
**Finding Aid for the Wallace Williams First World War correspondence collection
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Abstract: This collection contains the correspondence from Lieutenant Wallace Williams, American Expeditionary Force, to his parents during the First World War. The collection also contains three newspaper clippings and three photographs.

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Williams was a pilot during his service, but being an officer it seems he saw little action. He served in France but describes spending most of his time in chateaus with the local people. In a few of his letters he mentions serving with African American soldiers, whom he refers to as "coloreds" or "negros," although he doesn't have anything negative to say.

Letter dated July 28, 1918: "The way may be over in a short while. Pershing says, 'Hell, Heaven, or Broadway by Thanksgiving.'"

Letters dated in November 1918 indicate the war is coming to an end and their excitement over that news. Williams eventually returned home in March 1919.

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