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Unit Date

1917-1918

Language

The material in this collection is in English.

Abstract

The collection contains four letters sent from France during World War I. The letters were primarily sent between soldiers asking where they are located or if they have arrived in France. The recipient for three of the letters was Woodford Hackley, and soldier enlisted in 1917.

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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Biographical note

Woodford B. Hackley was born August 2, 1894, in Culpeper County, Virginia. His father was Walter Hackley and mother was Alice Wood Hackley. He was enlisted into military service on September 28, 1917, and was discharged April 10, 1919. He married Elizabeth Clair Blair, who died in 1987. Woodford died on September 24, 1978.

External sources:

Woodford Broadus Hackley. February 13, 2007. Find a Grave.

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Scope and Content

The collection contains four letters sent during World War I. The first was sent from France on October 6, 1917. The letter was handwritten by Sgt. Dan P. Wood and addressed to Alice M. Hackley, his aunt. Dan writes about memories of a friend and his hopes for a reunion when everyone returns home. The second letter was sent from France on November 1, 1917, and was handwritten by William H. Beach. It is addressed to W.B. Hackley, a fellow soldier. William writes that he is unsure of where Hackley is and the intention of the letter is to locate him. Letter three was a typed letter, sent on January 30, 1918, by Dan Hackley and was addressed to Woodford Hackley. He writes that he has been stationed at three different towns while in France and he wonders if Woodford has arrived there yet. He also questions Woodford's work at the University of Virginia hospital unit. The fourth letter was handwritten and sent on December 18, 1918 to Woodford Hackley. The letter informs Woodford that the sender has arrived in France.

Keywords

World War, 1914-1918

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Description of Subordinate Components

Letter from Sgt. Dan P. Wood

Unit Date Oct. 6, 1917

folder Folder 1

Letter from William H. Beach

Unit Date Nov. 1, 1917

folder Folder 1

Letter from Dan Hackley

Unit Date Jan. 30, 1918

folder Folder 1

Letter to Pvt. W.B. Hackley

Unit Date Dec. 16, 1918

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