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Guide to the

**Letters to William B. Miller from German POWs**

1916-1919

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## Summary

**Creator:** Miller, William B., d. 1959 -- recipient

**Title:** Letters to William B. Miller from German POWs

**Date:** 1916-1919

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated by Mignon Eayre, 2012

**Abstract:** Letters to William B. Miller, German emigrant and artist in Brooklyn, New York, chiefly from Captain Carl Grasshof, Margarete Grasshof, and Trygve Narvesen expressing thanks for his donation of reading material and other goods to German prisoners of war held at internment camps in Fort Douglas, Utah and Forts Oglethorpe and McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia. Some of the letters contain information about activities in the camps and the personal lives of the inmates and their families. Grasshof had been Commander of the German gunboat Geier, and Narvesen was YMCA International Committee agent at Fort Douglas, acting as an intermediary for correspondence with prisoners of war. Most of the content concerns Captain Grasshof, his wife Margarete, and their friendship with Miller and his young niece, Mignon Fuchs / Fox. Some letters are addressed to Mignon, who also wrote to the Grasshofs and to Narvesen. Letters from other prisoners and Claud D. Nelson of the YMCA in Atlanta are also present. In German and English.

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## Key Terms

### Geographic Names

Fort Douglas (Utah)

Fort McPherson (Ga.)

Fort Oglethorpe (Ga.)

**Subjects**

Germans -- United States

Prisoners of war -- Germany

Prisoners of war -- United States

World War, 1914-1918 -- Prisoners and prisons, American

World War, 1914-1918 -- War work -- Young Men's Christian associations

**Names**

Fox, Mignon -- recipient

Grasshof, Carl

Grasshof, Margarete

Miller, William B., d. 1959

Narvesen, Trygve

Nelson, Claud D.