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## **Finding Aid for the Charles Eggeling First World War correspondence 2013.079.w.r**

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**Title:** Charles Eggeling First World War correspondence

**Identifier/Call Number:** 2013.079.w.r

**Physical Description:** 0.2 Linear Feet(6 folders)

**Date (inclusive):** 1918-1946

**Abstract:** Correspondence to and from Private Charles Eggeling, 111th Machine Gun Battalion, during his service in France as part of the American Expeditionary Force, 1918-1919. Also included in this collection are military documents, photographs, and ephemera from his time in France.

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**Storage Unit:** 1-7

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This collection is open for research.

#### **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of personal correspondence, documents, photographs and other ephemera belonging to Private Charles Eggeling, 111th Machine Gun Battalion.

Letters come from different individuals, including friends and family. The bulk of the collection of letters originate from Charles Eggeling to Irene Donnelly.

This collection also include a small diary kept by Charles Eggeling.

#### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Irene F. Eggeling.

#### **Subjects and Indexing Terms**

World War, 1914-1918

Eggeling, Irene

Eggeling, Charles

Donnelly, Irene

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carton WWI 1,  
folder 1

#### **Series 1, Diary 1918-1919**

**Physical Description:** 0.04 Linear Feet(1 folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains one diary kept by Charles Eggeling. The first five pages of the diary contain small notes, names, and address. The next pages document Eggeling's travels by sea, and he would often note if the seas were "calm". Eggeling noted his date of discharge on May 28, 1919. There is a dried flower resting in the center of the book. The book itself is bound in brown leather and the pages are line-ruled. The diary is 2 3/4" x 4 3/4".

#### **Subjects and Indexing Terms**

World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal Narratives.

carton WWI 1,  
folder 2

**Series 2, Correspondence from Charles Eggeling to Irene Donnelly 1918-1919**

**Physical Description:** 0.01 Linear Feet(1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains correspondence of Charles Eggeling to Miss Irene M. Donnelly. The folder contains five cards and four letters. Subjects of conversation include the daily events of Eggeling's life, his hospital visits due to an ankle injury, and places he visited. In most letters, Eggeling referred to Donnelly as "my darling sweetheart".

Of interest are souvenir cards from France that have embroidered designs on them.

carton WWI 1,  
folder 3

**Series 3, Correspondence to Charles Eggeling**

**Physical Description:** 0.01 Linear Feet(1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains the correspondence of Irene Donnelly and Eggeling family members to Charles Eggeling. The folder contains an assortment of material including one birthday card, holiday cards, other post cards, and eight letters. Subjects of conversation include the daily lives of Donnelly and Eggeling's family members as well as holiday gatherings.

carton WWI 1,  
folder 4

**Series 4, Documents**

**Physical Description:** 0.045 Linear Feet(1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains the military service documents of Charles Eggeling. This folder consists of six documents. Of interest is a facsimile of honorable discharge notice from the United States Army. Eggeling was discharged from the 111th Machine Gun Battalion on August 6, 1919. Other documents include an order of induction, identification, and veterans membership cards.

carton WWI 1,  
folder 5

**Series 5, Photographs**

**Physical Description:** 0.025 Linear Feet(1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains eleven black and white photographs. Most of the photographs are dated on the back. Of interest is a photo of a soldier wearing a gas mask. One photo has been kept in a yellow and orange plastic frame.

carton WWI 1,  
folder 6

**Series 6, Postcards 1918-1919**

**Physical Description:** 0.025 Linear Feet(1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**

The series contains fifteen unused post cards from Charles Eggeling's time in France. The postcards depict various locations and landmarks throughout France.

carton WWI 1,  
folder 7

**Series 7, Ephemera 1919-1942**

**Physical Description:** 0.045 Linear Feet(1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains military ephemera, of particular interest are war ration books. Two of these books still have war ration stamps attached. The names on these books are Charles Eggeling, Irene Frances Eggeling, and Irene Marie Eggeling. All are dated May 5, 1942. This series also includes one tickets to the Mayor's Committee of Welcome to the Home-Coming Troops. This ticket is dated April 21, 1919.