Finding Aid for the Dwight Fee WFirst World War Correspondence 2014.049.w.r

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Title: Dwight Fee First World War Correspondence
source: Fee, George
Identifier/Call Number: 2014.049.w.r
Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet (1 box)
Date (inclusive): 1918-1990
Date (bulk): 1918
Physical Description: Some letters are in fragile condition and torn. Pencil markings can be seen on some of the letters.
Abstract: This collection contains correspondence between Sergeant Dwight Fee, United States Army and wife Lucille Fee, during his service with the United States Army, during World War One.
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Preferred Citation: [Item title], Dwight Fee World War One correspondence (2014.049.w.r), Center for American War Letters, Chapman University, CA.
Scope and Contents
This collection contains correspondence between Sergeant Dwight Fee, United States Army and wife Lucille Fee, during his service with the United States Army, in France, 1918. Other recipients include Fee's parents and a few family friends. The bulk of these letters are from Lucille Fee discussing her experiences on the home front, job searching and their immediate family.
Fee's letters deal with his time in France, while serving with the 80th Division, National Army, American Expeditionary Force. This division took part in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the largest battle in United States military history, involving 1.2 million American soldiers. The Meuse-Argonne was the principal engagement of the American Expeditionary Forces, during the First World War.
This collection also includes a published book titled 80th Division - Summary of Operations in the World War, on the 80th division's time in combat and a remembrance book titled The Bayonet Remembrance Book of Camp Lee, Virginia where Fee attended his Army training.
Also, included in this collection is a small, cotton, textile bag that was used to store Fee's wartime letters.
Arrangement
The Dwight Fee World War One correspondence collection is arranged by author, in chronological order.
Series 1, Correspondence to Dwight Fee (1918 - 1919)
Series 2, Correspondence from Dwight Fee (1918 - 1918)
Series 3, Correspondence photocopies with notes (1918 - 1918)
Series 4, Miscellaneous correspondence, documents, clippings and photos (1917 - 1998)
Series 5, Publications
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of the Fee family.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
### Series 1, Correspondence from Dwight Fee 1918

- **Physical Description:** 0.02 Linear Feet
- **Scope and Contents:**
  This series contains letters from Dwight Fee during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. The majority of letters are to his wife Lucille and discuss his daily routines while stationed in France.
- **Subjects and Indexing Terms:**
  - World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns

### Series 2, Correspondence to Dwight Fee 1918-1919

- **Physical Description:** 0.02 Linear Feet (1 folder)
- **Scope and Contents:**
  This collection contains correspondence to Dwight Fee during his service with the U.S. Army, in France, 1918. The bulk of these letters originated from Lucille Fee and deal with issues from the homefront along with updates about family and friends.
- **Subjects and Indexing Terms:**
  - World War, 1914-1918 -- Homefront

### Series 3, Miscellaneous correspondence, documents, clippings and photos 1917-1998

- **Physical Description:** 0.02 Linear Feet (1 folder)
- **Scope and Contents:**
  This series contains miscellaneous correspondence, documents, clippings and photographs belonging to Dwight Fee. It also contains a folder of notes and papers written by William Fee for his biography *Character(s)* including a typed transcription of Dwight Fee's Discharge papers, dated December 20, 1918 and personal copies of William Fee's army records.
  Included in this series are two copies of a photograph of a ruined church at Gercourt, France, taken in 1921, with a small narrative from Dwight Fee. There is also one copy of Fee in uniform and a photograph of a field labeled From Crissey. This series also contains two unmailed post cards.
  Of interest are four newspaper clippings from the period that show excerpts of Dwight Fee's letters home to his parents, published in an unknown local paper.
  Also, of interest is a cotton, drawstring bag that was used to hold Fee's war letters.
- **Subjects and Indexing Terms:**
  - Genealogy -- Bibliography
  - World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal Narratives.
  - World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns

### Series 4, Correspondence photocopies with notes 1918

- **Physical Description:** 0.02 Linear Feet (1 folder)
- **Scope and Contents:**
  This series contains photocopied letters from Dwight Fee, with some additional notes made by his son, William Fee.
**Series 5, Publications 1918-1990**

**Physical Description:** 0.2 Linear Feet (3 folders)

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains three books from the Fee family, listed below.

1). *80th Division - Summary of Operations in the World War*. Printed in 1944, this book contains information on the combat records for the 8th Division, during their initial deployment and subsequent training in Europe, during 1918. This book also contains maps that show operations and offensives.

2). *The Bayonet Remembrance Book of Camp Lee, Virginia*, copyright 1918. This book contains information and a pictorial look at the training camp of the 80th Division, where Dwight Fee underwent his army training. This book includes a photo of Dwight Fee, along with other Camp Lee recruits.

3). *Character(s)* copyright 1990. A Biography of Dwight Fee, Lucille Fee and the Fee family, written by son William Fee. This contains transcriptions of some war letters, from both Dwight and William Fee's military service.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns

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**Series 6, Conservation Treatment Documentation 2017-03-10**

**Physical Description:** .01 Linear Feet (1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains documentation of conservation treatment applied to the letter dated July 21, 1918. The letter was loaned to the Postal Museum in Washington, DC for an exhibition beginning in April 2017. The museum made conservation recommendations and applied treatment to the letter. This document details that treatment.