Guide to the Letter from Roland to his mother
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation note

Letter from Roland to his mother, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

In May 1918, Roland was stationed at Camp Merritt, New Jersey before shipping out to Europe.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains a very newsy letter from Roland, stationed at Camp Merritt, New Jersey, to his mother, written on Friday, May 31, 1918 just before his group is deployed to Europe. He tells her about a band of French veterans from Verdun who gave a concert and that if, during their tour of the US, they should come "to our home in the 'sticks'" that she should go hear them. He also explains how she will know when he ships out. He says he will send a telegram to Millie (his sweetheart) saying "Love to all. Will write soon." He tells her that they will be in quarantine for 24 hours before they leave and the officers have told the men to go to confession and communion "tomorrow morning" (i.e., Saturday) since they will be in quarantine on Sunday. He ends the letter with several humorous quips from his friends implying that once they get "over there", the war would soon be over.

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