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Frederick Marion Wanger (1888-1956) World War I Collection  
ca. 1917-1970  
1 cubic foot

*Personal papers of Wanger of St. Joseph, MO who served as Company Clerk of Company "A", 356<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 89<sup>th</sup> Division in World War I. Includes letters, photographs, a manuscript and printed history of Company "A", artifacts and other documents relation to Company "A", its service in the War and after, its reunions, and the American Legion.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Frederick M. Wanger was born October 26, 1888 in Fairfax, Atchison County, Missouri to Frederick Steven Wanger and May Thompson. After graduation from Fairfax High School in 1905, Wanger attended Platt Commercial College in St. Joseph, Missouri. He held the position of clerk with the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri until World War I. Wanger was inducted into the Army October 1, 1917 at Camp Funston, Kansas. He attained the rank of Sergeant and served as Company Clerk of Company "A" 356<sup>th</sup> infantry Regiment, 89<sup>th</sup> Division, in France and Germany.

After the war, Frederick Wanger returned to his civilian job as Clerk of the Probate Court of Buchanan County. He graduated from the St. Joseph Law School, was admitted to the Missouri Bar, entered the private practice of law and served as the Police Judge of the City of St. Joseph from 1941 until his death.

### PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

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INVENTORY:

**BOX 001**

Folder A *The Fred M. Wanger World War I Collection of Company "A," 356<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 89<sup>th</sup> Division, Its Service in the War and After, Eugene G. Wanger*

*HISTORIES*

Folder 1 *The World War with Company "A", 356<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 89<sup>th</sup> Division, National Army from Camp Funston, Kansas to Schweich, Germany, Sergeant Fred. M. Wanger, published by Paulinus-Druckeri, Treves, 1919.*

Folder 2 *The World War with Company "A", 356<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 89<sup>th</sup> Division, National Army from Camp Funston, Kansas to Schweich, Germany, Sgt. Fred M. Wanger, typewritten original, 1919.*

Folder 3 *St. Joseph Observer: April 19, 1919, April 26, 1919, St. Joseph Gazette, May 11, 1919, articles concerning Company "A"; Newspaper articles: St. Joseph News-Press, November 3, 1968, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of Company "A" (originals moved to Flatbox)*

Folder 4 *Memoirs of the World War, Lowell L. Livengood, Sr., 1925.*

Folder 5 *1940-Company "A", 356<sup>th</sup> Infantry-1917, John H. Dykes, 1940.*

- Folder 6 *Our Company "A" of 356<sup>th</sup> Inf., 89<sup>th</sup> Div. Am Expeditionary Forces*, Phil Foster and Guy Harden, 1972
- Folder 7 *Company "M, 356<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 89<sup>th</sup> Division, Camp Funston, Kansas to Schweich, Germany*, Lt. Oscar P. May, Richard M. Farrell and Sgt. John D. Irwin, 1919
- Folder 8 *History of the 89<sup>th</sup> Division, U.S.A., The War Society of the 89<sup>th</sup> Division*, George H. English, Jr., 1920
- Folder 9 *Report of General John J. Pershing, U.S.A*, corrected January 16, 1919

#### *OFFICIAL PAPERS AND MAPS*

- Folder 10 Personal military papers of Fred M. Wanger, 1917-1919
- Folder 11 Official Army orders, Fred M. Wanger, 1918, 1919
- Folder 12 Military and civilian maps: [originals moved to oversize rolled items]

#### *UNOFFICIAL PAPERS*

- Folder 13 Biography and photographs of Fred M. Wanger; 1939 letter from War Department.
- Folder 14 Soldier's Mail of Fred M. Wanger
- Folder 15 Miscellaneous papers, some humorous, from the War, including a Guide to the Moselle and a historical sketch of German area occupied by the 89<sup>th</sup> division.
- Folder 16 Newspaper articles published in 1919 re: return home of the 89<sup>th</sup> Division and Company "A" (items removed to Flatbox)

#### *HEROES*

- Folder 17 Three Company "A" members awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor: David B. Barkeley, Marcellus Holmes Chiles and Harold L. Johnson.

#### *MILITARY PICTURES*

- Folder 18 Photographs taken at Camp Funston, Kansas
- Folder 19 Photographs taken in France and Germany 1918-1919, including May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1919 remaining members of Company "A" as originally organized in September 1917.
- Folder 20 Photographs aboard ship crossing the Atlantic.

#### *REUNIONS*

- Folder 21 Bulletins, correspondence, clippings pertaining to Company "A" reunions (1919-1970); postwar activities of 356<sup>th</sup> Infantry and 89<sup>th</sup> Division, related ephemera.

- Folder 22 Photographs of the Company "A" reunions, 1928, 1929, 1936, 1955. Also Wanger home in St. Joseph.

#### VETERANS AFFAIRS

- Folder 23 American Legion, McDonald-Dugger-Duncan Post No. 11 in St. Joseph, Missouri, 1934-1956
- Folder 24 Forty-Et-Eight, honor society of the American Legion. Fred M. Wanger was Advocat National in 1938 (see photo f.13, hat f.35), 1931-1939
- Folder 25 *St. Joseph Legionnaire*, 1939,-1941; *Douglas County Legionnaire*, 1940

#### ARTIFACTS *(see folder A for more complete descriptions)*

- Item 26 Dog Tags of Fred M. Wanger, on original neck string.
- Item 27 Photograph of Fred M. Wanger in uniform, 1917, framed.
- Item 28 Letter from King George V, April 1918 (photocopy) [item retained by donor]
- Item 29 Military buttons, four.
- Item 30 German Metals, four.
- Item 31 German military Belt Buckle, marked "Gott Mit Uns".
- Item 32 German Beer Stein, ½ liter, with plain hinged pewter top.
- Item 33 Lapel Pin: red, white, black and brass, marked War Society 89<sup>th</sup> Div., on card
- Item 34 American Legion, Forty-Et-Eight medal with ribbon. (probably from 1938 convention)
- Folder 35 Forty-Et-Eight service cap, wool, embroidered '40/8 Des Etats Unis Advocat National 1938', (see f.13)
- Item 36 Brass plated Medal, "Droit Et Avant", St. Joseph and Buchanan Co. Mo. U.S., "to our gallant sons in recognition of their part in the World War 1917 1918"
- Items 37, 38 retained by donor

#### FLAT BOX

- Folder 1 *Company "A" 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion*, November 11, 1939. Framed photograph.
- Folder 2 American Legion related publications: *Reunion information*, September 15, 1941; *Douglas County Legionnaire*, Omaha, Nebraska Thursday, February 22, 1940; *St. Joseph Legionnaire*, December 23, 1940, June 23, 1941  
panoramic photograph of Camp Funston.

Folder 3      Newspapers and newspaper articles: *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 11, 1919; *St. Joseph Observer*, April 19, 1919, April 26, 1919, June 14, 1919; *St. Joseph News Press*; *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, special supplement, May 29, 1919

**OVERSIZE ROLLED ITEMS    ARC 17x5**

Maps      *Gelände-Karte von Frankreich* map (handwritten list of soldiers' names on back)

*Rhine Panorama-For the Men of the American Army of Occupation*, compliments of the YMCA 1919

*Map to Illustrate the Offensive of the St. Mihiel Salient*-to accompany Report of the commander in Chief, November 20, 1918 (2 copies)

*Map to Illustrate the Meuse-Argonne Offensive-First, Second and Last Phases*-to accompany report of the Commander in Chief, November 20, 1918 (2 copies)

*Birkenfeld*, Prussian map, issue of 1886 corrected 1905, printed at Base Printing Plant, 29<sup>th</sup> Engineers, U.S. Army, 1918, reprinted 1919.

*The Liberty War Map-Western Front*, copyright 1917 by Triad Publishing Co. (shows battle lines, German advance lines)

*Bouconville*, tirage du 5 mars 1918. Groupe des conevas de tir. Ligne avancee des tranches francaises a la date du 5 Mars 1918.

*The Western Theatre of the European War* by the Professor B. Barrecchia, Paris. 1919 edition.