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FRANK DILLMAN COLLECTION, 1911–1973

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Manuscript Materials: 2 document cases; 1 oversize folder; 33 audio cassette tapes Visual Materials: 1 box of photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	1911–1973; bulk 1917–1919
PROVENANCE:	Wayne Sanford, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2006

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Perry W. Lesh, M 0926

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Frank Dillman (1897–1993) was born in Newbern, Indiana and enlisted in the U.S Army in May, 1917. He served as a member of Company L of the 64th Infantry Division in Texas and part of the 7th Division in France (September 1918–May 1919). He later worked for the Chrysler Company in New Castle, Indiana from 1934–1965. Dillman married Catherine Stoops of New Castle in 1923 and they had one daughter, Jane.

Sources:

Information in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains Frank Dillman's World War I original letters and with transcripts and an extensive interview with him conducted by Wayne L. Sanford primarily regarding the same period.

The bulk of the of the letters were written by Dillman to his family in Columbus, Indiana while serving in the U. S. Army in Texas, France, and Germany during and after World War I, March 1917–May 1919. There also are transcripts of the letters intermingled chronologically with transcripts of a diary Dillman kept during the same period. Dillman writes from Fort Bliss and Presidio, Texas and tells of training, camp life, contracting scarlet fever and border skirmishes with the Mexican Army. In September 1918 Dillman and his division were shipped overseas to France where they became part of the 7th Division. While assigned as support near the front and trained to deal in such areas as a poison gas attack, Dillman's unit did not participate in actual combat. Dillman and his unit served in the occupation army in France.

The collection also contains an extensive oral history conducted with Frank Dillman by Wayne L. Sanford in 1981. The interview consists of thirty-three cassette tapes and three volumes of transcripts focusing primarily on his military

service experiences, 1917–1919.

Visual materials in the collection include copies of photographs reproduced for the transcribed version of the diaries and letters and original postcards with messages sent by Dillman to family and friends in the United States, 1917–1919.

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