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Marshall E. Keister Collection

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Biographical Note

Marshall E. Keister was born on November 11, 1885. When he was young, his family moved to Dauphin, Pennsylvania where he worked as a clerk until the United States entered World War I.

On June 22, 1916, Keister enlisted in the United States Army. Keister served in the Army during World War I and was stationed at the Embarkation Camp at St. Nazaire, France. Keister worked in the personnel and pay-roll division at St. Nazaire under First Sergeant James Davis. On June 6, 1919, was appointed Sergeant of the Army Service Corps.

At the onset of World War II, Keister was working for Jacobs Aircraft Engine Company in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. On April 27, 1942, at the age of 46, Keister enlisted in the Army again to serve his country during the Second World War. His enlistment card noted a crippled middle finger on his right hand.

Marshall Keister died in March of 1971 after serving his country during both World Wars.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The collection contains the personal papers of Sergeant Marshall E. Keister as well as a newspaper. The collection concerns Sergeant Keister's service during World War I. It also contains orders dated June 6, 1919 which promoted Keister to the rank of Sergeant. They were signed by an Infantry Colonel at St. Nazaire, France.

The collection also includes the final copy of *The Gangplank News*, published on June 25, 1919 and presented to Keister by the Salvation Army. *The Gangplank News* was published exclusively for the soldiers stationed at the Embarkation Camp at St. Nazaire, France. The publication details the units and division in operation at St. Nazaire as well as discusses personnel and equipment.

Arrangement

The collection arrived with no discernable arrangement and was rearranged in a more efficient working order by PMML staff. The collection is contained within one archival folder.

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Related Collections

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Separations

Title: The Gangplank News
Author: United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces.
Call Number: D501.G36

Key Subjects

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Names

Keister, Marshall E., 1885-1971

Subjects

Saint-Nazaire -- France -- Embarkation Camp.

Saint-Nazaire – France – Newspapers.

United States – Army -- American Expeditionary Forces – Newspapers.

World War, 1914-1918 --Newspapers.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Folder One

Keister Collection

Army Promotion Order, 1919