Finding Aid for Schwanke Family First World War Correspondence 2017.108.w.r

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Abstract: This collection contains correspondence written by several authors to the Schwanke family during the First World War. Much of the correspondence is from or concerning Army Private Charles Schwanke, who served with the 104th Infantry Regiment of the 26th Infantry Division.
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Gift of Richard C. Maringer
Arrangement
This collection is arranged by material type, author, and date. Series 1: Correspondence to Schwanke Family – Series 2: Wisconsin State Guard papers
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Content Description
This collection contains correspondence, including a letter and postcards, to the Schwanke family during the First World War. A majority of the correspondence is from or concerning Charles Schwanke, who was serving in France. The majority of the letters are addressed to Charles' brother Herbert Schwanke in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There are also several documents concerning the activities of the Wisconsin State Guard.
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Biographical / Historical
Charles Schwanke was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 27, 1889. Schwanke was 27 when he filled out his draft registration card for World War I. Records show that Schwanke served with Company K of the 104th Infantry in France. He sailed home from Brest, France on the USS Mount Vernon in March of 1919 and arrived in Boston on April 4, 1919. Military records suggest that Schwanke may have had a son, Roland, who died during World War II.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
World War, 1914-1918
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924
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Schwanke, Charles A., 1889-1964
Series 1. Correspondence to Schwanke Family 1917-1919

- **Physical Description:** .030 Linear Feet (1 folder)
- **Scope and Contents**
  
  This series contains one letter and eight postcards sent to the Schwanke family during the First World War. Much of the correspondence is from or concerning Private Charles Schwanke, who served in France with the Army during the First World War.

  In one postcard from December 26th, 1918, Charles Schwanke writes to Herbert about President Woodrow Wilson eating Christmas dinner with members of the 26th Infantry Division, of which Schwanke was a member.

  In another postcard, Schwanke writes to his brother about returning home from France. There are also two postcards from Schwanke to his mother and brother announcing his safe arrival overseas.

Series 2. Wisconsin State Guard Papers 1918-05-22-1918-06-21

- **Physical Description:** .025 Linear Feet (1 folder)
- **Scope and Contents**
  
  This series contains papers mentioning the activities of Company G of the 7th Infantry Regiment of the Wisconsin State Guard. There is also a lyric sheet to a song.