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Biographical Information:

Alfred Eugene Bradley (1864-1922) was born in Jamestown, New York. He studied medicine at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia graduating in 1887. That same year he married Letitia M. Follett (1867-1946).

Dr. Bradley entered the Army Medical Corps in 1888 as a First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon at David's Island (Fort Slocum) in New York Harbor. He later served at Fort Omaha, Nebraska and Fort Sully, South Dakota, with temporary duties at the Bellevue Rifle Range and the Sioux uprising at the Rose Bud Indian Agency in South Dakota. In 1893, he achieved the rank of Captain and moved on to commands Fort Custer, Michigan and Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming.

During the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection, Bradley served on a hospital ship traveling to Cuba, Puerto Rico, Gibraltar, Japan, and Hawaii. Later, he served at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, as Attending Surgeon in the Philippines, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, as Commanding Officer of the division hospital in the Philippines, at the Grand Army of the Republic encampment of Civil War veterans at Gettysburg in 1913, and at Governor's Island, New York.

Soon after the United States entered the war in April, 1917, Bradley was promoted to First Chief Surgeon with the American Expeditionary Force in France. He served in that capacity until May, 1918 when he was relieved of his post, and returned to the United States because of illness. In 1919, Bradley was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his service abroad.

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Scope and Contents

The collection of Alfred E. Bradley largely concerns his service, first as Military Observer and then as First Chief Surgeon, with the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) in England and France between 1916 and 1918. The bulk of the collection consists of papers and documents covering the period May 1916 through June 1918 and concerns Bradley's service in Europe during World War I. The collection includes correspondence and documents mainly relating to Bradley's official capacity as Military Observer and Chief Surgeon as well as letters and documents of a personal nature.

Related Materials:

Papers spanning a wider timeframe in the life of Bradley can be found at the Thomas Jefferson University Archives and Special Collections in Philadelphia, Accession MS 012, titled Alfred E. Bradley Collection, 1885-1935 (bulk 1887-1919).

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Arrangement of Materials:

Series 1: Military Correspondence and Related Documents, Series 2: Personal Correspondence and Related Documents, Series 3: Hospital and Medical Equipment Information, Series 4: Manuscript and Series 5: Miscellaneous Papers.