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**Michael M. Williamson World War I Collection  
Manuscript Group 159**

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**2 box, 2 linear feet**

**Biographical Note**

Dr. Michael M. Williamson joined the English Department faculty at IUP in 1983.

**Scope and Content**

One of Dr. Williamson's hobbies is World War I reenactment, and this collection reflects his collection of original World War I equipment and reproduction materials including documents, a helmet, mess kit, canvas, and medic field surgical equipment. Many of these artifacts date from 1917-1918.

Dr. Williamson also donated a complete set of *The Medical Department of the United States in the World War* prepared by the U.S. Surgeon-General's Office, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1921-1929. 15 Volumes, Call Number: UH224 1917-19 .A3

**Provenance**

This collection was donated by Dr. Michael M. Williamson in 2012.

**Restrictions**

None, this collection is open to the public.

**Processor**

The collection was initially organized and the finding aid was written by the IUP Special Collections & University Archives in 2013.

**Container List**

**Box 1 (2 folders and 10 items)**

1. 1919 Instano Yearbook, Indiana State Normal School, and reunion materials for the Class of 1919
2. First Lieutenant Richard S. Eustis, Medical Reserve Corps, U.S. War Department, Certificate of Identity, 1918
3. U.S. Army Helmet with Pennsylvania Keystone painted emblem, 1917-1918
4. 1917 Mess Kit that belonged to John W. Tilton, engraved, September 13, 1918 to March 12, 1919, stationed at Hospital #56 in France (Aluminum)
5. Sterno Cook Stove No. 46, Patent 323589 (black painted steel)
6. Utensils
  - a. Spoon, stamped U.S., 1918
  - b. Knife (reproduction), stamped R.I.A. U.S., 1908
  - c. Fork, stamped U. S., 1918
7. Canvas bag stamped P & HS, Ipswich, 1917
8. Canvas belt with compartments, stamped Mills, July 1917
  - a. Self-contained lighter, stamped U.S.A., M.D. Pioneer, New York, NY
  - b. U.S. Army Emergency Ration can (empty)

- c. Medic kit with forceps, scissors, and scapel
- d. Glass bottle with cap
- 9. Canvas ammunition belts (2), one with U.S. Army insignia brass fittings
- 10. Aluminum canteen
- 11. So Sew Soldier, personal sewing kit, Patent 2,103,571
- 12. Tin with lid, stamped Model of 1916

**Box 2 (10 items)**

- 1. Gas mask with canister (reproduction)
- 2. Canvas medic bag with bandages, packages, and other equipment with U.S. Army Medical Corps insignia
- 3. Medic head mirror lamp
- 4. Blue tin with leather strap (reproduction)
- 5. Tin with lid stamped Hard Bread, 8 oz., U.S.Q.M.C., and lid stamped "cut this end out"
- 6. Tent pegs and rope (5 pegs)
- 7. Leather holster for revolver (reproduction)
- 8. Trench knife with knuckle guard (hard rubber, reproduction)
- 9. Brass safety lighter (reproduction)
- 10. Metal First Aid Kit stamped "First Aid Packet – U.S. Army, Contract August 1918, Bauer & Black, Chicago, U.S.A., To Open Pull Ring, Patent Applied For," (unopened)