Finding Aid for the Clyde D. Eoff World War One correspondence collection 2014.023.w.r

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**Title:** Clyde D. Eoff World War One correspondence collection

**Identifier/Call Number:** 2014.023.w.r

**Contributing Institution:** Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives, Leatherby Libraries

**Language of Material:** English

**Storage Unit:** 1

**Storage Unit:** 1-11

**Physical Description:** 0.5 Linear feet1 document box

**Date (bulk):** Bulk, 1917-1919

**Date (inclusive):** 1917-1942

**Location note:** Leatherby Libraries

**Language of Materials note:** The materials in this collection are in English.

**Abstract:** This collection consists of letters written by Sgt. Clyde D. Eoff to his mother, sisters, and father, from 1917 to 1942. Also included in this collection are photographs, postcards, and miscellaneous ephemera.

**Biographical/Historical note**

Clyde D. Eoff was trained to be a soldier in the army during World War One, but was transferred to the Ordnance Department. He served as a Sergeant for 314th Mobile Ordnance Repair Shop, American Expeditionary Forces and was eventually promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

**Scope and Contents note**

This collection consists of 322 pieces of personal correspondence and other material, written by Sgt. Clyde Dawson Eoff, 314th Mobile Ordnance Repair Shop, American Expeditionary Forces.

Letters are written to family members, Mrs. Charles (Chas) Eoff, Josephine Eoff, and Dolly Eoff. This collection covers a period from 1917 - 1942. The bulk of the correspondence is from 1917-1919.

This collection also includes a few photographs, drawings, poems, and some miscellaneous ephemera.

**Conditions Governing Use note**

There are no restrictions on the use of this material except where previously copyrighted material is concerned. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain all permissions.

**Preferred Citation note**

[Item title], Clyde D. Eoff World War One correspondence collection (2014.160.w.r), Center for American War Letters, Chapman University, CA.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Gift of child of Clyde D. Eoff

name of child unknown no cover letter no contact info

**Conditions Governing Access note**

This collection is open for research.

**Arrangement note**

The Clyde D. Eoff World War One correspondence collection is arranged by recipient, in chronological order.

Series 1, Correspondence to Mrs. Charles (Chas) Eoff (1917 -1919)

Series 2, Correspondence to Josephine Eoff (1917 - 1919)

Series 3, Correspondence to Dolly Eoff (1917 - 1919)

Series 4, Postcards, undated

Series 5, Miscellaneous (1917 - 1942)

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

[name of donor unknown], [child of Clyde Eoff]

Eoff, Clyde D.

World War -- 1914 -1918.

World War, 1914-1918--Homefront
**Series 1, Correspondence to Mrs. Charles (Chas) Eoff 1917-1919**

**Language of Material:** English  
**Physical Description:** (5 folders)  
**Scope and Contents note**  
This series contains the correspondence of Sgt. Clyde D. Eoff to his mother, Mrs. Charles (Chas) Eoff. The folders contain an assortment of material including 70 letters with envelopes, 17 postcards and two photographs. Subjects of conversation include, general family news, the homefront, and daily events of Sgt. Eoff’s life including his training, meals, and travels.  
Of interest is a set of watercolor illustrations by Sgt. Eoff which can be found in folder number 4. These drawings depict the people and places he saw during his time in Germany.  
**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Eoff, Charles (Chas), Mrs.  
Eoff, Clyde Dawson

**Folders 6-8**

**Series 2, Correspondence to Josephine Eoff 1917-1919**

**Language of Material:** English  
**Physical Description:** (2 folders)  
**Scope and Contents note**  
This series contains the correspondence of Clyde D. Eoff to his sister, Josephine Eoff. The folders contain an assortment of material including 32 letters with envelopes, two postcards and eight photographs. Subjects of conversation include, friends and family news, the weather, and daily events of Sgt. Eoff's life including travels.  
Of particular interest in this series is from a letter dated June 6, 1919, in which Sgt. Eoff states that he received an honorable discharge.  
**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Eoff, Clyde Dawson  
Eoff, Josephine  
World War, 1914-1918—Homefront

**Folder 9**

**Series 3, Correspondence to Dolly Eoff 1917-1919**

**Language of Material:** English  
**Physical Description:** (1 folder)  
**Scope and Contents note**  
This series contains the correspondence of Sgt. Clyde D. Eoff to his sister, Dolly Eoff. The folders contain an assortment of material including six letters with envelopes and six postcards. Subjects of conversation include, thank-you notes for food and other gifts, friends and family members, and Sgt. Eoff's travels. The letters sent from France and Germany largely describe scenery and the people of the countries.  
Of particular interest in this series, Sgt. Eoff mentions his time in Europe as an opportunity to see the Old World. He also states that his division may enter Russia.  
**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Eoff, Clyde Dawson  
Eoff, Dolly
Folder 10  
**Series 4, Postcards, undated**

*Language of Material:* English  
*Physical Description:* (1 folder)  
*Scope and Contents note*

This series contains 160 postcards which are undated. These were collected by Sgt. Eoff during his travels in the military. Most of the postcards are of landscapes, cityscapes, and buildings in Germany and France.  

Postcard inventory: 51 France (landscapes, cityscapes, buildings) 18 Belgium (landscapes, cityscapes) 61 Germany (landscapes, cityscapes, buildings) 5 United States (training camp) 23 War Scenes (planes, bodies, soldiers, weapons) 2 Miscellaneous  

*Subjects and Indexing Terms*  
Eoff, Clyde Dawson  
Landscapes.  
Postcards.

Folder 11  
**Series 5, Miscellaneous 1917-1942**

*Language of Material:* English  
*Physical Description:* (1 folder)  
*Scope and Contents note*

This series contains an assortment if materials, mostly related to Sgt. Clyde D. Eoff's military service. This includes two poems, one photograph, one letter, two postcards, one draft notice, four promotion letters and forms, two travel orders, one honorable discharge notice, one roster, and four maps.  

*Subjects and Indexing Terms*  
Eoff, Clyde Dawson  
World War -- 1914 -1918.