Frank Gruenthal Collection

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Preliminary Guide to the Frank Gruenthal Collection, ca. 1896-1926

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Frank Gruenthal Collection
Dates: ca. 1896-1926
Collection number: Bernath Mss 95
Creator: Gruenthal, Frank
Collection Size: 0.8 linear feet (2 document boxes).
Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections
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Abstract: Photograph albums and diaries, primarily World War I era, from a German-Jewish ancestor of the Grünthal family.
Physical location: Del Norte.
Languages: German
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Acquisition Information
Scope and Content of Collection
Six photograph albums, three diaries and four military documents, primarily World War I era, from a German-Jewish ancestor of the Grünthal family. Includes many black and white photos of soldiers, battlefields, trenches, bombed buildings.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Meyer, Curt
Grünthal family
France -- Pictorial works.
Germany.
World War, 1914-1918.
Box 1: 1  
**Photo album - World War I era photo album, 106 black and white photos with captions in German, 1914-1918.**

**Additional Note**
Includes images of war ruins and soldiers in uniform, some portrait-style. Locations include Autrêches, Champagne, Somme, Falvy, Vaulx, Bihucourt, Havrincourt (France).

Box 1: 2  
**Photo album - World War I era photo album, 97 black and white photos with captions in German, undated.**

**Additional Note**
Includes images of war ruins, soldiers in uniform, and swimming and engaging in recreation. Locations include Marchelepot, Somme, Marcatel (France).

Box 1: 3  
**Photo album - World War I era photo album, 84 black and white photos with captions in German, undated.**

**Additional Note**
Includes images of war ruins, soldiers in uniform, a few biplanes. Locations include Mercatel, Laudemont, Bihucourt (France).

Box 1: 4  
**Documents - Four military documents re: Curt Meyer of Rostock, Germany (on the Baltic Sea), ca. 1914-1919.**

Box 1: 5  
**Diary - In German, with some black and white photos pasted in, 1896-1913.**

**Additional Note**
Possibly three different writers. Starts in old German script describing several trips, including Italy (1896); Lubeck (1898); Munich and Florence (1905); Sicily, Rome and Switzerland (1907). Handwriting appears to switch, describing trips to Paris, Nimes, Lyon (1909); London, Windsor, Oxford, Plymouth (1910); London (1911); St. Moritz [Switzerland] and Partenkirchen [Bavaria] (1912); and Florence and Siena, with Curt and Eva (1913). Switches to modern script presumably in the hand of Frank Gruenthal's grandmother. According to Gruenthal, this section was written during World War II, when she was living in Sweden after having been forced to leave Germany, and are her memoirs written at the request of her son, Curt Meyer. Lots of details: travel, family history.

Box 2: 1  
**Diary - By Curt Meyer of Rostock, Germany; in German, 1914-1915.**

**Additional Note**
Copy of a war diary Curt Meyer carried with him during World War I, to which he later added details. Meyer was a volunteer in a "Fusilier Regiment" no. 90, Kaiser Wilhelm. This diary deals with events from July 29, 1914 to June 28, 1915.

Box 2: 2  
**Diary - By Curt Meyer of Rostock, Germany; in German, 1915-1926.**

**Additional Note**
 Begins on June 28, 1915 and ends October 25, 1926 when he visits the old battle grounds. He says he had "become a different person."

Box 2: 3  
**Photo album - World War I era photo album, 81 black and white photos with captions in German, undated.**

**Additional Note**
Includes images of soldiers in uniform.

Box 2: 4  
**Photo album - World War I era photo album, 24 black and white photos with captions in German, undated.**

**Additional Note**
Includes images of soldiers and war ruins.
Box 2: 5

**Photo album - 32 black and white photos, ca. 1914-1926.**

Additional Note

First few pages are sparsely captioned (in German) World War I era photos, including images of soldiers, battlefields, trenches. Remainder of album appears to be travel photos, including images of ships/ocean travel, unidentified tropical location(s), palm and banana trees, seaside and scenic views. One photo includes camels.