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### OHA 259 Ostheimer Collection

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**Series/Scope and Content Note:** Captain Alfred J. Ostheimer, M.C., U.S.R, served in the Medical Corps of the American Expeditionary Forces as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, in World War I. Ostheimer completed medical officers training camp in 1917 and joined the Army Sanitary School in 1918 before serving in France during the war. He suffered injuries from a shell wound to the head in August 1918, and was subsequently relieved of his duties at the Base Hospital No. 34 and reassigned to duty as a Neuropsychiatrist at the Hospital Center in Nantes in 1919. He was commissioned Lieut. Col. of the Medical Corps in May 1919 and went on to complete courses at the University of Paris in the fields of neurology, mental disease, and neuropathology. The collection consists of Ostheimer's papers, which include correspondence, orders, certificates, reports, and manuscripts, as well as reports and lectures on the subjects of sanitary service, poisonous gas attacks, and venereal disease during the war. The collection also includes seven notebooks that Ostheimer completed from 1917 to 1919, along with two reprints on gas warfare in French. Information for the notebooks in this finding aid is taken from respective inscriptions.

## BOX AND CONTENT LIST

### Box 001:

00001: Personal Papers (Nov. 1918-June 1919)

00002: Miscellaneous Papers (1918-1919)

00003: Monthly Hospital Report (Feb. 1919)

00004: Station List of Neurologists and Psychiatrists in the AEF (1918)

00005: 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Headquarters, 2D Division, France, Field Orders and Reports (1918)



- 00006: Headquarters 2D Division, General Orders and Memoranda (1918)
- 00007: Evacuation and Sanitary Troops of Subsector Ranzier (1918)
- 00008: After Action Review of Visit to a French Medical Unit (1918)
- 00009: Report of Gas Attack on British Front by LTC H.L. Gilchrist (1918)
- 00010: Suffocating Gases: Instructions for the Troops in Protecting Against Gas, by LT Leon Martin (n.d.)
- 00011: A Course of Lectures on the Military Uses of Poisonous Gases, by CAPT Marie, Surgeon of the 129<sup>th</sup> Infantry of France, trans. by Ostheimer (ca. 1918)
- 00012: Venereal Disease Talk by COL B.K. Ashford to the Individual Companies of the Command (n.d.)
- 00013: Organization and Operation of Aid Stations in Army Corps and Letter Bearer Groups, Lecture Given to the G.S.C.S. of Fifth Army by Doctor Collin, trans. by Ostheimer (1918)

**Box 002:**

- 00001: Notebook 1. Alfred J. Ostheimer, Medical officers training camp, Fort Oglethorpe, GA. 6.17.1917.
- 00002: Notebook 2. Alfred J. Ostheimer, Capt., M.R.C., Fort Oglethorpe, GA. June 28, 1917.
- 00003: Notebooks 1 & 4. Army Sanitary School. 10 Jan 18 to 23 Feb 18. APO #714. Alfred J. Ostheimer, Major, MC, USR.
- 00004: Notebooks 2 & 3. Army Sanitary School. 10 Jan 18 to 23 Feb 18. APO #714. Alfred J. Ostheimer, Major, MC, USR.
- 00005: Notebook 1. Paris, March - June 1919. On detached service Medical Courses in Paris. A.J. Ostheimer
- 00006: Notebook 2. Alfred J. Ostheimer, Major, MC, USA. On detached service - medical courses. Paris. April 10th 1919.
- 00007: Notebook 3. Alfred J. Ostheimer, Lt. Col., MC, USA. On detached service - medical courses in Paris. March 10th to July 1st, 1919. May 27th 1919.
- 00008: Reprint: Note sur la Protection contre Les Gaz Asphyxiants (16 Mars 1917) by Grand Quartier General des Armees du Nord et du Nord-est. Paris, Imprimerie Nationale, 1917.
- 00009: Reprint: Notice sur l'instruction a l'interieur pour la Protection contre Les Gaz Asphyxiants by Ministere de la Guerre et Ministere de L'armement. Paris: Imprimerie Paul Dupont, 1917.