Finding Aid of the Homer Hopkins Letter C058030

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Title: Homer Hopkins Letter

Creator: Hopkins, Homer

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Physical Description: 1 folder
One typewritten letter in good condition
Two continuous pages, taped together; letter typed in purple ink (unclear whether this is a transcription of an original letter or the original copy itself)

Date (inclusive): 1919 April 27

Abstract: A letter from Homer Hopkins to his father (unnamed), from St. Nazaire, France, dated April 27th, 1919. Hopkins discusses French and German train cars, horse sales, and his experience as a soldier in St. Nazaire. It is unclear whether this is the original letter, or if it a transcribed copy of an earlier version.

Scope and Contents
In the letter to his father, Homer Hopkins relays his recent experiences as a soldier in St. Nazaire. He describes the activities of nearby ships, his unit’s experiences shipping horses to other parts of France to be sold at auction, and compares the French and German train cars he’s seen, preferring the comfort of the German trains. He complains about the way in which the French conduct business transactions with American soldiers and violent interactions between American and French soldiers and “Algerian negroes”. He ends the letter with predictions and rumors about when he is to be sent home, as well as descriptions of the areas in St. Nazaire recently made accessible to soldiers. No biographical information was found on Homer Hopkins.

Biographical / Historical
No biographical information found.

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