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Elmer Emery Collection

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Biographical Note

Elmer Emery was born to William and Flora Emery in Michigan, around 1892. He joined the military and was sent to France near the end of World War I as a part of Company M, 34th Infantry.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Elmer Emery Collection contains four folders of letters from Elmer Emery to family members, one folder from a friend of Emery's to Emery's sister, and one folder containing an unrelated document (orders to Lt. Ellam, 1944). The bulk of the collection relates to Emery's time serving in France at the end of World War I.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no discernible order. Staff has arranged the collection by letter recipient and in chronological order.

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Key Subjects

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Subjects:

Thiaucourt (France)

World War, 1914-1918

World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal narratives, American.

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1	1		Letters to Flora Emery	1918-1919
		800207001	About - Camp McArthur/basic training, track meet, awaiting assignment, home crops	6/2/1918
		800207002	About - basic training, YMCA speech, asking for money	6/23/1918
		800207003	About - sent photos, going to intelligence school, no more gambling	7/19/1918
		800207004	About - Got dysentery, not getting paid, train ride to Camp Merritt awaiting embarkation	8/2/1918
		800207005	About - In France, asking after sisters, candy, French girls	10/14/1918
		800207006	About - Left trenches for Thiaucourt, living conditions, sent money home, hopes to go home in Dec but more	12/2/1918

	likely Mar.	
800207007	About - Weather, about Thiaucourt buildings, fleas, Doesn't expect to be home before spring	12/12/1918
800207008	About - 5 hours of drill/day, asking about family, all buildings in Thiaucourt shot full of shell holes, no idea when coming home	12/21/1918
800207009	About - Weather, Christmas day	12/25/1918
800207010	About - Moved to the front, 25 km from Metz, hears the clearing of mines, getting "fat" and "soft as a city clerk"	2/6/1919
800207011	About - Spring weather, 3 km from Mars-la-Tour, rats and "cooties", roll call to catch AWOL troops	2/16/1919
800207012	About - weather, little chance of being home before summer, friend's marriage, don't take pass but send money home, went to horse show	2/23/1919
800207013	About - Gov. gave cards so men would write home, pianos but can't play anymore, better with artillery than gun, talk of moving nearer to Germany	3/26/1919
800207014	About - Gabreux France, home crop prices, to-date haven't been in Germany, weather, near aviation field	4/3/1919
800207015	About - Can't play the piano or learn to dance, home crops, brigade review by Gen. Wittenmeyer, sending money home, reading books	4/16/1919
800207016	About - In Bagneux France, Maragret Wilson (Pres. Daughter) came to entertain, explaining how they feel about war, France is behind the times, family talk	4/20/1919

800207017	About - Little danger of being sent to Russia, weather, review by Gen. Pershing	4/25/1919
800207018	About - Weather, Division review followed by move to Germany as Army of Occupation, ask mother to apply for discharge to help with fall crops, Peace Conference talk, home crops	5/1/1919
800207019	About - Ready to move toward embarkation point, may be home early July, weather, sent 25 photos home, home crops	5/11/1919
800207020	About - Le Mans France, moving to a seaport, asking about family, plan to set sail June 1	5/24/1919

1	2	Letter to Moni Emery	1919
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800207021	About - work harder at school, about French Army, only Germans seen are POWs, what soldiers eat, birthday cards, dental problems	3/19/1919
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1	3	Letter to George Emery	1919
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800207022	About - jokes to brother, brother hauling company figures, bribing (?) Corporal Watts (teacher),	4/11/1919
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1	4	Letter to Marjorie Emery	1919
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800207023	About - sent souvenir, home crops, student election parties, sister taking singing lessons, Gen. Pershing division (30,000 men) review, didn't get agri school, weather	5/10/1919
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1	5	Other correspondence	1919
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800207024	Leo Moore to Marjorie Emery - Letter of introduction, address given by Elmer	4/12/1919
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Miscellaneous

1944

800207025 Unrelated document

11/28/1944