Finding Aid for the William F. Wheatley First World War correspondence collection 2014.053.w.r

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Abstract: This collection contains letters and greeting cards from PVT. William F. Wheatley USA to his sister, Margaret Opal Wheatley during the First World War.

Language of Material: The majority of these letters are in English, however the greeting cards are written in French.

Storage Unit: WW1

Content Description
This collection contains five letters and two greeting cards, written by Private William F. Wheatley United States Army to his sister, Margaret Opal Wheatley while serving with the American Expeditionary Forces. Wheatley was stationed in Rennes, France and wrote about a variety of topics related to army and camp life. Private Wheatley was promoted to Corporal on January 1, 1919.

Also included in this collection is one folder of six typed transcriptions of Wheatley’s letters.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged by author and material type.

Series 1. Correspondence from William F. Wheatley -- Series 2. Transcriptions, correspondence

Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.

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Biographical / Historical
William Wheatley was born and raised in central Indiana, born on October 2, 1896 and died January 2, 1972.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
World War -- 1914 - 1918.
World War, 1914-1918--France
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Patterson, Joella B.
Wheatley, William F., 1896-1972
Wheatley, Margaret Opel, Ms., 1889-1971

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Series 1. Correspondence from William F. Wheatley 1918-1919

Scope and Contents
This series contains letters from PVT. William F. Wheatley USA to his sister Margaret Opal Wheatley while stationed in Rennes, France. Topics include life in Wheatley's camp, the importance of receiving mail, weather and buying local candy in a nearby town.

Of interest is a letter dated Nov. 10, 1918 where Wheatley mentions the armistice planned for the following day and his feelings about coming home.
Series 2. Transcriptions, correspondence 2004

Scope and Contents
This series contains typed transcriptions of all letters found in Series 1. Transcriptions appear to be circa 2000 with a cover letter date of 2004.