

GEORGE C. MARSHALL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

COLLECTION: Franklin (Robert J.) Papers

ACCESSION NUMBER: 08m

DONOR: Mrs. Ruth M. Franklin

DATE OF GIFT: December 27, 1968

SIZE: 2 inches

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1916-1919

BIOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT SUMMARY:

Franklin was born on October 22, 1892 and served as 2nd lieutenant in the 317th infantry during WWI. He was stationed in France from June through November of 1918 and was wounded in action in October of that year. The collection contains material related to his WWI career.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND ARRANGEMENT:

The collection consists of orders, notebooks, clippings, cartoons, photographs, postcards, magazines, newspapers, and maps. The material is arranged by subject.

RESTRICTIONS: none

LOCATION: vault

COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: inventory

Container ListFolder

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| 1 | Unpublished writing - "Notes on My Trip To France" post 1917 |
| 2 | Combat training notes, 1918
Handwritten notes |
| 3 | Combat training notes, 1918
Typewritten notes |
| 4 | Combat training notes, 1918
Near-print notes and notebook |
| 5 | Military orders, 1917-1918 |
| 6 | Clippings, 1916-1918 |
| 7 | Personal Miscellany, 1916-1918 |
| 8 | Certificates and Citations, 1918 |

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FRANKLIN (ROBERT J.) 1892-1968? PAPERS, 1916-1919. 2 inches

Biographical Sketch

Robert J. Franklin was born in Lynchburg, Virginia on October 22, 1892. He obtained his military training at Camp Lee, Virginia and Brownsville, Texas. During World War I, Franklin served as 2nd lieutenant in the 80th Division, 317th Regiment in France. In 1918, Franklin was relieved of his duties in the 80th Division to become an instructor in LaValbonne at the Commandant Army Candidates School. In 1919, he was discharged from the army.

(Related material on the 80th Division may be found in the Arthur Terry Collection).

Scope and Content Note

The Robert J. Franklin Papers, 1916-1919, deal with Franklin's military service in World War I. The papers include writings, combat training notes, military orders, clippings, personal miscellany and certificates.

The writings include unpublished notes made by Franklin of his experience in France during World War I. He speaks of several air raids and the moving of his troops to different areas of France. Franklin also kept a notebook concerning aspects of his military training, hygiene, maps, etc.

The collection also contains notes on combat training, notes on the machine gun given by Major Dunlop, and an equipment list for officers.

The military orders dated October 1918, give instructions to transfer 2nd lieutenant Franklin to LaValbonne as an instructor at the Commandant Army Candidates School.

In the newspaper clippings of 1916, one can find articles that deal with the "Lynchburg boys" military training in Brownsville, Texas. These are interesting articles as Franklin himself was from Lynchburg, Virginia and was one of the "boys" trained at Brownsville. Two of the clippings tell of the 80th Division's activities in France.

There are also some personal items of Franklin's in the collection. Included are an Officer's Record Book, a hand-made, paper metric ruler, a 1916 visual signaling pamphlet, a pamphlet on gas shells, a 1915 French theater ticket and three iron cross certificates.

Finally, there is a considerable amount of material which has been removed from the Franklin Papers. These include newspapers, a Remembrance Book of Camp Lee Virginia, books, photographs, postcards, French and English periodicals, maps and museum items. A separation record listing these items is included here.

Presented by Mrs. Robert J. Franklin, 27 December, 1968. Accession number 8.

D. Cassell (JMU intern) - J. Jacob
14 July 1982

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SEPARATION RECORD

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The following items have been removed from the collection:

Description of items	Location
<p style="text-align: center;">MAPS: Center Sector--made by Franklin</p> <p>English: France 1917. France 1918. Some pencil markings. France. Upper left corner of large map.</p> <p>French: France. France 1917. Northeast section. France. Central section. Some marking. Souilly 1918.</p> <p>German: France. Lower left corner of larger map. France. Northwest section. Some marking. France, Paris, and coastline. Opposite side is Russia (Poland) and Germany. Militarische Ereignisse. Belgium and France 1918. Ostfront and Westfront 1917. Vis en Artois 1917. Westlicher Kriegsschauplatz. West France and England 1918.</p>	<p>Map Collection</p>

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<u>MONOGRAPHS</u>	LIBRARY
Barber, C.D.A. Military Map Reading and Intelligence Training	
Bayonet Remembrance Book of Camp Lee Virginia, The	
Bull, Cornelius H. & Hiram W. Bennet National Expenditures for Veterans	
Gt. Britain War Office Handbook for the 303-in. Vickers Machine Gun, Mounted on Tripod Mounting, Mark IV. (2 copies)	
Hersey, John Into the Valley	
Hershey, Burnet Skyways of Tomorrow	
Lawson, Ted W. Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo	
Marshall, S.L.A. Island Victory	
Pyle, Ernie Here is Your War	
Tregaskis, Richard Guadalcanal Diary	
U. S. Army Field Service Regulations	
U.S. Army Manual of Interior Guard Duty	
U.S. Army War College Machine-Gun Drill Regulations (Provisional) 1917	
U.S. War Dept. Combined Infantry and Cavalry Drill Regulations for Automatic Machine Rifle Caliber .30 Model of 1909	
Digest of Opinions of the Judge Advocate General of the Army	
Soldier's Hand Book, U.S.A.	
Vickers, Ltd. Vickers Machine Gun	
Vickers Machine Gun (Model of 1915) and Mark IV Tripod Hand Book	

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Museum Accession Number	Description of items	Location
<u>MUSEUM ITEMS</u>		
21-351	Army issue Khaki coat	
21-352	Olive drab gabardine riding breeches	
21-353	Olive drab canvas jacket	
23-331	Olive drab overseas cap	
23-336	Olive drab canvas belt	
23-337	Brown leather case with compass	
23-338	Brown leather WWI harness	
23-354	Khaki and plaid knapsack	
23-355	Rough-weave tan cloth	
23-356	Box of military miscellanea	
23-358	Map with brown leather binding	
23-359	Steel and chrome spur	
23-360	Brown leather belt with brass buckle	
23-419	Pair of leather puttees	
23-420	U.S. WWI army steel helmet	
31-362	80th Division flag	
52-335	Colt automatic .45	
53-332	Howitzer projectile shell	
61-357	Chrome cigarette case	
61-417	Brown leather briefcase	
61-418	Tin mess kit	
61-421	Trunk	
61-456	Two protractors	
61-457	Four WWI dog tags	

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ACCESSION RECORD
LIBRARY-ARCHIVES

DONOR/COLLECTION: Robert J. Franklin

DATE RECD.	ITEM	ACC. NO.	LOCATION
	<p>Newspapers:</p> <p><u>The Bayonet</u> (Camp Lee, VA), October 26, 1917; December 14, 1917; March 1, 1918; March 8, 1918; March 15, 1918 (Pictorial Sec.)</p> <p><u>Chicago Tribune</u> (Army Ed.), October 17, 1918</p> <p><u>The Daily Advance</u> (Lynchburg, VA), November 11, 1918</p> <p><u>The News</u> (Lynchburg, VA), November 11, 1918, December 8, 1918 (2nd Section)</p> <p><u>Panorama</u> (French pictorial paper), October 5, 1918</p> <p><u>Stars and Stripes</u>, November 29, 1918; January 10, 1919; March 28, 1919</p>		GCMRL Newspaper File

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<p><u>PHOTOGRAPHS & POSTCARDS:</u></p>	<p>Photograph Collection</p>
<p><u>Acc. No.</u></p>	
<p>3371 Machine Gun Co. 317 Inf. - Camp Lee, VA 1917 7 1/2 by 34 inches</p>	
<p>3372 Pre War Scenes Camp Lee, VA. 5 1/4 by 13 1/2 inches</p>	
<p>3373A Pre War Scenes Camp Lee, VA. 4 3/4 by 11 3/4 inches</p>	
<p>3374 Camp Lee Soldiers in front of barracks 7 1/2 by 9 1/2 inches</p>	
<p>4524-4539 Landscapes, artillery, gunworks, various German (16) army personnel, farm life (16)</p>	

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<p><u>PERIODICALS</u></p> <p>The Bystander - October 9, 1918 - November 13, 1918</p> <p>Belle France - La Seine a Paris - Biarritz. - Rocher de la Vierge - Nantes. - Le Chateau - L'Ile D'Yeu. - La Cote Sauvage</p>	<p>Library</p>
<p><u>PAMPHLET:</u></p> <p>Fighting Men in the Fight for Freedom</p>	<p>Vertical File</p>