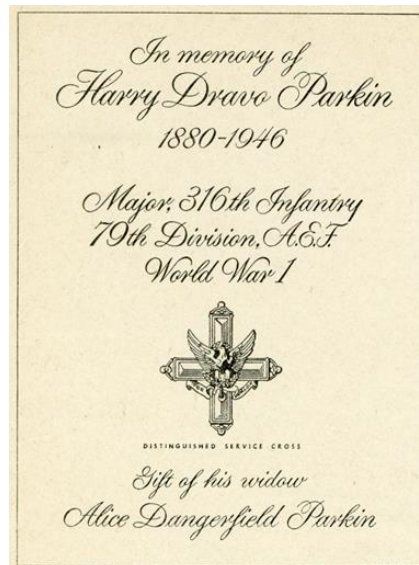


Guide to MS-241:

Harry Dravo Parkin WWI Memoir



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### Size

1 box, 0.75 of cubic feet

### Location

Special Collections

### Dates

Inclusive: August 1917 - December 1918  
Bulk: 1918

### Provenance

This collection was donated in 1950 along with about 350 books relating to World War I. It was donated to the Gettysburg College library by Alice D. Parkin, the wife of Harry D. Parkin, since numerous men in the 316th Infantry of the 79th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces had been from Gettysburg and nearby towns. This collection was previously catalogued as Miscellaneous Volumes 395-399.

### Biographical Note and Historical Note

Harry Dravo Parkin was born in 1880. He attended Harvard University as a brother of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and graduated in the class of 1904. After graduation, Harry Dravo Parkin attended Harvard Law School for one year before going into business in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1907 Harry Dravo Parkin married Alice Mary Parkin (née Dangerfield) and they had a son, Harry Dravo Parkin, Jr., two years later in 1909. Harry Dravo Parkin began his Army career in 1917 in Camp Meade. Throughout his time in the military during World War I he became Major of the 316th Infantry of the 79th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces. During his time in the Army, Harry Dravo Parkin was wounded and captured by the Germans in France on November 4, 1918. He spent various days in a German military hospital, but was released upon the Armistice on November 11, 1918. After WWI, Harry D Parkin lived in Los Angeles, California with his wife. Due to his heroic actions in WWI, Parkin was given the army Distinguished Service Cross. He died in 1946 and was survived by his wife and his son. Alice Dangerfield Parkin lived until 1955 and their son, Harry Dravo Parkin Jr. died in 1977.

### Scope and Content Note

This small collection includes five bound volumes of a memoir written by Harry Dravo Parkin. The collection contains information regarding his experience in WWI as a wounded prisoner of war as well as everyday life as a major.

## Series Description

This collection is comprised of one series. **Series 1:** Memoir.

## Subjects

World War I  
Prisoners of War

## Box List

### Box 1

#### Series 1: Memoir

- 1-1      Memoir
- Memoirs of World War I Volume 1
  - Memoirs of World War I Volume II
  - Memoirs of World War I Volume III
  - Memoirs of World War I Volume IV
  - Memoirs of World War I Volume V

## Related Collections

MS-003: Amos E. Taylor Papers, Class of 1915  
MS-032: Letters of the Toomey Family during World War I

## Additional Information

This collection was digitized in 2018. Contact Special Collections and College Archives for access.

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