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**Clark Bruster Collection**

**Bruster, Clark. Correspondence, 1918. .25 foot.**

Soldier. A collection of original letters from Clark Bruster, U.S. Field Artillery, to his parents in Waverly, New York, 1918. He writes about his experiences during World War I while training and living at Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma.

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**Minor Box B-37**

**Folder:**

1. May 10, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma: Being on mounted guard duty at night near camp; windy, dusty conditions; moving camp; some regiments leaving for France.
2. May 12, 1918. Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma: Entertainment at the Knights of Columbus building; new camp conditions; weather too windy; his horse.
3. May 14, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Attended Liberty Theatre show; wind makes tent rattle; has school Tuesday and Thursday nights.
4. May 16, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Upcoming inspection; windy, dusty conditions; expecting cookies from home.
5. May 18, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Had inspection and a foot-drill; the NPL secretary; father getting \$15 per month from Clark; family news; another impending inspection.
6. May 19, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Going downtown by streetcar versus a jitney; craps games common at camp; his tentmates; family news.
7. May 22, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. On mounted guard for 2 hours; being on regimental fatigue tomorrow; KP duty; have guns now but have not used them; watching airplanes.
8. May 24, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Home-baked cookies received; Frenchmen showing them how to use their guns; a deserter is brought back to camp; getting ready for inspection; a movie machine.
9. May 26, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Baseball teams played; family news; on stable guard again; 10 weeks of intensive training; hot weather.
10. May 28, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Stable guard duty and regimental fatigue; new iron bunks; windy, dusty conditions; another deserter returned; a hike with packs, and some refused to go; a corporal demoted; angry at non-commissioned officers.

11. May 30, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Stable guard duty and church services; windy, dusty conditions; a review, followed by a baseball game and races; plans to hunt frogs in the creek.
12. June 2, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Describes an enjoyable fishing trip to Medicine Park, Oklahoma; suspects his regiment will never see action.
13. June 5, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Everyone moved to different tents; B.C. detail and cannoneers; his horse threw another rider; wants to visit Medicine Park again; family news; has the Battery Victrola in his tent; the cooks caught a live coyote. Includes printed poem, "Hooverizing."
14. June 9, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Guard duty and weather; baseball team lost to C Battery; a solar eclipse; wants cookies and cigars from home.
15. June 9, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. A questionnaire from Owego; helping make upgrades to the bath houses that will provide hot bath water; regiment has 6 new guns; likes oleo.
16. June 13, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Payday and going to town; his regiment chipped in to get their own moving pictures; acting as gunner; hot weather; "foreigners" getting their second papers in camp.
17. June 17, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Rumors his regiment will go to Camp Merritt next; KP duty; saw *It Pays to Advertise* at the Liberty Theatre; some soldiers not selected to go overseas; an airplane landed near the baseball diamond during a game.
18. June 18, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. An inspection; expects to leave Camp Doniphan very soon; still acting as gunner; using French guns and has French instructors; annoyed at his Victrola-playing tentmates; new identification tags. Includes note to his brother, Harold.
19. June 19, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Hot weather; will go to Camp Mills, Long Island, for their embarkation port; preparing to leave in a week; drilled on French guns; issued a second bed sack.
20. June 26, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Hot weather; being on the firing range; no news about leaving Camp Doniphan yet.
21. June 27, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. A fishing trip to Medicine Park, Oklahoma; candy and cookies from home; practicing on the French guns; would rather go to France than Italy; wants to come home when he arrives at Camp Mills.
22. June 28, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Punishment for lax guarding of prisoners; a wind storm; recruits doing gas mask drill.

23. June [July?] 2, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Will leave Friday for Camp Mills; turned their horses in to the remount stables; ate at a restaurant after payday.
24. July 4, 1918, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. Washing clothes and preparing to depart Camp Doniphan; canteen closed so tobacco products and shoe polish were distributed to the men; lost the men not able to go overseas, and have some new recruits; discontinued the scouting part of B.C. detail, but likes the guns anyway.