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Historical Biographical Note

Carl Hayden Quinn was born in 1890 in Rockwood, Tennessee. At a young age, his family (father, mother, and sister) moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Prior to World War I, Quinn worked as a bookkeeper and contractor in Chattanooga. According to his Army discharge papers, he enlisted at the age of 27 (1918) and was discharged a year later. He served in Alsace in the Lakes Vosges Mountains September 1st to October 14th. He also served in the Neuse Argonne from November 2 – 11, 1918. According to family history, Quinn and his fellow soldiers were camping in an abandoned church, rolled up in an old wool carpet, when the news came that the war had ended.

Quinn married Mary Chappell Anderson in 1923 and had two daughters, Marilyn and Sylvia. When the daughters were very young, the family moved to St. Petersburg, Florida with Carl's sister (Carrie) and her husband (Charles O. Smith) to start a business focused on a miniature golf course. A few years later, they moved back to Chattanooga. Quinn worked as a contractor, building many houses in Chattanooga.

Quinn was referred to as "Boydie" by the family, which was shortened from "Daddie Boy;" a name his mother called him. Family recalls their grandmother, Mary Chappell Anderson, saying Quinn was a cartographer in WWI, which explains the box of maps found in the attic of the family's home.

Carl Hayden Quinn died in 1948 and buried in the family plot in Chattanooga.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains correspondence, documents, a newspaper clipping, maps, photographs, and an artifact; all primarily related to World War I. The correspondence is military in nature. It consists of an intelligence report, a letter requesting appreciation and recognition for the 6th Division of the 1st Army, and a General Order in response to the request. The documents are Mr. Quinn's Certificate of Battle Service and his enlistment record that includes records documenting his honorable discharge and his final compensation. The newspaper clipping acknowledges the experience of the 6th Division's service. The photographs include a portrait of Mr. Quinn, a group photo with Mr. Quinn pictured with fellow soldiers, and two aerial photographs showing trench systems located in northern France. The maps show different areas of northern France related to the Meuse-Argonne offensive that led up to the Armistice of November 11, 1918, known today as Veteran's Day.

Box 1: Correspondence, Documents, Newspaper Clipping, Artifact

Folder:

1. Correspondence, Report, "Summary of Information Collected by fifty-first U.S. Infantry Regiment," October 10, 1918
2. Correspondence, 1918
3. Document: Certificate, Battle Service, June 30, 1919
4. Document: Records, Enlistment and Honorable Discharge, 1918-1919
5. Newspaper clipping, *Stars and Stripes*, March 7, 1919

Box 2: Photographs

Folder:

1. Photograph (Aerial), Barren-Kopf, France, November 7, 1918
2. Photograph (Aerial), Schratzmannele, France, November 7, 1918
3. Photograph (Group) Army servicemen, n.d.
4. Photograph (Portrait), Carl Hayden Quinn, n.d.

Box 3: Artifacts

1. Artifact, small tin box
2. Artifact, honorary medal, button from Quinn's uniform, and dog tag (in one box)

Maps (UNF Digital Commons):

1. Verdun A map 199, 1918
2. Hohrodberg, Secret map 125 Sheet 6, 1918; (on reverse side) Jouy, 1917
3. Ornes map 221, 1918
4. Argonne, 1918
5. Chalons, 1918
6. Foret D'Argonne, 1918
7. Montfaucon, 1918; (on reverse side) Buzancy, n.d.
8. Verdun, 1918 (originally printed in 1835, revised in 1911)
9. Mezieres, n.d. (originally printed in 1832, revised in 1913)
10. Vendresse Preliminary Edition, n.d.
11. Verdun S.O., n.d.