

MS-457 World War I Glass Plate Stereoview Collection

Collection Number: MS-457

Title: World War I Glass Plate Stereoview Collection

Dates: 1914-1919

Summary/Abstract:

A set of 90 glass plate stereoview images depicting scenes from World War I. The images are accompanied by handwritten descriptions in French. The collection was owned by Hugh O. Merron, a World War I veteran. Also included is a stereoviewer made in Paris, France.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.62 linear ft. (90 glass stereoview slides)

Language(s):

The original materials have French captions. English translations have been provided in the finding aid where possible.

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

Restrictions on Access:

Due to the fragility of the original glass plates, researchers must use the digitized images available online in CORE Scholar, Wright State University's Campus Online Repository, at http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/special_ms457_photographs/.

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Acquisition: The collection was donated by Catherine Hofstetter Winkler in July 2012.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Existence and Location of Copies:

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Custodial History:

Catherine Hofstetter Winkler is the niece of Hugh O. Merron, the WWI soldier who serviced in France and who bought these glass stereo view slides and viewer in Paris. Ms. Hofstetter Winkler was given the slides and viewing box when her mother, Mary Ann Merron Hofstetter died in 1988. Mary Ann was Hugh's sister.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

To see the images in 3-D as intended, the stereo viewer in the collection is needed. For research purposes, this is not recommended due to the extra handling it requires of the fragile images. Researchers should use the digitized images in CORE Scholar. If original plates must be viewed, this can be done using a light box.

Processing Information:

Due to flaking emulsion on the glass plates, some of the descriptions are [Illegible], which is noted in the inventory. Three of the glass plates are broken and at the end of the inventory.

Processed by: Toni Vanden Bos and Noel Rihm, 2012

Arrangement: The plates are arranged in the order they were received.

Biographical Note

The glass plate stereoview slides and viewer were purchased by Hugh O. Merron in Paris, France. Merron served in the American Expeditionary Forces stationed in France during World War I. He was in the Foot Bound Infantry. Merron was born in Syracuse, New York, on February 12, 1894. He and his wife, Berdella, did not have children. In the 1930 census, Merron was living in Detroit, Michigan, and was the owner of a grocery store. Merron was a member of the Masonic Order in Detroit, Michigan. He died on Feb. 1, 1966.

Scope and Content

Included in the collection is a stereoviewer and 90 accompanying glass plate stereoscopic photographs of war scenes from World War I. The slides measure 4.25" x 1.25". Stereoscopic photographs are double pictures of the same scene, side by side, which produces a 3 dimensional effect when viewed through a stereoviewer.

The slides are arranged as they were received. Descriptions on each slide are handwritten in French and appear in the inventory of the collection. English translations are provided in the finding aid where possible.

Subject Terms**Persons/Families**

Merron, Hugh O., 1894-1966

Organizations/Corporate Names

United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces -- History -- World War, 1914-1918

Subjects (General)

World War, 1914-1918 – France

Material Types

Stereoscopic photographs (aat)

Collection Inventory

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To locate a specific image on CORE Scholar, search for the item identifier using the following format: MS457_01_SS, where SS is the two-digit slide number. For instance, to locate the first item, search for MS457_01_01.

Box	Slide	Description	Date
1	1	Prisonniers Au Mort Homme (Prisoners at Mort Homme)	Undated
1	2	Massiges En Reserve (Massiges in reserves)	Undated
1	3	Nieuport Zouaves	Undated
1	4	La Heru fort de Vaux (Fort Vaux)	Undated
1	5	22998	Undated
1	6	Artois une halte, 23101 (Artois a halt)	Undated
1	7	Chavonne (Aisne) cadavres allemands (Chavonne (Aisne) German corpses)	Undated
1	8	Épargés 1915 Morts pour la Patrie (Épargés 1915 Died for the Fatherland)	1915
1	9	Région Des Monts Blockhaus Allemand (Mountain Region German Blockhouse)	Undated
1	10	3100 Troyon Une Canonniere (A Gunship 3100 Troyon)	Undated
1	11	Tranchee Des Baionettes, 25529, Verdun (The trench Baionettes, 25529, Verdun)	Undated
1	12	Pentes des Girons (Slopes of Girons)	Undated
1	13	Tranchée Bouleversée (Shattered Trench)	Undated
1	14	Aisne, 1918, Blessés Allemands (Aisne, 1918, Wounded Germans)	1918
1	15	Route vers Tahune, 23278 (Road to Tahune)	Undated
1	16	Champagne Guetteur, 23119 (Champagne Watcher, 23119)	Undated
1	17	Illegible	Undated
1	18	[Illegible], portant leurs blessés ([Illegible], carrying their wounded)	Undated
1	19	Granelle la Releve (Over)	Undated
1	20	Épargés, 1919 (Épargés, 1919)	1919
1	21	Boyaux Bombardés (Courage Bombing)	Undated

Box	Slide	Description	Date
1	22	Ablain St. Nazaire, 23002, Eglise (Church)	Undated
1	23	La Soupe, Des [illegible] (The Soup)	Undated
1	24	Prise de Courcelles, 3903, Juin 1918 (Taking Courcelles, 3903, June 1918)	1918 June
1	25	Éparges Nettoyage du Champ de bataille (Éparges Cleaning Battlefield)	Undated
1	26	036-En Premiere Ligne Ravin de Sonvaux (First in Line Ravine Sonvaux)	Undated
1	27	Craonne Entonnoir Organise (Organizes Craonne Funnel)	Undated
1	28	Artois, 23100 [illegible] sous la neige (Artois, France under that snow)	Undated
1	29	1261, Marne en 1ere ligne (Marne in the first line)	Undated
1	30	Au Mont Le Téton 454 Ton, un bombardement 454 (Battle of the Hills)	Undated
1	31	6301, Bois Le Pretre (6301, Wood Priest)	Undated
1	32	Manille dans la cagna (Manille in shelter – Manille is a card game)	Undated
1	33	un petit poste, 23034, Carency (A small post, 23034, Carency, France)	Undated
1	34	Souchez, observatoire improvise, 23015 (Souchez, France, improvised observatory, 23015)	Undated
1	35	Allemands (Germans)	Undated
1	36	infanterie anglaise dans la Lomme (British Infantry in Lomme, France)	Undated
1	37	Lomme (Lomme, France)	Undated
1	38	Perthes, 1500, Cadavres (Perthes, France, 1500, Cadavers)	Undated
1	39	Prise Courcelles en 1918 (Taking Courcelles in 1918)	Undated
1	40	Pendant [Illegible] (for [Illegible])	Undated
1	41	Environs de Tahure 23275 (Around Tahure, France, 23275)	Undated
1	42	[Illegible] Ambulance, Marne 1914 ([Illegible] Ambulance, Marne, France 1914)	1914
1	43	Lomme, Cadavres (Lomme, France, Cadavers)	Undated
1	44	1622, Attaque De Champagne, 1915 (1622, Attack of Champagne, France, 1915)	1915
1	45	Cote 304 Cadavres (Side, 304 Cadavers)	Undated
1	46	973 Foch Joffre Deschanel La Victoire (973 Foch Joffre Deschanel victory)	Undated
1	47	Éparges, 1918, préparatifs a' attaque (Epargs, 1918, preparing to attack)	1918
1	48	[Illegible], parle (speaks)	Undated
1	49	1300 Marne, 1914, 90 En Action (1300 Marne, France, 1914, 90 in action)	1914
1	50	[Illegible], Esparges, Dans La Boue ([Illegible], Esparges, France, In the mud)	Undated

Box	Slide	Description	Date
1	51	[Illegible], Ville (City)	Undated
1	52	Verdun, avion allemand abattu (Verdun, France, German aircraft shot down)	Undated
1	53	11, Mt Cornillet, La Releve 11, Mont Cornillet, Over)	Undated
1	54	Aux Épargés , 1918, l'assaut du 5 avril (Épargés ,1918, assault of April)	1915
1	55	Solente Batterie Courde en action (Solente Courde Battery in action)	Undated
1	56	1000 A L'assaut Mont Des Singes (1000, The assault, Mount of the Apes)	Undated
1	57	Prisonniers de la Cote 304 (Prisoners of Hill 304)	Undated
1	58	3219 Chevreux 1917 En 1st Ligne (3219, Chevreux, France, 1917, 1 st Line)	1917
1	59	Illegible	Undated
1	60	01001 un tank, attaque de Belloy en Santerre (A tank, Attack in Belloy, Santerre)	Undated
1	61	ARNAS 155 eu action dans un hangar (ARNAS, 155 Action taken in a hangar)	Undated
1	62	0429 Bois des loges en premiere ligne (0429, Wood lodges in the first line)	Undated
1	63	embarquement de (Boarding)	Undated
1	64	Champagne 1915 Lendemain, apres l'attaque (Champagne 1915 Aftermath, after the attack)	1915
1	65	Sommet (Sommet, France)	Undated
1	66	Champagne enterrement d'un [Illegible] (Champagne, funeral of a [Illegible])	Undated
1	67	Artois, tranches massés, 3044 (Artois, France, mass trenches, 3044)	Undated
1	68	4209 verdun tunnel a tavannes (4209, Verdun, Tavannes tunnel)	Undated
1	69	Poste de [Illegible] a Rhiamout (Door de [ILLEGIBLE] a Rhiamout)	Undated
1	70	4312 verdun voie sacree (4312, Verdun, Sacred Way)	Undated
1	71	030 Marne 1914, 75 en action (030, Marne, France, 1914, 75 in action)	1914
1	72	Illegible	Undated
1	73	34239- Somme, Camp de prisonniers (34239- Somme, Camp of prisoners)	Undated
1	74	vers chaulnes, [Illegible] (To Chaulnes, France)	Undated
1	75	Prise de Montdidier en 1918 (Taking Montdidier in 1918)	1918
1	76	1st Ligne, Beausejour (1 st Line, Beausejour)	Undated
1	77	Illegible	Undated
1	78	Torpille Chemin des DAMES (Torpedo at Ladies' Way)	Undated
1	79	Prise de Courcelles (Taking of Courcelles)	Undated

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1	80	Illegible	Undated
1	81	Illegible	Undated
1	82	Illegible	Undated
1	83	Illegible	Undated
1	84-85	Illegible/Two slides stuck together	Undated
1	86-87	Illegible/Two slides stuck together	Undated
1	88	Illegible/Chipped corner	Undated
1	89	Prisonniers traversant Courcelles (Prisoners through Courcelles) NOTE: Missing half the plate	Undated
1	90	Vers Lihions [Illegible] NOTE: Missing half the plate	Undated