DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of materials associated with Lowry B. Eiland’s participation in World War I. Included in the collection are his notice for physical examination, various camp passes from Camp Funston and European camps, and an artillery instruction manual. A small diary contains notes by Eiland for the period Sep. 30 to Oct. 9, 1918 where he recorded his thoughts on some of the events he observed. Three sheets of German propaganda are present in poster form. Five panorama photographs depict military units and scenes in Germany. Images depict Camp Funston, KS and members of E Battery, 340th Field Artillery to which Eiland was assigned.

1 Box, 2.25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Lowry B. Eiland was a Globe, AZ resident when he received his notice in August 1917 to report for a physical examination for consideration for possible military service. He was subsequently accepted into the Army in 1918 and went with the 89th U.S. Division to Camp Funston for training. Deployed to Europe Eiland became a member of B Battery, 340th Field Artillery Division. From his brief diary entries he at least came close enough to the front to hear artillery firing. In 1919 his unit was stationed in France and then returned to the United States. Eiland married Clara Belle Eiland who died in June 1959 in Tucson, AZ.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Lowry B. Eiland in March 1964.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in November 2008.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1 Eiland’s Notice for Physical Examination for Military Service 1917
f.2 Eiland’s Diary Sep. 30 – Oct. 9 1918
f.3 Military Passes from Camp Funston 1918
f.4 Military Passes from European Camps 1919
f.5 French Admission Cards 1918
f.6 Provisional Drill and Service Regulations for Field Artillery 1916
f.7 Postcard Booklet of Paris France
f.8 German Propaganda Sheets
f.9 Sheet Music for the 89th U.S. Division (COL Funston’s Signature) 1918
f.10 Poetry (Lowry P. Eiland??) N.D.
f.11 “Mid-Week Pictorial” Magazine 1918
f.12 Newspaper: Stars and Stripes 1919
f.13 Newspaper: Oregon Journal “500,000 Men to be in France Soon: Junkers Fear Kaiser is Yielding” 1918
f.14 Map of Chambley France 1918
f.15 Artillery Firing Overlay Sheet

Outside Items

Photo #A: Battery E, 340th Field Artillery, AEF 1918 – 1919 Returned from Overseas May 24, 1919

Photo #B: Montfaucon, Showing German Observations & Fortifications, Captured By the American Forces, Sept. 27, 1918

Photo #C: Co. H, 9th Infantry, Bendorf, Germany April 1919

Photo #D: MAJ Gen Lenard J. Wood “Returns from France”, Camp Funston, Kansas April 12, 1918

Photo #E: Football Crowd at Camp Funston, Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1917 University of Illinois versus Camp Funston