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WILBUR W. PIPER
(1894-1978)
PAPERS
1918 - 1975

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INTRODUCTION

The Wilbur W. Piper Papers, 1918-1975, deals with the life and times of Wilbur W. Piper (1894-1978.) Wilbur W. Piper, a Greene County, Tennessee native, was a World War I veteran, a Knoxville lawyer and United States District Attorney.

The Wilbur W. Piper Papers are a valuable addition to the Tennessee State Library and Archives. In addition to the genealogical materials available, the collection provides an insight in to the experiences of Tennessee soldiers of the First World War.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Wilbur W. Piper Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Wilbur W. Piper Papers, containing approximately 400 items, span the period 1918-1975, although the bulk of the collection is concentrated in the years 1958-1965. The collection is composed of an account book, clippings, correspondence, maps, photographs, and miscellaneous items.

The majority of the collection deals with correspondence of Wilbur W. Piper of Knoxville, Tennessee. Mrs. Piper was one of the founders of the Company C., 114th Field Artillery Reunion organization. The correspondence reflects the activities of Mr. Piper in contacting the members of the Company and encouraging them to attend the annual meetings. Of interest in the correspondence are the reminiscences of the members of the battery about their experiences in the First World War.

The 114th Field Artillery, Battery C, was mustered into federal service in Knoxville on July 25, 1917. The Battery, organized principally of men from Knoxville, Tennessee, trained at Camp Sevier, South Carolina and thereafter was sent to France. The Battery participated in the St. Mehiel offensive and the Argonne-Verdun offensive. After the Armistice on November 11, 1918 the Battery was sent to Luxembourg until the return home in March of 1919. The Battery was mustered out of service on April 6, 1919.

For additional information on the 114th Field Artillery, see the 114th Field Artillery Battery "C" Reunion Association Records, 1959-1975, accession number 1992.074.02.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Account book – 114th Field Artillery Reunion Organization, 1958-1974
2. Clippings – 114th Field Artillery
3. Correspondence – Reunions – 1958-1959
4. Correspondence – Reunions – 1960-1961
5. Correspondence – Reunions – 1963-1974
6. Maps – France, 1918
7. Pamphlets – World War Veterans
8. Receipts—114th Field Artillery, 1961-1964

Box 2

1. Photographs, drawings, etc. – France, 1918
2. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Camp Sevier, South Carolina, 1918
3. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Reunion Members
4. Photographs, drawings, etc. – Train Wreck, n. d., n. p.