, August 26, 1918, with envelope.
- E.11.11 Letter to Sis, November 2, 1918, with envelope.
- E.11.12 Letter to Sister, December 15, 1918.
- E.11.13 Letter to Sister, December 22, 1918, with envelope.
- E.11.14 Letter to Georgia, December 25, 1918.
- E.11.15 Letter to Sister, January 7, 1919.

Folder E12 Claude S. Miller (1893-1957)

- E.12.1 Claude S. Miller, listing from findagrave.com, December 5, 2022.
- E.12.2 "My experience in the World War," typescript, undated, 17pp.

Folder E13 William J. O'Hara (1896-1986)

- E.13.1 Obituary of William O'Hara, *Pantagraph*, December 29, 1986.
- E.13.2 Transcription of interview conducted by Hugh Morris, February 29, 1980, 8pp.

Folder E14 John Jewell Edward Paul (1893-1957)

- E.14.1 John Jewell Paul, obituary, *Pantagraph*, July 27, 1957).
- E.14.2 "Soldiers and Sailors from McLean County," *Daily Pantagraph*, February 20, 1918.
- E.14.3 "Armistice Day Recalls Tragedy," *Pantagraph*?, undated. account of the sinking of the U.S.S. Ophir on November 11, 1918.
- E.14.4 "For Lexington WWI Vet, Today Still Armistice Day," November 11, 1956, source unknown.
- E.14.5 Letter to Mother from Great Lakes, undated.
- E.14.6 Letter to Mother from Great Lakes, undated.
- E.14.7 Letter to Mother from Great Lakes, with envelope postmarked June 17, 1918.
- E.14.8 Letter to Mother from Norfolk, Virginia, undated.
- E.14.9 Letter to Mother from Camp Perry, May 9, 1918.
- E.14.10 Letter to Mother from Hoboken, New Jersey, undated.
- E.14.11 Letter to Mother from Hoboken, New Jersey, with envelope postmarked July 17, 1918.
- E.14.12 Letter to Mother from Somewhere in the Atlantic, August 15, 1918.
- E.14.13 Letter to Mother from New York, August 26, 1918.
- E.14.14 Letter to Mrs. Paul from Theodore F. Fisher, France, October 20, 1918, with envelope postmarked October 21, 1918.
- E.14.15 Letter to Mother from Norfolk, Virginia, December 9, 1918.
- E.14.16 Letter to Mother from Cuba, March 9, [1919?].
- E.14.17 16 postcards of various places, some addressed to Mrs. V. L. Paul.
- E.14.18 Photo of Theodore Fisher; postcard sent to Mother from Cuba; postcard from War Department regarding enlistment classification, sent to Jewell E. Paul in Detroit, Michigan, January 30, 1918; program for Armistice Day banquet 1921, American

- Legion Elmo F. Hill Post No. 291.
- E.14.19 "My Soldier's Record, enlistment record and postings.
 - E.14.20 Three postcards: Notice of change of mail address, The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas, to Mother from Somewhere in Maryland, November 10.
 - E.14.21 Fold-over pocket from Red Cross Canteen Hut, Bloomington, Illinois, with card Our City Greet's You.
 - E.14.22 Notice from the Service Recognition Board that may have accompanied payment to "compensate for the financial loss sustained." Signed Governor Small.

Folder E15 Lyle F. Proffitt (1898-1958)

- E.15.1 Lyle Follick Proffitt, listing from findagrave.com, December 5, 2022, 2pp. Includes marriages, U.S. Army Transport Service lists, 1919.
- E.15.2 Letter to Mother from France, June 20, 1918, with envelope.

Folder E16 George R. Simons (1898-1919)

- E.16.1 "Bloomington Soldier Gives Up Life in France," *Pantagraph*, November 15, 1918.
- E.16.2 Notes from the above obituary.
- E.16.3 Other miscellaneous notes regarding George Simons and his family.
- E.16.4 Pvt. George R. Simons listing from findagrave.com, February 20, 2022, with scan of headstone.
- E.16.5 "Sound Taps for George R. Simons," *Pantagraph*, July 21, 1920, description of American Legion ceremony and text of sermon by Dr. Jackson, 3pp.
- E.16.6 Deceased Coming Home, "George R. Simons' Body Arrives Home," *Pantagraph*, July 19, 1920, posted May 23, 2015, by soniajim1.
- E.16.7 Letter of sympathy and description of George Simons' illness and burial in the A.E.F. Cemetery at Lambzellec, to Mrs. Simons from Mary C. Frost in France, printed in *Pantagraph*, May 17, 1919.
- E.16.8 Letter to Bill Kemp from Ginny Schmult covering three scans of Halloween postcards sent to George and Frank Simons. The postcards were purchased by Schmult at the Bloomington Third Sunday market. February 21, 2022, and Kemp's email reply, March 1, 2022.
- E.16.9 City directory listing for George R. Simons for 1915, from Ancestry.com, printed February 20, 2022.
- E.16.10 Listing for George R. Simons from U.S. Databases of Illinois Veterans Index, 1775-1995, from Ancestry.com, printed February 20, 2022.
- E.16.11 Findagrave.com listing for Miles Gaylord Simons, George's grandfather, printed February 20, 2022.
- E.16.12 Description of the *USS Agamemnon*, source unknown.

Folder E17 James T. Smith (1891-1975)

- E.17.1 Funeral card and envelope, January 29, 1975, Beck Memorial Home. Interment: East Lawn Cemetery, Bloomington, Illinois. Born May 19, 1891; Died January 25, 197
- E.17.2 Funeral card for James T. Smith, with envelope.
- E.17.3 Postcard from War Department regarding enlistment classification; Registration Certificate card; Permission to be absent from company; Identification card.
- E.17.4 Honorable Discharge from U.S. Army, May 29, 1919, with envelope.
- E.17.5 Two poems: "Crying for you" and "Bravery of Our Soldiers."
- E.17.6 Certification of inoculation, February 3, 1918; card indicating hammock location.
- E.17.7 Letter from Bloomington Association of Commerce about celebration to honor McLean

- County soldiers, August 31, 1917, with envelope.
- E.17.8 Warning notice about influenza.
- E.17.9 Letterhead from John H. Krause Post, No. 454, 2 copies.
- E.17.10 Thirty-seven postcards of France.
- E.17.11 Souvenir folder of ship *USS Orizaba* with 10 photographs/postcards.
- E.17.12 Four small photographs taken in France.

Folder E18 Robert James Smith (1863-1947)

- E.18.1 Notice from the U.S. Department of the Navy acknowledging receipt of glasses at the Naval Observatory, with envelope postmarked April 11, 1918.
- E.18.2 Letter to R[obert] J[ames] Smith signed by F D Roosevelt [possibly original signature] from the Navy Department, thanking him for donating glasses to the “Eyes for the Navy” program, April 17, 1918, with envelope.
- E.18.3 Certificate acknowledging Smith’s donation to “Eyes for the Navy” appeal.
- E.18.4 PastPerfect description of binoculars and case, owned by Robert J. Smith and which were loaned by him to the “Eyes for the Navy” program, now donated to the McLean County Museum of History (2012.08.48.a-b), 2pp.
- E.18.5 Printout from HistoryForSale website describing a typed letter signed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he was Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Navy in 1918, thanking a Los Angeles citizen for his loan to the “Eyes for the Navy” program.

Folder E19 Arthur L. Springer (1898-1961)

- E.19.1 Arthur L. Springer findagrave.com listing, December 8, 2022, 2pp.
- E.19.2 Two postcards: I have arrived safely overseas, and to sister Eliza Springer, May 13, 1918.
- E.19.3 Letter to “BroSisters” from Ft. Totten, May 18, 1918.
- E.19.4 Letter to “Bro and Sisters” from Ft. Totten, May 23, 1918.
- E.19.5 Letter to “Brothe”r from Ft. Totten, May 25, 1918.
- E.19.6 Letter to “Brother Sisters” from Ft. Totten, June 23, 1918.
- E.19.7 Letter to “Brother and Sisters” from Somewhere in France, November 18, 1918.
- E.19.8 Letter to “Sisters” from Brest, France, December 4, 1918, with envelope addressed to Eliza A. Springer.
- E.19.9 Letter to “Sister” from Camp Grant, March 29, 1919, with envelope addressed to Eliza Springer.
- E.19.10 Letter to “Sistre and Bro” from Camp Grant, April 4, 1919.
- E.19.11 Five envelopes: three addressed to Eliza Springer, two addressed to Pvt. Arthur L. Springer and marked “No Record” and returned.

Folder E20 Gerald C. Thomas (1894-1984)

- E.20.1 Gen. Gerald Carthrae Thomas findagrave.com listing, December 8, 2022, 3pp.
- E.20.2 “Belleau Wood: One Man’s Initiation,” *Military History Quarterly* 6.1 (Autumn 1993): 68-79. Account is adapted from the author’s biography *Many a Strike: General Gerald C. Thomas and the U.S. Marine Corps, 1917-1956* published by the Naval Institute Press.

Folder E21 Fairfax S. Townley (1893-1970)

- E.21.1 Fairfax S. Townley findagrave.com listing, December 8, 2022.
- E.21.2 Letters to family, date indicated when provided
- E.21.3 on Hotel McAlpin, New York, stationery

- E.21.4 on YMCA stationery
- E.21.5 on YMCA stationery
- E.21.6 on YMCA stationery, Christmas Day
- E.21.7 on YMCA stationery
- E.21.8 on YMCA stationery
- E.21.9 on YMCA stationery
- E.21.10 on YMCA stationery
- E.21.11 on YMCA stationery
- E.21.12 on YMCA stationery
- E.21.13 on War Camp Community Service stationery
- E.21.14 on The New Willard, Washington, stationery
- E.21.15 on War Department stationery
- E.21.16 on War Department stationery
- E.21.17 on War Department stationery
- E.21.18 on War Department stationery
- E.21.19 on War Department stationery
- E.21.20 on U.S. Senate Press Gallery stationery
- E.21.21 on Jewish Welfare Board stationery
- E.21.22 on YMCA stationery,
- E.21.23 on YMCA stationery, November 14, 1918
- E.21.24 second letter on YMCA stationery, November 14, 1918
- E.21.25 on Hotel Driscoll stationery, November 19, 1918
- E.21.26 on Jewish Welfare Board stationery, November 21, 1918
- E.21.27 on Shoreham Hotel stationery, November 22, 1918
- E.21.28 on Shoreham Hotel stationery, November 25, 1918
- E.21.29 on Jewish Welfare Board stationery, November 27, 1918
- E.21.30 on Jewish Welfare Board stationery, November 29, 1918
- E.21.31 on War Dept. stationery, December 14, 1918
- E.21.32 on Hotel Sherman stationery,
- E.21.33 on Hotel Sherman stationery,
- E.21.34 on Hotel Sherman stationery,
- E.21.35 on Board of Trade Hotel stationery
- E.21.36 on Press Club of Chicago stationery
- E.21.37 on Press Club of Chicago stationery, February 8
- E.21.38 on Press Club of Chicago stationery,
- E.21.39 on Board of Trade Hotel stationery, February 7, 1919
- E.21.40 on Press Club of Chicago stationery, February 18, 1919
- E.21.41 on Press Club of Chicago stationery, February 25, 1919
- E.21.42 on The Inman Hotel stationery, January 28, 1919
- E.21.43 on blank paper, 2 letters
- E.21.44 on blank paper, March 3, 1919
- E.21.45 on blank paper
- E.21.46 on onion skin, Tuesday
- E.21.47 on onion skin, Friday,
- E.21.48 on onion skin, Monday
- E.21.49 on Celebrated Players Film Corp stationery, November 7, 1919
- E.21.50 letter of recommendation for Fairfax Townley from Robert R. Mix to Peden, Kahn & Murphy, on Eleventh Recruit Company stationery, undated

- E.21.51 letter of recommendation for Fairfax Townley from W. G. Saville to Cornell wood Products Co., undated
- E.21.52 letter of recommendation for Fairfax Townley from D. M. Cameron to Continental Machine & Foundry Co., undated
- E.21.53 letter from W. G. Savill to Fairfax Townley acknowledging receipt, November 25, 1918
- E.21.54 telegram to C S Townley from Fairfax Townley indicating discharge, January 11, 1919
- E.21.55 letter to Bill from Fairfax on Press Club of Chicago stationery
- E.21.56 letter to Fairfax Townley notification of election to degrees in Garden City Lodge, December 12, 1918
- E.21.57 letter to Fairfax Townley from Matthew J. Cahill, Modern Woodmen of American, February 4, 1919