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Dowling, June A., 1893-1990

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Biographical Information:

Sergeant June A. Dowling, 487th Aero Squadron, U.S. Air Service. Sergeant Dowling's family originated in Valdosta, Georgia. His father fought for the South in the Civil War, family relocated to Orlando, Florida, and son Bill fought in World War W II.

According to diary entries, June A. Dowling was promoted to corporal in November 1918 and to Sergeant in March 1919.

Scope and Contents

Papers of Sergeant June A. Dowling, consisting of a diary, 1917-1919, photographs, postcards, a French magazine, and a travel permission, all documenting Sergeant Dowling's World War I tour of duty in France.

Related Materials

The two books listed below were originally part of the June A. Dowling Papers. They have been separated from this collection and catalogued.

"Tommy Atkins at War, As Told In His Own Letters", by James A. Kirkpatrick published 1914. Tommy Atkins, or Tommy, is a term for a common soldier in the British Army that was already well established in the nineteenth century, but is particularly associated with World War One. The 4 ½ x 7 inch 127 page book contains the British soldiers World War I stories compiled from their own letters. This book is now available at Swem Library, call number D544 .K4 1914.

"Legion Airs, Songs of "Over There" and "Over Here", compiled and edited by Frank E. Peat and Lee Olean Smith published in 1932. The 7 x 11 inch and contains over a 100 songs from World War II such as Over There, You're In The Army Now, It's A Long Way To Tipperary, Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag, The Old Gray Mare Hinky-Dinky, and Parley-Voo. This book is now available at Swem Library, call number ML3561.W3 L44 1932.

Keywords

Diaries

Journals (periodicals)

Permits

Photographs

Postcards

World War, 1914-1918--France--Personal narratives

World War, 1914-1918--France--Pictorial works

Physical Characteristics or Technical Requirements:

The fragile condition of some items in this collection may limit handling.

Description of Subordinate Components

Diary, Travel Permit, and Advertising Card

Unit ID id56301

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69827

Unit Date 1917-1918

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The diary describes Dowling's military experiences in the U.S. and throughout France - Romorantin, Libourne, Marseilles. He mentions important dates such as October 30, 1918 when Austria surrendered to the Allies and November 11, 1918 when Germany signed the Armistice. Dowling was promoted to Corporal and then to Sergeant by the end of the diary. The diary includes names and addresses of fellow soldiers and French women Dowling met during his duty in France.

A travel permit and a card advertising a tax-exempt subscription to 'L'Emprunt de la Liberation' are also present.

Photographs

Unit ID id56313

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69828

Unit Date 1917-1919, and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The folder contains the following photographs: group of 487th Aero Squadron soldiers in Romorantine, France; Funeral of 487th Sgt McMillian of NY, died Libourne, France; Building used as YMCA in Romorantine, France; Paupers Cemetery, soldiers with bones, near Libourne, France; soldiers at the beach in Marseilles; Herbert Sloan with horse; Model T Ford in Texas; Joe B. Davis of La Grange, GA; three generations of Dowling men, taken in Orlando, Florida. Many of the photos have subject, names and description with place and date.

Postcards

Unit ID id56353

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69829

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The folder contains postcards from France, St. Simons Island, Georgia, and two souvenir folder postcards of Hartford, Connecticut and New York City.

"La Vie Parisienne"

Unit ID id56387

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/69832

Unit Date 1918 November

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 4 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This French magazine contains 21 pages of stories, cartoons of wartime Paris life along with interesting

advertising. There is a handwritten note on the front cover which reads: 'This magazine bought in Romorantin, France in August 1918 by June A Dowling.'