Andrew Gbur collection, 1916-1992

AFC 2001/001/1301

Guides to the Collections in the Veterans History Project



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Collection Summary

Title: Andrew Gbur collection, 1916-1992: Veterans History Project (U.S.)
Inclusive Dates: 1916-1922
Call No.: AFC 2001/001/1301
Creator: Gbur, Andrew, 1901-1997
Extent: 24 folders.
Extent (Photographs): graphic images: 305 photographs : black and white, color ; various sizes.
Extent (Manuscripts): manuscripts: 88 items.
Extent (Artifacts): artifacts: 23 items.
Language: In English.
Location: Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/2015655447
Summary: A collection of artifacts, clippings, correspondence, military papers, mixed manuscripts, printed matter, and photographs relating to Andrew Gbur's service with the United States Army in the U.S., Siberia, and the Philippines, and his participation in various veterans organizations.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Gbur, Andrew, 1901-1997

Organizations
American Folklife Center.
United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces.
United States. Army. Infantry Regiment, 113th
Veterans History Project (U.S.)

Places
Siberia (Russia)--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Personal narratives, American.
Soviet Union--History--Allied intervention, 1918-1920.

Form/Genre
Clippings.
Correspondence.
Manuscripts.
Photographs.

Arrangement

Arranged in three series: Manuscripts, Photographs, and Artifacts. Manuscript materials are arranged alphabetically by subseries. Photographs are arranged in the donor's original order. Oversize materials are located at the end of the series.

Acquisition

Accessioned, 2002.

Copyright Status

Duplication of collection materials may be restricted.

Access and Restrictions

Collection is open for research; access restrictions apply. To request collection materials, please contact the Veterans History Project at http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/vhp.contact

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Andrew Gbur was born on July 21, 1901, in Beaver Meadow, Pennsylvania, to Andrew and Helen Gbur. Following his father's death in a coal mining explosion, Gbur's mother moved the family to her hometown of Passaic, New Jersey, where Gbur attended school until the sixth grade. After leaving school, Gbur worked as a fruit peddler, and at age 15, went to work in a clothing mill and then at the U.S. Rubber Company. He enlisted in the United States Army on August 30, 1919, and served in Siberia with Company A, 31st Infantry Regiment, for six months in 1919 and 1920. In 1920, Gbur was sent to Manila, Philippines, where he served with a military police unit and swam with the 31st Infantry Regiment's swim team. He returned to the United States in July 1921.

Following his overseas service, Gbur returned to New Jersey and served with the New Jersey National Guard while working as a belt maker at the U.S. Rubber Company. There he met his wife, Genevieve, and the two were married in 1931. Gbur continued to serve in the National Guard until September 23, 1940, when he was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant. Gbur died on June 8, 1997.

Scope and Content

The Andrew Gbur Collection consists of artifacts, clippings, correspondence, military papers, mixed manuscripts, printed matter, and photographs relating to the veteran's service in the United States Army. Correspondence includes letters from Gbur to his mother, written while he served in Siberia and the Philippines, and letters received by the veteran from fellow soldiers. Topics covered include his movements and activities, his desire for additional news from home, duties, finances, food, impressions of Hawaii, supplies in Siberia, desire for a discharge and expected return to the United States. A second subseries of correspondence relates to the veteran's activity with veterans organizations including Veterans of American Expeditionary Force Siberia.

Photographs include group portraits of various units, family photos, soldiers training and during off-duty hours, unidentified sailors. Photographs appear to have been taken primarily in the United States, although some may depict scenes in the Philippines.

Description of Series

Container	Series
	Series I: Manuscripts
BOX-FOLDER MSS108/1	**Clippings, undated**
	MS01: News clippings dealing with Gbur's service in Siberia, swimming meets he participated in while in the service, and later service with the New Jersey National Guard.
BOX-FOLDER MSS108/2	**Clippings, undated**
	MS02: News clippings about Gbur in later years, including obituary and article honoring Gbur as one of the last surviving World War I veterans in Bergen County, New Jersey.
BOX-FOLDER MSS108/3	**Correspondence, 1919-1992**
	MS03: Letters from veteran to his mother written between 1919 and 1922. Topics covered include his movements and activities; his desire for additional news from home; duties; finances; food; impressions of Hawaii; supplies in Siberia; desire for a discharge; expected return to the United States.
BOX-FOLDER MSS108/4-6	**Correspondence, 1938-1992**
	MS04: Letters spanning 1938 to 1992 dealing with veteran's activity with veterans' organizations including Veterans of American Expeditionary Force Siberia.
BOX-FOLDER MSS108/7	**Military Papers, undated**
	MS05: Instructions to enlisted men en route to oversea station; discharge from Army; discharge papers from New Jersey National Guard; invitations from Veterans Alliance Committee of Elmwood Park, New Jersey, for Memorial Day parade; Uniformed Services identification card; Siberian Expedition Veterans reunion banquet invitation. *See also Oversize.*
BOX-FOLDER MSS108/8	**Printed Matter, undated**
	MS06: Color graphic image of a soldier sewing buttons on uniform, clipped from a magazine.
BOX-FOLDER MSS108/9	**Printed Matter, undated**
	MS07: Menu from Veterans American Expeditionary Forces Siberia second annual reunion dinner dance.
BOX-FOLDER MSS108/10	**Printed Matter, undated**
	MS08: Newsletters, identification cards, and other materials dealing with veteran's work with Siberian veterans' organizations.
BOX-FOLDER MSS109/1	**Mixed Manuscripts, 1984**
	MS09: Diary of Jesse Arthur Anderson, who served in Siberia with Gbur; text of Anderson's obituary.
	Series II: Photographs

BOX-FOLDER MSS109/2-5 **Mixed (Multiple types of photographs), undated**

PH08-PH305: Includes photos of the veteran during and after his service, views of Siberia, family photographs. *See also Oversize.*

Series III: Artifacts

BOX-FOLDER MSS109/6 **Artifact, undated**

AR04: International songbook. *See also Oversize*

Oversize Materials

BOX-FOLDER OVZ25/1 **Military Papers, undated**

MS05: Memorial Roster. Company "A," Thirty-First Infantry, Fort William McKinley, Philippine Islands.

BOX-FOLDER OVZ50/1-7 **Original Photographic Prints, undated**

PH01-PH07: Original, black and white panoramic and oversize prints.

BOX-FOLDER CNSV7/1-3 **Artifacts, undated**

AR01: Sewing kit
AR02: Razor in case
AR03: Medals: pistol rifle medal, fidelis et fortis medal, Victory: New Jersey medal, National Guard of New Jersey medal, 15 years faithful service medal, American Legion medal, Fidelis et fortis bracelet, Mexican Border Service 1916 medal, New Jersey National Guard Mexican Border Service medal, Philippine Swimming League 1921 medal, National Guard of New Jersey -- Prosium medal, 75th Anniversary World War I medal, Passaic Veterans Who Served in Honor medal, The Great War for Civilization medal, 6 uniform bars of various colors.

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