



World War I Scrapbook of Archer C. Rounds, 1917-1919

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One Scrapbook

Archer C. Rounds was born March 18th, c.1900. He married and had at least one son, also named Archer (1926-2004), who was a soldier in World War II and attended the University of Massachusetts.

This scrapbook was created on March 12, 1940, and contains letters from November 6, 1917 to March 31, 1919. All 135 letters were written by Rounds when he was a World War I soldier, to his mother, Louise A. Rounds, of 103 Bainbridge Street Brooklyn, New York.

It opens with a "Diary" of dates listing Rounds' travels when he belonged to the 165th Infantry (formerly Old 69th, aka the "Fighting 69th"), a regiment of the 42nd Rainbow Division. The first date noted is his arrival at Camp Mills, Long Island, on August 5, 1917. The rest of the dates document stops in France and Germany, as well as a number of stays in hospitals. He returned to Camp Mills on April 27, 1919 and was discharged on May 7, 1919. The scrapbook contains a map of the European travels of the 165th U.S. Infantry from 1917 to 1919, and a list of soldiers killed between September 12th and September 15th of 1918.

The letters are consistent in several ways: they all open with the greeting "Dear Ma" or "My Dear Mother"; the first lines are almost always, "Just a few hurried lines to let you know that I am in the best of health and having a good time"; and they close with, "I remain your loving son." They usually comment on the lack of any activity and they frequently request copies of the "Eagle" (*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*), as well as candy, warm clothing, and money orders. Rounds often talks about a fellow soldier, Jack, who happens to be from the same part of Brooklyn as his mother, and who serves in the same outfit as he. All of the letters were approved by a supervisor, usually a lieutenant E.A. Daly.

SUBJECTS

Names:

Rounds, Archer C.
Rounds, Louise A.

Subjects:

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