K0587
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”, 356th Infantry Regiment, 89th 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” 356th infantry Regiment,
89th 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:

This gift was received from Eugene G. Wanger as accession KA1944 on May
17, 2011.

COPYRIGHT AND RESTRICTIONS:

The Donor has given and assigned to the State Historical Society of Missouri
all rights of copyright which the Donor has in the Materials and in such of the
Donor’s works as may be found among any collections of Materials received by the Society from others.

PREFERRED CITATION:

Specific item; folder number; Frederick Marion Wanger (1888-1956) World War I Collection (K0587); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

CONTACT:

The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City
302 Newcomb Hall, University of Missouri-Kansas City
5123 Holmes Street, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499
(816) 235-1543 SHSoM-KC@umsystem.edu
http://shs.umsystem.edu/index.shtml

DESCRIPTION:

The collection includes letters, photographs, manuscript and printed history of Company “A” 356th Infantry, 89th Division, artifacts and other documents relation to Company “A”, its service in the War and after, its reunions, and the American Legion.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

Folder A  The Fred M. Wanger World War I Collection of Company “A,” 356th Infantry, 89th Division, Its Service in the War and After, Eugene G. Wanger

HISTORIES

Folder 1  The World War with Company “A”, 356th Infantry, 89th 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”, 356th Infantry, 89th Division, National Army from Camp Funston, Kansas to Schweich, Germany, Sgt. Fred M. Wanger, typewritten original, 1919.


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

Folder 5  1940-Company “A”, 356th Infantry-1917, John H. Dykes, 1940.
Folder 6  *Our Company “A” of 356th Inf., 89th Div. Am Expeditionary Forces*, Phil Foster and Guy Harden, 1972


Folder 8  *History of the 89th Division, U.S.A., The War Society of the 89th Division*, George H. English, Jr., 1920


**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 89th division.

Folder 16  Newspaper articles published in 1919 re: return home of the 89th 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 7th, 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 356th Infantry and 89th Division, related ephemera.

**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, $\frac{1}{2}$ liter, with plain hinged pewter top.

Item 33  Lapel Pin: red, white, black and brass, marked War Society 89\textsuperscript{th} 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)


Items 37, 38  retained by donor

**FLAT BOX**

Folder 1  *Company “A” 21st 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


OVERSIZE ROLLED ITEMS  ARC 17x5

Maps

*Gelande-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)


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