

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I. World War I series, 1917-2002, (bulk 1918), .5 cu. ft.

Series Abstract/Description:

The largest holdings within the World War I portion of the Veterans History Project Collection include letters written to George O'Bryan Trabue during his service stateside and in France with Battery C, 142nd Field Artillery. He came from a prominent Nashville family, and letters from his parents, William D. and Lucinda Trabue, his siblings, and his uncle Charles, give details about life in Nashville during the war. Letters from friends Ralph Culbert Jones, of Battery E, 114th Field Artillery, and Percy Young, who served in the 318th Field Artillery stateside, and transferred to the 258th Aero Squadron, later deployed in France, give a soldier's perspective of training, officers, camp routine, recreational activities, and life near the front in France.

Also noteworthy in the World War I portion of the collection is a diary kept by Hunter McDonald, Sr. during his service stateside and in France with the 135th Aero Squadron of the Army Signal Corps; letters written by Hugh Solomon Sr. to his family near Kelso, Tenn. while he was serving in the 165th Infantry, 42nd Division in France; and an oral interview with Alice Mikel Duffield, who served as an Army nurse at Camp Pike, Ark. near Little Rock, Ark. At 105 years of age, she provides detailed recollections about growing up in the coal mining district near Fort Smith, Ark. in the early 1900s, as well as her experiences in nurses training, and her service in the Army. Although never serving overseas, she cared for injured returning soldiers and ill servicemen during the flu epidemic of 1918, including some African-American troops.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's last name.

Container List:

Duffield, Alice (Mikel). Army nurse, Arkansas.

Manuscripts: Notes on interview, obituary, funeral program (some photocopies)

Photographs: 3 photos^P

Oral History: Tapes 1 & 2; transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPDuffieldA

Duffield, Hobart. Army, France.

Manuscripts: Diary, 1918 (photocopy)

Photographs: 1 photo

Henry, Herbert Holloway. Army, France.

Manuscripts: Biographical sketch

Photographs: 2 photos

Jones, Ralph Culbert. Army, Battery E, 114th Field Artillery.. Columbia, SC; France.
See Trabue, George O'Bryan.

McDonald, Hunter Sr. 135th Aero Squadron, Army Signal Corps, stateside and France.

Manuscripts: (2 folders)

1. Typescript of diary
2. Diary, Sept.-Nov. 1918 (photocopy)

Mikel, Alice – see *Duffield, Alice (Mikel)*

Pettie, Charles O. Army, Smith Co. TN & Camp Gordon, GA.

Photographs: 14 photos (printouts from scans)

Reid, Alva Louis. Army, Colorado, California, France.

Manuscripts: "World War I Army Service of Alva Reid, Sr." abstract of service based upon his diary, with illustrations.

Rolston, Ernest Hine. Army, France.

See World War II series.

Solomon, Hugh Sr. Army, 165th Infantry, 42nd Division; Argonne Forest, France.

Manuscripts: (3 folders)

1. Letters, May-June 1918
2. Letters, July-Sept. 1918
3. Letters, 1919

Trabue, George O'Bryan. Army, Battery C, 142nd Field Artillery. Ft. Oglethorpe, GA; Columbia, SC; Alexandria, LA; France.

Manuscripts: (22 folders)

1. Letters from family, May – Aug. 1917
2. Letters from family, Sept. – Oct. 1917
3. Letters from family, Nov. 1917 – Jan. 1918
4. Letters from family, Feb. 1918
5. Letters from family, Mar. 1918
6. Letters from family, Apr. – May 1918
7. Letters from family, July – Sept. 1918
8. Letters from family, Oct. – Dec. 1918
9. Letters from family, Jan. – Feb. 1919
10. Letters from family, Mar. – May 1919
11. Letter from George O'Bryan Trabue, undated
12. Letters from Ralph Jones, May – Aug. 1917
13. Letters from Ralph Jones, Sept. – Nov. 1917
14. Letters from Ralph Jones, Jan. – Mar. 1918
15. Letters from Ralph Jones, Apr. – July 1918
16. Letters from Ralph Jones, Oct. – Dec. 1918
17. Letters from Ralph Jones, 1919
18. Letters from Percy Young, Nov. 1917 – Mar. 1918
19. Letters from Percy Young, Apr. 1918 – Oct. 1918
20. Letters from Percy Young, 1919
21. Letters from friends, 1917-1919
22. Transcripts, selected letters from Ralph Jones

Publication: *Trabue Letters*

(Includes transcript of many of the letters above. Also includes many from George which are omitted from the manuscript collection above.)
– see online catalog for location.

Young, Percy. Army, 318th Field Artillery; 258th Aero Squadron. Columbia, SC; Ft. Sill, OK; France.

See Trabue, George O'Bryan.