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Boardman-Smith collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Boardman-Smith collection
ID:	0002
Date [inclusive]:	1915-1943, undated
Physical Description:	026 folders
Language of the Material:	English .
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Biographical / Historical

Raymond Henry Boardman was born on November 5, 1895 in Middletown, Connecticut. He served in World War I from 1917-1919, during which he corresponded with his later-wife Lillian L. Smith. Raymond Boardman was stationed in France with the American Expeditionary Force of the U.S. Army. He worked for a time in a military hospital.

Lillian Smith was born on August 7, 1898 in Hartford County Connecticut. Smith and Boardman were married in 1923. They had one daughter, Joyce. Raymond Boardman worked as a draftsman. He died on July 27, 1966 in Connecticut. Lillian Boardman died on May 30, 1985 in Palm Beach, Florida. Both are buried in Middletown, Connecticut.

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Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised primarily of correspondence between (and to) Raymond H. Boardman and Lillian L. Smith. There are letters from other correspondents, family photographs, and a few items of ephemera. Letters to Raymond from his hometown friends

focus primarily on their relationships with women and how they are finding ways to have fun. There are a few letters to Lillian from other service men. Letters from Lillian to Raymond recount daily activities and lament his absence. There are relatively few letters from Lillian to Raymond, only spanning 1917, though his letters mention later letters he received. The correspondence suggests that Lillian and Raymond had only been dating for a month before he was drafted. They write about whether they have other love interests and about sending things to one another. Raymond's letters to Lillian are quite romantic. He writes about missing her and plans after the war. Raymond's letter prior to his discharge from the Army voices his fear that she might have moved on while he was enlisted, and that he hoped she still wanted to be with him.

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This collection was donated to UNE by Diane Lowderback.

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Controlled Access Headings

- World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1914-1918--Women.
- Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
"Foots" to Raymond H. Boardman letters, 1917	Box 01	Folder 001
"Johnie" to Raymond H. Boardman letters, 1917	Box 01	Folder 002
letters to Raymond Boardman, 1917, undated	Box 01	Folder 003
Lillian Smith to Raymond Boardman letters, 1917	Box 01	Folder 004
Marion B. Barrett [and others] to Raymond H. Boardman, 1917	Box 01	Folder 005
Postcards to Raymond H. Boardman, 1917, undated	Box 01	Folder 006
Envelopes addressed to Raymond H. Boardman, 1917	Box 01	Folder 007
Letters to Lillian Smith, 1915-1918, undated	Box 01	Folder 008
Postcards to Lillian L. Smith, 1915-1918, undated	Box 01	Folder 009
Raymond H. Boardman to Lillian L. Smith letters [1 of 2], 1917	Box 01	Folder 010
Raymond H. Boardman to Lillian L. Smith letters [2 of 2], 1917	Box 01	Folder 011
Raymond H. Boardman to Lillian L. Smith postcards, 1917	Box 01	Folder 012
"Fred" to Lillian L. Smith postcards, 1918	Box 01	Folder 013
Joseph Ernst to Lillian Smith letters, 1918	Box 01	Folder 014
Raymond H. Boardman to Lillian L. Smith letters, 1918	Box 01	Folder 015
Raymond H. Boardman to Lillian L. Smith letters, 1919	Box 01	Folder 016
Envelopes addressed to Lillian L. Smith, 1917-1918	Box 01	Folder 017
Postcards to various recipients, 1918-1943, undated	Box 01	Folder 018
Photographs, undated	Box 01	Folder 019
Negatives and photograph, undated	Box 01	Folder 020
Photographic postcards, 1916-1923, undated	Box 01	Folder 021
unaddressed European postcards, 1918, undated	Box 01	Folder 022
Gas mask card, undated	Box 01	Folder 023
Right-angled triangles blueprint, undated	Box 01	Folder 024
S.S. Luetzow ephemera, 1926	Box 01	Folder 025
Betsy Ross Memorial certificate, 1924	Box 01	Folder 026