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Guide to the Harold E. Goettler Papers 1909-1979



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.GOETTLERH
Title	Goettler, Harold E. Papers
Date	1909-1979
Size	7 linear feet (5 boxes)
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Abstract Harold E. Goettler was a University of Chicago graduate (1914) who joined the United States Air Service in 1917. Goettler was killed in the line of duty during World War I, while flying supply runs to Allied troops trapped by Germans in the Argonne Forest. This collection contains memorabilia of Goettler's days as a student, including an exceptionally large and elaborate scrapbook representing his academic, athletic and social activities at University of Chicago. Also included are memorabilia from his time in the Air Service.

Information on Use

Access

This collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Goettler, Harold E. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Biographical Note

Harold E. Goettler was a University of Chicago graduate (1914) who joined the United States Air Service in 1917. Goettler was killed in the line of duty during World War I, while flying supply runs to Allied troops trapped by Germans in the Argonne Forest (the infamous "Lost Battalion"). In recognition for his service, 1st Lt. Harold E. Goettler was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, one of only four U.S. airmen to receive that distinction.

Scope Note

This collection contains memorabilia of Goettler's days as a student, including an exceptionally large and elaborate scrapbook representing his academic, athletic and social activities at University of Chicago. The scrapbook has been disbound due to preservation concerns, with

the covers and signatures maintained. Also included are memorabilia from his time in the Air Service, including a few original photographs as well as photocopies of his diaries and other photos, the originals of which are located at the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The collection is divided into three series. Series I, Papers, contains programs, certificates, and photocopies of documents from Goettler's academic and military careers. Materials are arranged chronologically, with the undated photocopies at the end. Series II, Photographs, contains a small number of photographs of Goettler and others in uniform. Series III, Oversize, contains the pages of Goettler's scrapbook, oversize certificates, and a newspaper clipping.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

University of Chicago. Student Ephemera. Collection

Subject Headings

- Goettler, Harold E.
- Scrapbooks
- University of Chicago -- Students
- World War, 1914-1918

INVENTORY

Series I: Papers

This series contains programs, certificates, and photocopies of documents from Goettler's academic and military careers. Materials are arranged chronologically, with the undated photocopies at the end.

Box 1

Folder 1

Red & White, Vol. XI No. 5, and Clipping, 1908-1909

Box 1

Folder 2

Certificate of Completion of a Major Course from the University of Chicago Extension Division, 1912

Box 1

Folder 3

University of Chicago – Eighty-third Convocation Program, 1912

Box 1

Folder 4

William Rainey Harper Memorial Library, dedication publication, 1912

Box 1

Folder 5

Second Annual Letter of the "O&S," 1914

Box 1

Folder 6

University of Chicago – Ninetieth Convocation Program, 1914

Box 1

Folder 7

University of Chicago Magazine, 1918

Box 1

Folder 8

Program – Dinner Honoring Maj. Reed G. Landis, 1919

Box 1

Folder 9

Program – "In Memory of Members of the University of Chicago Fallen in the War,"
1919

Box 1

Folder 10

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, Vol. 39 No. 2, and Boys' Court Report, circa 1919,
1921

Box 1

Folder 11

University of Chicago Magazine, 1923

Box 1

Folder 12

Correspondence – Edna Goettler and Harold Swift (with Clipping), 1959, 1965

Box 1

Folder 13

Program – Dedication of 1st-11th Streets, Scott Air Force Base (Photocopy?), 1979

Box 1

Folder 14

Photocopy: Diary of Lt. Harold E. Goettler (1917-1918), undated

Box 1

Folder 15

Photocopy: Harold E. Goettler Football Photo (University of Chicago, circa 1910-1914),
undated

Box 1

Folder 16

Photocopies: Magazine Articles re Harold Goettler/Medal of Honor, undated

Box 1

Folder 17

Photocopies: Military Correspondence and Certificates (1917-1922), undated

Box 1

Folder 18

Photocopies: Photographs of Military Service (WWI), undated

Box 1

Folder 19

Photocopies: 1968 Memorial Service for Harold Goettler, undated

Series II: Photographs

This series contains a small number of photographs of Goettler and others in uniform.

Box 1

Folder 20

Photographs – Harold Goettler and Other Enlistees, circa 1918

Series III: Oversize

This series contains the pages of Goettler's scrapbook in boxes 2-4, and oversize certificates and clippings in box 5. Materials in box 5 are arranged chronologically.

Box 2

Folder 1

Scrapbook Pages [1 of 8], 1910-1913

Box 2

Folder 2

Scrapbook Pages [2 of 8], 1910-1913

Box 2

Folder 3

Scrapbook Pages [3 of 8], 1910-1913

Box 3

Folder 1

Scrapbook Pages [4 of 8], 1910-1915

Box 3

Folder 2

Scrapbook Pages [5 of 8], 1910-1915

Box 3

Folder 3

Scrapbook Pages [6 of 8], 1910-1915

Box 4

Folder 1

Scrapbook Pages [7 of 8], 1910-1915

Box 4

Folder 2

Scrapbook Pages [8 of 8], 1910-1915

Box 4

Folder 3

Scrapbook covers and binding, circa 1910

Box 5

Folder 1

High school, Associate's and Bachelor's Diplomas, 1909-1914

Box 5

Folder 2

Notary Public Certificate, 1915

Box 5

Folder 3

Photo Reproductions: Harold Goettler Memorial Certificate and 1924 Medal of Honor Certificate, undated

Box 5

Folder 4

Print of Painting: The Highest Possible Courage, undated