



Walter W. Dyer Papers (R0041)

Collection Number: R0041

Collection Title: Walter W. Dyer Papers

Dates: 1918

Creator: Dyer, Walter W., 1889-1957

Abstract: The Walter W. Dyer Papers contains photocopies of fourteen letters written by Walter W. Dyer during his military service in World War I. Dyer was an Army teamster at Camp McArthur and Waco, Texas.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Walter W. Dyer Papers can be found in the following collections:

Henderson Aley Papers (C4108)

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Biographical Note:

Walter W. Dyer was born August 29, 1889, in Phelps County, Missouri to John and Susan Dyer. He enlisted in the United States Army in April 1918. He was sent to Camp McArthur, Texas, for training, where he was assigned to Company I, 12th Battalion, at the Infantry Replacement Camp. After his basic training, Dyer was sent to Waco, Texas, where he was assigned to the base hospital as a teamster. He spent the remainder of his enlistment at Waco, hauling wagonloads of coal to the barracks and the hospital.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains photocopies of fourteen letters written by Walter W. Dyer during his military service in World War I. Dyer was an Army teamster at Camp McArthur and Waco, Texas. The letters are addressed to Dyer's relatives and neighbors, Bill and Jess Carney of Rolla, Missouri. In addition to family news, the letters mention the conditions and routine of camp life, including an influenza epidemic, suicides of trainees, his duties as a teamster, and rumors of overseas assignment in France. Interestingly, Dyer reported coming across both men and horses in military service that he had known in Rolla.

Container List:

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