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Title CLAUDE G. LELAND. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1891-1944

Date of receipt October 10, 1952

Received from Mrs. Claude G. Leland

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 1 FB, 1 AB, 3 vols.: 2.25 linear feet

Condition Good

Restrictions None

Description

Claude G. Leland (c.1874-d. 1950) was the Superintendent of Libraries for the Board of Education of the City of New York from 1903 to 1943. He received his training as a librarian at Cornell University and worked for the Buffalo Public Library from 1897-1903. Leland served in the U.S. Army from 1898-1903, and again from 1914-1919. At the time of his discharge, after spending nearly a year fighting in Belgium and France, he had attained the rank of Captain in Company I, 107th Infantry.

The papers of Claude Leland date from 1891 to 1944 and include writings, letters, sketches, photographs, clippings and notes. The bulk of the materials relate to his book From Shell Hole to Chateau With Company I; Personal Recollections of a Line Officer of the 107th Infantry, 27th Division in France, 1918. The author's notes, manuscript copy and typescript copy for this work are all included in the collection. Photographs, post cards and sketches, most of which appear in the published edition, are well identified and depict members of Company I, various farms and homes where the Company was billeted and views of the battle areas where the Company was engaged. Views of Ypres, Abeele, Dickebusch and St. Souplet among other areas, span the years from about 1910 to 1930. A file card index provides excellent access to names and places in the manuscript.

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 Artifacts Machine-readable records
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Temporary catalog card added entries

European War, 1914-1918 - Personal narratives, American Librarians

United States - History - European War, 1914-1918

1876-1900

1901-1925

1926-1950

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Photographs

CLAUDE G. LELAND PAPERS

Correspondence from this period includes letters from families of soldiers under Leland's command, and copies of letters which Leland sent to his family from France in 1918. Both the manuscript materials and correspondence from World War I provide an interesting account of Leland's experiences, and more generally, of the experience of the U.S. troops from training camp to battlefield.

Materials relating to Leland's career as Superintendent of Libraries are mainly limited to letters from friends and associates upon his retirement in 1943. Letters from an earlier stage in his career include signed correspondence from John Burroughs and Melvil Dewey.

NOTE: NYPL has a copy of Leland's book which was published in 1950 by the Society of Ninth Co. Veterans, 7th Regiment, N.Y.N.G.

Container List:

Box

1 Letters, Notes, Writings, File Card Index to Manuscript

2 Photographs, Post Cards, Sketches

Contents

Volumes

1 Author's manuscript of From Shell Hole to Chateau

2 Typescript copy of From Shell Hole to Chateau

3 Sketches, Maps, Photographs, Layouts for From Shell Hole to Chateau