
Guide to the Alton L. Flanders World War I Correspondence Collection, 1918-1919

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Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Alton L. Flanders World War I Correspondence Collection

Dates: 1918-1919

Identification: SC/ALF

Creator: Flanders, Alton L.

Physical Description: 0.21 linear feet

Language of Materials: English

Repository: Special Collections

Abstract: Alton L. Flanders served in the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines infantry battalion during World War I. The collection consists of four letters he sent to his cousin Mrs. Jason Coppernoll in Johnstown, NY, in which he documents his experiences at Camp Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts in 1918, and while stationed in France with the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) in 1918 and 1919.

Biographical Information:

Alton L. Flanders served in the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines infantry battalion during World War I.

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Scope and Contents

The *Alton L. Flanders World War I Correspondence Collection* consists of letters from Alton L. Flanders to his cousin Mrs. Jason Coppernoll in Johnstown, NY, documents Flanders' experiences in training and while stationed in France with the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) during World War I. In the first letter Flanders writes from Camp Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts about training, his roommate, and visits home. In later letters, sent from France, he writes of the weather, going to the movies, and being in the hospital for 2 months while suffering from the Spanish Flu. The letters are written on YMCA stationery, and the envelopes of those sent from France are stamped "AEF Passed as Censored" on the front.

Box 1, Folder 1	Letter to Mrs. Jason Coppernoll, 1918 February 13
Box 1, Folder 2	Letter to Mrs. Jason Coppernoll, 1918 April 5
Box 1, Folder 3	Letter to Mrs. Jason Coppernoll, 1918 May 31
Box 1, Folder 4	Letter to Mrs. Jason Coppernoll, 1919 February 26