

GEORGE C. MARSHALL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

COLLECTION: ARTHUR P. TERRY COLLECTION
ACCESSION NUMBER: 09
DONOR: Laura Terry Norris
DATE OF GIFT: April 16, 1970
SIZE: 2 boxes
INCLUSIVE DATES: 1917-1919

BIOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT SUMMARY:

Captain Arthur Palfrey Terry was Commander of Company B, 320th Infantry, 80th Division, which saw service in France during World War I. He arrived in France on May 30, 1918, and served there until late in 1919, taking part in the Battle of Meuse-Argonne and in the Commission to Negotiate Peace. The collection consists of materials concerning his World War I career.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND ARRANGEMENT:

The collection contains a diary kept by Terry, an official report, field orders and bulletins, maps, newspapers, photos and postcards.

RESTRICTIONS: None
LOCATION: Vault - upper level
COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: yes

TERRY, ARTHUR PALFREY, COLLECTION. 1917-1919. 2 Boxes.

Biographical Sketch

Arthur Palfrey Terry entered the U.S. Army shortly after graduation from Virginia Polytechnical Institute in 1916. After training in the United States, Captain Terry departed for France with his unit, Company B, 320th Infantry, 80th Division. They arrived in France on May 31, 1918, at St. Nazaire. His unit moved in June to Calais, then to St. Mihiel on September 7. Later in September, Company B participated in the Battle of the Meuse-Argonne.

At the war's end, Terry was assigned in March 1919, to Headquarters Battalion, American Commission to Negotiate Peace. For the next five months he remained in Paris. On September 3, 1919, he returned to the United States; he received an Honorable Discharge on September 15.

Terry returned to his home in Wytheville, Virginia. He married in 1922.

Scope and Content Note

The Arthur P. Terry Collection contains material on his participation, as a Captain in the United States Army, in World War I. The bulk of the material pertains to the events which took place between May 18, 1918, and September 3, 1919, the time that Terry served in France.

This collection includes a diary, a confidential report, field orders, historical bulletins, captions to photographs of the 80th Division, a scrapbook, and printed materials. The collection was donated by Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Norris in 1970.

The diary consists of two typescript versions. Apparently, both versions of the diary were prepared by Terry and his wife, Laura, sometime after the war. The original handwritten diary is not included in the collection. The diary describes Terry's experiences as an U.S. Army officer in France during World War I.

The confidential report, dated March 24, 1919, concerns the Meuse-Argonne battle (an electrostatic copy of this report is also included).

The two field orders and the two historical bulletins were distributed by the Headquarters of the Eightieth Division American Expeditionary Forces.

The typed captions are to some photographs of the 80th Division. The photographs relating to the captions are not included in the collection. The scrapbook is filled with articles Terry collected while in France.

This collection also contains publications and other printed materials pertaining to World War I and the Armistice. Pamphlets and monographs include a small text of the war and message by President Wilson; a pamphlet on the American Verdict on the War, dated July 18, 1917; an alumni booklet on Virginia Tech participants in World War I; two programs, one pertaining to the victory parade in Washington, DC, dated September 17, 1919, the other for the first anniversary of the signing of armistice, dated November 10, 1920; a yearbook from Fort Lee; and a booklet on the Headquarters Battalion, American Commission to Negotiate Peace. Periodicals included are: Sapper, January 1919; Liason, April 12, 1919; The Army, May 1919; and Service Magazine, 1941. Stationary of the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, a menu from Thanksgiving at Camp Lee, Virginia, 1917, and printed war poems are also include here. Travel memorabilia includes: souvenir booklets and picture postcards from France, tickets, and related souvenirs.

A number of materials have been separated from the collection. Maps have been placed in the map case, and newspapers sent to the library. Photos have been transferred to the photoroom.

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

(Summer Archives Intern/JMU)

18 August 1983

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Container ListBox/Folder(s)

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| 1 | 1 | Diary - Version #1, May 18-September 26, 1918;
December 1, 1918-January 1, 1919. |
| | 2 | Diary - Version #2, September 29, 1918-September 15,
1919. |
| | 3-4 | Confidential Report: Meuse-Argonne Offensive 1918
(with photocopy). |
| | 5 | Field Orders, March 27, 1919. |
| | 6 | Historical Bulletins, France, February 5 & 26, 1919. |
| | 7 | Captions to 80th Division Photographs. |
| | 8 | Scrapbook. |

Publications and Other Printed Materials Pertaining to
World War I and the Armistice.

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| | 9-10 | Pamphlets and Monographs. |
| | 11 | Periodicals. |
| | 12 | Stationary, Menu, and Miscellaneous materials. |

Travel Memorabilia.

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| 2 | 1 | Souvenir Books from France, 1919. |
| | 2-4 | Postcards of France. |
| | 5 | Miscellaneous: Tickets, souvenirs, etc. |

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SEPARATION RECORD

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The following items have been removed from the collection:

Description of items	Location
Photographs: Photographs, World War I (GCM#4540-4582) Oversize photo of B Company, 320th Infantry (GCM#4583) Postcard photographs, World War I (unaccessioned)	Photograph Collection " ---
Newspapers: <u>The Bayonet</u> 26 October 1917 2 November 1917 8 March 1918 <u>Excelsior</u> 15 March 1918 (2 copies)	Library
Maps: Environs of London Verdun Metz West France Meuse-Argonne Offensive Central and Southern Europe	Map Case
Miscellaneous: French Franc and ration coupons	Administrative Security