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Descriptive Summary
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Collector: Walter P. Lanagan
Collection Size: 1 archival document boxe (.25 linear foot)
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Abstract: This collection consists of Walter P. Lanagan’s correspondence with persons he met in France during World War I, while serving at the American Red Cross Hospital at Nantes, France.
Physical location: Section H, Aisle 67, Row B, Bay 1, Shelf 6
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: EnglishFrench
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Collection Description
This collection contains nine letters, ten postcards, two photographs, and a menu for a banquet at the U.S.A. Base Hospital 38 held at the Hotel de Bretagne, Nantes, on 29 March 1919. Andrée Laheux, an "Odette," and Edouard Choupay sent the correspondence and postcards to a Walter Lanagan. Most of the correspondence comes from Andrée Laheux, of Nantes, France. This is probably the same Walter P. Lanagan stationed at the American Red Cross Hospital at Nantes, France, in World War I. See W.M.L. Coplin, American Red Cross Base Hospital No. 38 in the World War: United States Army Base Hospital No. 38, Organized Under the Auspices of the Jefferson Medical College and Hospital, Stationed at Nantes, France, 1918-1919 (Philadelphia: E.A. Wright Co., 1923), p. 238. Also see Walter P. Lanagan’s photograph between pages 156-157.
An on-line search reveals a Walter P. Lanagan who was born perhaps in Philadelphia, in 1898 and was still living there in 1940.

The authors of the letters principally lament Lanagan's absence and his failure to respond to their letters.

Because of the fragility of the letters, photocopies have been substituted for the originals, except for the letter from Edouard Choupay of 5 June 1919 (Folder 1). A photocopy has also been substituted for the menu for the banquet for U.S.A. Base Hospital 38, in folder 3.

**Arrangement**

There is no original order for this collection, which was arranged by format: letters in folder 1 and postcards in folder 2.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Lanagan, Walter P.

Lanagan, Walter P. -- Correspondence

World War, 1914-1918 -- Correspondence

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To “Cher Walter (probably Lanagan) from “Odette” (Your true French Lady). 2 pages. Paris. 1918 or 1919 May 31

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To Walter Lanagan from Edouard Choupay. 2 pages. Paris. 1919 June 5

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To Walter (probably Lanagan) from Andrée (Laheux). Nantes. 1918 August 6

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To Walter (Lanagan) from Andrée (Laheux). Nantes. Year unknown. August 12

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To Walter (probably Lanagan) from Andrée (Laheux). Nantes. 1919 November 25

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To Walter (probably Lanagan) from Andrée (Laheux). Nantes. 1919 May 26

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To Walter Lanagan from Andrée Laheux. Nantes. 1920 June 30

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To Walter Lanagan from Andrée Laheux. Nantes. 1920 August 10

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To Walter Lanagan from Andrée Laheux. Nantes. 1920 July 27

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10 postcards, seven of which were sent to Walter Lanagan by Andrée Laheux. 1919-1920

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Two black and white photographs: One inscribed on back: "pretty French (sic) scenery." One inscribed on back: "To Bob from the ducks." Undated

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Menu for banquet for U.S.A. Base Hospital 38. Held at the Hotel de Bretagne, Nantes. 1919 March 29