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Biographical/Historical Note

Ellis R. Bennett of Union County, Arkansas, served in Europe during World War I as a part of the United States Army, Company B, 13th Engineers. The unit consisted of men experienced in various phases of the operation of railways. Ellis Bennett characterized his position as an "operator," and his interest in communications continued after his military service was over. Bennett died in 1945 at the Army and Navy Hospital in Hot Springs. He was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains numerous items from the World War I era that illustrate Ellis Bennett's military service and family life. Materials include a diary, newspapers, postcards, and dozens of photographs.

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Publication Information

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Collection Inventory

Ellis R. Bennett "Soldier's Diary," 1917-1919, 1937-1939

Correspondence, 1915-1918

Ellis R. Bennett obituary, undated

English-French "Vocabulary"

Deeds, Certificates, Licenses

Enlisted Reserve Corps certificate of enlistment, Ellis R. Bennett, 1917 July 18

Deed, Terrell County, Texas: Texas Towns Development Company to Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Morgan, 1929 June 20

Federal Radio Commission, Amateur First Class Radio Operator License, E.R. Bennett, 1933

Photographs

PHO.U9201.1 Man and dog against vehicle

PHO.U9201.2 Annie and Raymond Bennett on porch, 1918

PHO.U9201.3 Two men and a Westinghouse truck, "Southern Electric Co., Junction City, Ark.-La." (two copies)

PHO.U9201.4 Two men in front of Southern Electric Company store and truck, Junction City

PHO.U9201.5 Woman in flower bed

PHO.U9201.6 Man by car

PHO.U9201.7 Raymond Bennett holding Tiny (dog)

PHO.U9201.8 Young boy by farm equipment

PHO.U9201.9 Woman and dog by car

PHO.U9201.10 Trolley cars

PHO.U9201.11 "Feburary 22, 1936: Put this in your rogues gallery" woman and boy by car

PHO.U9201.12 William F. Cody and Ruth H. Cody, 1943 November 4

PHO.U9201.13 William F. Cody, 1943 November 4

PHO.U9201.14 William F. Cody and Joy Marissey "his girl": 1943 November 4

PHO.U9201.15 Ship (and negative)

PHO.U9201.16 On board ship at dock (and negative)

PHO.U9201.17 Civilian ferry

PHO.U9201.18 Six sailors on ship

PHO.U9201.19 Sailor on deck, "H.C. Williams (USNR), 118 E. Wright St., Pensacola, Florida"

PHO.U9201.20 Paris, U. S. troops in parade at Arc d'Triomphe

PHO.U9201.21 Corporal in uniform sitting

PHO.U9201.22 Sailor standing at stairs of ship

PHO.U9201.23 Four officers standing on dock (and negative)

PHO.U9201.24 Sailors at ship railing (and negative)

PHO.U9201.25 Monument near trolley

PHO.U9201.26 Sailors standing at railing of ship (and negative)

PHO.U9021.27 Building with three arches

PHO.U9201.28 Swimming in ocean (and negative)

PHO.U9201.29 Ship "36" (and negative)

PHO.U9201.30 Monument near trolley

PHO.U9201.31 Ship headed to sea, factories in background (and negative)

PHO.U9201.32 Man and child on porch (negative only)

PHO.U9201.33 Sailors at back of boat

PHO.U9201.34 Boat (negative only)

PHO.U9201.35 Sailors at ship railing (negative only)

PHO.U9201.36 Swimming near side of ship (negative only)

PHO.U9201.37 People gathered at water's edge (negative only)

PHO.U9201.38 Ship headed out to sea (negative only)

PHO.U9201.39 Sailor standing at ship railing (negative only)

PHO.U9201.40 Ship near water's edge (negative only)

PHO.U9201.41 Sailor standing at ship railing behind life presrver

PHO.U9201.42 "E.R. Bennett" (postcard)

PHO.U9021.43 Ellis Bennett and "One of the fellows on this came from Little Rock, who joined me there" (postcard)

PHO.U9021.44 Bank of Carlisle, Carlisle, Arkansas (postcard to E.R. Bennett from Lovette)

PHO.U9021.45 "Coblenz a. Rh., Hauptbahnhof," Germany (postcard)

PHO.U9021.46 Andernach, "a small view of Andernach on the Rhine" (postcard)

PHO.U9021.47 "Destroyed Boche Tank" (postcard)

PHO.U9021.48 "Nationaldenkmal," National Kaiser Wilhelm Monument in Berlin (postcard)

PHO.U9021.49 Konigswinter, Germany (postcard)

PHO.U9021.50 Coblenz, Germany (postcard)

PHO.U9021.51 "Schloss Stolzenfels mit Blick auf Oberlahnstein" near Coblenz, Germany (postcard)

PHO.U9021.52 Six men on rail handcar at "Ivan" station (postcard)

PHO.U9021.53 Three men at rail station, 1915 (postcard)

PHO.U9021.54 Municipal Pier, Chicago, 1917 (postcard to Miss Edna Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from E.R.B., 1917 May 23)

PHO.U9021.55 Recreation end of Municipal Pier, Chicago, 1917 (postcard to Miss Edna Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from E.R.B., 1917 July 1)

PHO.U9021.56 Dance Hall, Euclid Beach, Cleveland (postcard to Miss Edna Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from E.R.B., postmarked New York, 1917 July 22)

PHO.U9021.57 "Squad Drill, Camp Pike, Little Rock" (postcard to Miss Edna Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from "your cousin," September 26)

PHO.U9021.58 "Cote d'Emeraude" (postcard to Miss Edna Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from Ellis R. Bennett, 1918 November 1)

PHO.U9021.59 Landerneau, France (postcard to Miss Edna Bennett, Strong, Arkansas, from E.R. Bennett)

PHO.U9021.60 Brest, France (postcard to Miss Edna Bennett, Strong, Arkansas, from E. R. Bennett, 1919 April 17)

PHO.U9021.61 Landerneau, Vieilles Maisons, place du Marche (postcard to Miss Edna Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from Ellis R. Bennett, Landerneau, 1919 April 26)

PHO.U9021.62 La Roche-Maurice (postcard to Miss Edna Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from Ellis R. Bennett, 1919 May 7)

PHO.U9021.63 Marine De Guerre (postcard to Edna Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from E.R. Bennett, France, 1919 May 12)

PHO.U9021.64 Riding bicycles at railroad depot, Quitman, Louisiana (postcard to H.B. Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from "Raymon," Quitman, Louisiana, 1914 November 12)

PHO.U9021.65 Houston Street viaduct and night skyline, Dallas, Texas (postcard to Mrs. H.B. Bennett, Strong, Arkansas, from Edna, 1932)

PHO.U9021.66 Group watching boxers, "Packy McFarland instructing the boys in the manly art at the Knights of Columbus" (postcard to J.F. Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from E.R.B., Jersey City, New Jersey, 1919 August 22)

PHO.U9021.67 "Kultur Boche: Dans les Regions Liberees" (postcard to J.H. Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from E.R. Bennett, France, undated)

PHO.U9021.68 "Part of Quitman" (postcard to Mrs. W.E. Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from E.R.B., 1914 September 5)

PHO.U9021.69 Rock Island Office Building, El Reno, Oklahoma (postcard to Mrs. W.E. Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from E.R.B., El Reno, Oklahoma, 1917 May 21)

PHO.U9021.70 "U.S. America - France: Freres d'Armes" (postcard to Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from E.R. Bennett, France, 1917 November 25)

PHO.U9021.71 Christmas Greetings 1918, "On Active Service, A.E.F., Somewhere in France" (Knights of Columbus postcard to Mrs. W.E. Bennett, Aurelle, Arkansas, from Ellis R. Bennett, 1918 December 14)

PHO.U9021.72 Hatcher Pharmacy, Garrett Hotel Building, El Dorado, Arkansas (postcard to Mrs. W.E. Bennett, Strong, Arkansas, from Edna, 1938 July 1)

PHO.U9201.73 Train wreck, "going south, through freight," undated (series of six)

Photo album, World War I era

Eiffel Tower image on glass

Newspapers

Windy City Echo, Vol. 1, No. 2, 13th Engineers (Ry) U.S. Amexforce in France: 1918 March 13

Windy City Echo, Vol. 1, No. 2, 13th Engineers (Ry) U.S. Amexforce in France: 1918 April 13

Le Mirror, Paris: 1919 April 6

Les Belles Images, Paris: 1918

QSLs

Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas

Correos, Mexico

Brownsville, Texas

Monterey, Mexico

Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Los Angeles, California

United States Naval Volunteer Communication Reserve, Ninth Naval District

Harlingen, Texas

New Brunswick, New Jersey

Peterboro, Ontario, Canada

Miscellaneous