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Administrative Information

Repository Information
Archives Center, National Museum of American History, 2011

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note
Collection donated by Stephanie Later, November, 2008.

Processing Information note
Processed by Eric Behm (intern), March, 2011; supervised by Vanessa Broussard-Simmons, archivist.

Summary Information

Repository
Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Creator
Later, Meyer, 1895-1984

Title
Meyer Later World War I Collection

Date
1917-1919
Extent 1.0 cu. ft., includes correspondence, photographs, and three-dimensional artifacts (3 boxes)

Language English

Abstract Collection consists of correspondence, photographs, and artifacts documenting Meyer Later, a World War I veteran who served with the United States Army in France between September, 1918 and April, 1919.

Preferred Citation note
Title and date of item, Meyer Later World War I Collection, 1917-1919, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, box number X, folder XX, digital file number XXXXXXX
Biographical/Historical note

Meyer Later was born on August 12, 1895, in Hartford, Connecticut. He grew up in a family of six brothers and three sisters and was known by family and friends as a charming and comical individual. He was educated in Hartford, Connecticut and was drafted into the United States Army in 1918 during World War I. He served between the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919. During the war, Later was stationed in northern and eastern France including Dijon, Fromereville, and Buzancy. After the war, Later worked with his father and six brothers at the Morris Packing Company, the family's meat packing business in Hartford. Later died in New York, New York in 1984.

Scope and Contents note

Series 1, Personal Correspondence, 1917-1919, consists of Later's personal letters to his family, his brother Abe, and his brother-in-law Bob North dating from January, 1917 to April, 1919. Most of the letters detail his endeavors in areas of eastern France, including Dijon, Paris, and Buzancy. Also included is Later's discharge letter addressed from Commander-in-Chief John J. Pershing.

Series 2, Photographs, 1919, contains six photographs taken in various areas of France of Later and other soldiers. One photograph documents Later with other soldiers in Fromereville, France dated January 31, 1919. Another is a group photograph taken in Dijon, France dated May 8, 1919.

Series 3, United States Army, 1918-1919, consists of the Pay Record Book and an Army leave permit related to Later's service in the United States Army.

Series 4, Memorabilia, 1919, contains one silver dog tag with Later's first and last name and a seven digit serial number. Also included are four silk-embroidered handkerchiefs from Paris in 1919.

Arrangement note

The collection is organized into four series.

Series 1, Personal Correspondence, 1918-1919
Series 2, Photographs, 1919
Series 3, United States Army materials, 1918
Series 4, Memorabilia, 1917-1919

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Account books
- Correspondence--1910-1920
- Memorabilia--20th century
- Photographs--1910-1920
- Postcards--1910-1920
- Postcards--1900-1950.

Geographic Name(s)

- Connecticut
- France--1910-1920

Personal Name(s)

- "Brother Al"
- Later, Abe
- North, Bob

Subject(s)

- United States Army
- War--World War I soldiers
- World War, 1914-1918
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Gloves must be worn when handling unprotected photographs and negatives.
## Collection Inventory

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Handkerchiefs, 1919

Dog tag, circa 1917-1919