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## **Finding Aid for the Dominic F. Politeo First World War Correspondence 2015.074.w.r**

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**Language of Material:** English

**Contributing Institution:** Center for American War Letters Archives

**Title:** Dominic F. Politeo First World War Correspondence

**Identifier/Call Number:** 2015.074.w.r

**Physical Description:** 0.2 Linear Feet(2 binders) (3 books) (9 pieces of ephemera) (1 scrapbook)

**Date (inclusive):** 1918-1922

**Physical Description:** Several folded pieces of paper were found inlaid in between pages in a book titled Correspondence Book. These include: #1 one letter dated January 7, 1919 (between pages 6 and 7) --- #2 one German 50,000 Mark, #3 a typed poem called Only a Volunteer, #4 a letter in French (between pages 12 and 13) --- #5 one official pass (between pages 30 and 31) --- #6 one typed copy of an article copied from the San Francisco Examiner (between pages 34 and 35) --- #7 one small paper pass labeled "Night Circulation Authorized" (between pages 54 and 55) --- #8 one typed copy of a poem by J.N. Shearer (between pages 106 and 107) --- #9 one newspaper clipping from the San Fransico Journal. Date reads Friday, May with unknown year (between pages 154 and 155) ---

**Abstract:** This collection contains correspondence and ephemera of Dominic F. Politeo during and after the First World War.

**Storage Unit:** 1

**Storage Unit:** 1-4

#### **Content Description**

This collection contains correspondence to and from Dominic F. Politeo during Politeo's time in the American Expeditionary Forces, while training and stationed in France. This collection also contains loose ephemera, field books, aerial photographs, one note book and one scrapbook with various loose material.

#### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

#### **Conditions Governing Use**

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.

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

Gift of Anne Politeo

#### **Preferred Citation**

[Item title], Dominic F. Politeo First World War correspondence (2015.074.w.r), Center for American War Letters, Chapman University, CA.

#### **Arrangement**

This collection is arranged by Material Type and author.

Series 1: Correspondence from Dominic F. Politeo Series 2: Correspondence from the Bodler Family to Dominic F. Politeo

Series 3: Miscellaneous correspondence to Dominic F. Politeo Series 4: Ephemera Series 5: Books

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

World War, 1914-1918.

World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal Narratives.

Politeo, Dominic F.

Politeo, Anne

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### **Series 1. Correspondence from Dominic F. Politeo 1918-1919**

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains letters written by Dominic F. Politeo to members of his family, including Politeo's older brother, sister, mother and father. Topics include daily activities, training and camp life while stationed at Fort Myer, VA and their battalion's deployment to France.

Of particular interest are records of his promotions from Private to Corporal and Corporal to Sergeant. This series also contains a roster of the First Battalion Headquarters Company, photographs of Politeo during training, Politeo's discharge and enlistment records and a certificate of promotion.

**Series 2. Correspondence from the Bodler Family to Dominic F. Politeo 1918-1919**

**Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains letters written to Dominic Politeo from Mr. and Mrs. F.F. Bodler. In these letters they discuss everyday happenings on the homefront and Politeo's deployment to France.

**Series 3. Miscellaneous correspondence to Dominic F. Politeo 1917-1918**

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains miscellaneous correspondence from multiple authors to Dominic Politeo.

**Series 4. Ephemera 1917-1919**

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains miscellaneous ephemera belonging to Dominic F. Politeo collected during and after the First World War. Materials include one scrapbook, one correspondence booklet and one folder of paper inlays contained between the below listed pages.

Of particular interest are numerous aerial photographs with overlays showing gun emplacements and trench layouts. These are contained within a handmade scrapbook.

Correspondence Book inlay page numbers: #1 one letter dated January 7, 1919 (between pages 6 and 7) --- #2 one German 50,000 Mark, #3 a typed poem called Only a Volunteer, #4 a letter in French (between pages 12 and 13) --- #5 one official pass (between pages 30 and 31) --- #6 one typed copy of an article copied from the San Francisco Examiner (between pages 34 and 35) --- #7 one small paper pass labeled "Night Circulation Authorized" (between pages 54 and 55) --- #8 one typed copy of a poem by J.N. Shearer (between pages 106 and 107) --- #9 one newspaper clipping from the San Francisco Journal. Date reads Friday, May with unknown year (between pages 154 and 155)

**Series 5. Books 1917-1918**

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains books issued to Politeo during his time in the American Expeditionary Force, during the First World War. Materials include the book Bayonet Fighting by Capt. Leopold McLaglen, Yanks: A Book of A.E.F. Verse, and a book of Engineer Field Notes.