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VIRGIL M. COLE WORLD WAR I DIARY, 1919–1921

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The United States entered into the First World War on 6 April 1917 when it declared war on Germany. Significant numbers of American troops arrived in Europe in the summer of 1918, at an amount of 10,000 per day.

Virgil M. Cole enlisted in the U.S. Army on 31 March 1919. He enlisted at Madison, Indiana and was sent to Fort Thomas in Kentucky. He left Kentucky for Camp Mead in Maryland on 26 April, where he was assigned to the Thirteenth Company, Third Battalion. On 13 May he had bronchial tendonitis and was sent to the base hospital. He left the hospital four days later and was transferred into the Twentieth Company, Fourth Battalion. He was transferred again on 27 May into the Seventeenth Company, Fourth Battalion.

Sources:

Material in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a diary written by Virgil M. Cole during his time in the army. The bulk of the diary covers a year, from August 1919 to August 1920. He writes about the day to day activities he participates in, drilling exercises and guard duty, the weather, marching, and setting up new camps. When the diary starts Cole is in Germany. At the end he mentions leaving Germany for France on 21 August 1921, coming back to Germany then leaving again the next day to participate in a parade in France.

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