

TITLE: The Ralph Everett Ellinwood Collection [b. 1893 – d. 1930]

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Ralph Everett Ellinwood was born August 9, 1893 to one of the prominent families in Flagstaff, then the United States Territory of Arizona. Ralph spent his formative years in Flagstaff and the frontier mining town of Bisbee, AZ while his father Everett, an attorney, served several key roles for the territory including participation in the Arizona Constitutional Convention. After Ralph attended private secondary school in California, he headed to Massachusetts to pursue higher education at Amherst College. When the United States entered the Great War in 1917, Ralph and some of his classmates could not wait any longer for their country to mobilize troops. Ralph and other young men from across the country enlisted in the American Field Service in June, 1917.

On the western front, Ralph served as a transport driver under the direction of the French Army. When the United States Army arrived overseas, Ellinwood's corps was integrated into the U.S. Army where he was officially enlisted on October 1, 1917. He continued to serve in the Allied cause, now with the U.S. Ambulance Corps over the war torn battlefields of France. On May 28, 1918, Ralph and his convoy were captured by German soldiers during the Third Battle of the Aisne. From the time of his capture near Soissons, Ellinwood traveled hundreds of miles as a prisoner by both foot and railroad through France and Germany. His journey included extended stays in Mont Notre Dame (June 1918) and filthy prison camps at Laon (July 1918) and Langensalza (August - November 1918). After the Armistice of November 11, 1918, Ellinwood spent his final weeks in Germany at Kassel and Frankfurt am Main before returning to French soil on January 1, 1919, seven months after he was captured.

After returning to the United States, Ralph began working on his autobiographical account of his experience and it was published in April of 1920 as *Behind the German*

Lines. Ellinwood turned again to his love for writing and publishing and completed a degree in journalism at Columbia University. Ralph married his long time friend and companion Clare Rounsvell and worked for a newspaper in Sacramento, California for a time before the couple settled in Tucson in 1924 where Ralph became editor and co-owner of the *Arizona Daily Star*. Tragedy struck the Ellinwoods on August 30, 1930 when the 37 year old Ralph, son, brother, husband, and father of three young children, died suddenly of a heart attack. His life ended suddenly but his extraordinary experiences live on in this collection of memoirs, letters, artifacts, and photographs.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection includes the correspondence of Ellinwood to and from his wife, parents, family members and friends as well as personal diaries during his deployment to Europe and subsequent internment as a prisoner of war. The handwritten journals from 1917-18 detail his attempt to cope with the war and the deteriorating conditions around him. Particularly poignant are the photographs and negatives of his friends and comrades in arms from early military days and his civilian life in the 1920's. His personal scrapbook contains newspaper clippings and artifacts that track the major events of the war. In addition to several short story manuscripts by the young war veteran turned author and editor, the collection includes the author's copy and original manuscript of the now rare book *Behind the German Lines*, printed in early 1920.

This collection is arranged in five series. Series I: Correspondence; Series II: Publications; Series III: Journals and Diaries; Series IV: Photographs; Series V: Personal Artifacts.

Series I: Correspondence Series I represents letters and telegrams received and sent by Ralph Ellinwood and his family as well as several rare postcards from the WWI era. Many of Ralph's letters home during the seven months of his imprisonment were confiscated and destroyed by censors. Letters have been arranged by date and by postmarks when available. Those items of correspondence having no date information have been marked no date and those that are especially fragile are preserved in mylar.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Ellinwood Family Biographical Information	nd
	2	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	May 9,1917 – June 17,1917
	3	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	June 19, 1917 – June 30, 1917
	4	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	July 1, 1917 – July 20, 1917
	5	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	July 21, 1917 – July 31, 1917
	6	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	August 3, 1917 – August 12, 1917
	7	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	August 13, 1917 – August 31, 1917
	8	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	September 1, 1917 – September 17, 1917
	9	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	September 18, 1917 – September 30, 1917

2	1	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	October 1, 1917 – October 15, 1917
	2	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	October 18, 1917 – October 31, 1917
	3	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	November 3, 1917 – November 27, 1917
	4	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	December 2, 1917 – December 11, 1917
	5	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	December 12, 1917 – December 27, 1917
	6	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	January 2, 1918 – January 18, 1918
	7	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	January 19, 1918 – January 30, 1918
	8	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	February 2, 1917 - February 12, 1917
	9	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	February 13, 1917 – February 27, 1918
3	1	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	March 4, 1918 – March 10, 1918
	2	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	March 12, 1917 – March 30, 1917
	3	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	April 4, 1918 – April 29, 1918
	4	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	May 6, 1918 – May 26, 1918
	5	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	June 3, 1918 – June 29, 1918
	6	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	July 20, 1918 – October 7, 1918
	7	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	November 2, 1918 – December 24, 1918
	8	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	January 4, 1919 – January 24, 1919
	9	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	February 4, 1919 – March 5, 1919
	10	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	March 7, 1919 – March 30, 1919
	11	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	April 1, 1919 – April 30, 1919
	12	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	May 2, 1919 – June 30, 1919
4	1	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	July 7, 1919 – July 29, 1919
	2	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	August 2, 1919 – August 30, 1919
	3	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	September 5, 1919 – September 15, 1919

	4	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	February 18, 1920 – April 21, 1920
	5	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	April 22, 1920 – April 30, 1920
	6	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	May 2, 1920 – May 10, 1920
	7	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	May 11, 1920 – May 30, 1920
	8	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	June 12, 1920 – September, 1920 and 1920 nd
	9	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood	August 19, 1922 – August 11, 1930 and nd
	10	Correspondence: Ellinwood Family	June 28, 1881 – November 7, 1918
	11	Correspondence: Ellinwood Family	November 16, 1918 – May 25, 1921
	12	Correspondence: Ellinwood Family	June 20, 1921 – September 29, 1930
	13	Correspondence: Family Condolences	August 31, 1930 – September 19, 1930
	14	Correspondence: Family Condolences	September 11, 1930 – September 29, 1930
	15	Correspondence: Family Condolences	October 1, 1930 – November 24, 1930 and 1930 nd
5	1	Correspondence: Business	November 1, 1924 – October 15, 1964
	2	Correspondence: Business	October 16, 1964 – November 27, 1964
	3	Correspondence: Business	December 2, 1964 – August 9, 1994
	4	Correspondence: Postcards, unmailed, France	nd
	5	Correspondence: Postcards, unmailed, France	nd
	6	Correspondence: Postcards, unmailed, France	nd
	7	Correspondence: Postcards, unmailed, France	nd
	8	Correspondence: Postcards, unmailed, Germany	nd
	9	Correspondence: Postcards, unmailed, U.S. and U.S. Military	nd
	10	Correspondence: Ralph and Clare Ellinwood Military Orders	June 1917 – September 1920
	11	Correspondence: Ralph Ellinwood war travel papers	nd

Series II: Publications Series II contains various WWI era newspaper clippings in addition to clippings of obituaries for Ellinwood family members. The publications include issues of *The American Field Service Bulletin* and *Amherst College Quarterly*. The original typed manuscripts of *Behind the German Lines* and Ralph's journal entries and war letters are included with his short stories and essays.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
6	1	Newspaper Clippings	November 1886 – May 28, 1928
	2	Newspaper Clippings	August 30, 1930 – March 8, 1932
	3	Newspaper Clippings	April 13, 1938 – August 11, 1995
	4	Newspaper Clippings	nd
	5	Publications	December 15, 1917 – August 1918
	6	Publications	October 5, 1918 – March 15, 1920
	7	Publications	May 22, 1920 – 1977 and nd
	8	Personal Memorabilia	nd
7	1	Manuscripts: Ralph Everett Ellinwood in WWI journal entries and letters	June 9, 1917 – July 11, 1917
	2	Manuscripts: Ralph Everett Ellinwood in WWI journal entries and letters	July 11, 1917 – August 27, 1917
	3	Manuscripts: Ralph Everett Ellinwood in WWI journal entries and letters	August 27, 1917 – November 1, 1917
	4	Manuscripts: Ralph Everett Ellinwood in WWI journal entries and letters	November 1, 1917 – February 9, 1918
	5	Manuscripts: Ralph Everett Ellinwood in WWI journal entries and letters	February 18, 1918 – April 17, 1918
	6	Manuscripts: Ralph Everett Ellinwood in WWI journal entries and letters	April 19, 1918 – February 4, 1919
	7	Manuscripts: <i>Behind the German Lines</i> , Original Manuscript, Ch. I - II	c. April 1920
	8	Manuscripts: <i>Behind the German Lines</i> , Original Manuscript, Ch. III - IV	c. April 1920
	9	Manuscripts: <i>Behind the German Lines</i> , Original Manuscript, Ch. V - VI	c. April 1920
	10	Manuscripts: <i>Behind the German Lines</i> , Original Manuscript, Ch. VI (cont.) - VIII	c. April 1920
	11	Manuscripts: Ralph Ellinwood Essays and Short Stories	nd

Series III: Journals and Diaries Series III includes the diaries and visit book of Minnie Walkley Ellinwood, mother of Ralph Ellinwood. Also included are the early war journals and personal notes of Ralph Ellinwood.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
8	Item 1	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood (mother)	1887
	2	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1888
	3	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1889
	4	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1891
	5	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1892
	6	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1893
	7	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1895-1902
	8	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1910 – 1914
	9	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1915 – 1919
	10	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1920 – 1924
	11	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1924
	12	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1925
9	1	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1927
	2	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1928
	3	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1925 – 1929
	4	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1929
	5	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1930
	6	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood	1930 – 1932
	7	Journals: Minnie Walkley Ellinwood “Visit Book”	nd
10	1	Journals: Ralph Ellinwood, printed copy	June 9, 1917 – December 31, 1917
	2	Journals: Ralph Ellinwood, Vol. I and II and personal notebook	June 9, 1917 – Jan 26, 1919

Series IV: Photographs Series IV incorporates a number of photographs and negatives of Ralph Ellinwood and his sister Cornelia in their youth as well as many unidentified photographs of places and people during Ralph’s military service. There are several photographs of Southern Arizona mining town and mountain landscapes and locales that date from the early 1900s.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
11	1	Photographs: Cornelia Ellinwood Morris (sister)	1891 - 1893
	2	Photographs: Cornelia Ellinwood Morris	1894 – 1898

	3	Photographs: Cornelia Ellinwood Morris	nd
	4	Photographs: Cornelia and Ralph	1893 - 1898
		Photographs: Cornelia and Ralph	nd
	5	Photographs: Unidentified Early Family Photos	nd
	6	Photographs: Unidentified Landscapes and Places	nd
	7	Photographs: Unidentified Landscapes and Places	nd
	8	Photographs: Unidentified Landscapes and Places	nd
	9	Photographs: Unidentified Landscapes and Places	nd
	10	Photographs: Military	nd
	12	Photographs: Ralph	1894 - 1898
	13	Photographs: Ralph	nd
	14	Photographs: Unidentified Family and Friends	nd
	15	Photographs: Unidentified Family and Friends	nd
12	1	Negatives: Arizona Towns and Landscapes	nd
	2	Negatives: Bisbee	1913 and nd
	3	Negatives: Family and Friends	nd
	4	Negatives: Military	nd
	5	Negatives: Trips to Los Angeles, Lowell, Montclair, Rock Creek	1913
	6	Negatives: Trips to New Haven, Northampton, New York, Washington D.C.	1913
13	1	Photographs: "Taken in Flagstaff at Riordan House"	May 10, 1939
	2	Photographs: "Closing of the Sale of the Arizona Daily Star"	January 5, 1965
	3	Portraits: John Sanders	nd
	4	Portraits: Ralph Ellinwood, Military	c. 1917- 1918
	5	Portraits: Ralph Ellinwood	late 1920's
	6	Portraits: Judge John J. Hawkins	nd

Series V: Personal Artifacts Series V is comprised of several oversized items and pieces of personal significance such as Everett Ellinwood’s honorary diploma and academic stole along with other unique items such as a tapestry keepsake box and collection of monies.

Box	Contents	Dates
14	Scrapbooks: Green Cover with Clippings	Various
	Scrapbooks: Black Cover with Photos	Various
	Notebooks: Ralph’s Composition Book with Clippings	Various
	Monies	Various print and mint dates
	Diploma: Everett Ellinwood’s honorary diploma, University of Arizona	May 1941
	Print Materials on Everett Ellinwood’s honorary degree	May 1941
	Academic Stole: Everett Ellinwood	nd
	Ellinwood family keepsake box	nd