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## The Alfred and Gilbert Zeits Collection

**Creator:** Alfred and Gilbert Zeits  
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### Biographical Note

Alfred Zeits was born in 1893 and served in the Army in France, where he was killed in 1918. Gilbert Zeits was born in 1899 and also served with the army in France, and was one of the last surviving World War I veterans in Michigan.

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### Scope and Content of the Collection

The Alfred and Gilbert Zeits Collection consists of materials related to the service of Alfred and Gilbert Zeits during World War I, including letters, postcards, as well as photocopies of newspaper clippings and a death certificate.

### Arrangement

The collection arrived in no discernable order. Staff has arranged the collection in chronological order.

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## Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

## Names

Zeits, Alfred.  
Zeits, Gilbert.

## Subjects

Postcards.  
World War, 1914-1918--France.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
SM9	1	800285001	Laminated letter from Alfred Zeits to his mother about not getting mail from home, updates on his brother John and asking about his brothers Gilbert and Harry, his current address and occasionally hearing guns, would like to be at home, asking about home and asking her to say hello to the folks, the weather	6/25/1918
		800285002	Letter from Alfred Zeits to his mother asking about Julius and why is he in France, went to training that was rather boring and celebrated the 4th, his squad finished second in a shooting competition, the hot weather	7/7/1918

800285003	Photocopy of newspaper clipping "Local Hero Gets Death Wound on Danger Mission" about the death of Alfred Zeits	1918
800285004	Photocopy of death certificate of Alfred Zeits	5/15/1920
800285005	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "I" about being on seven day leave in Eaux-Bonnes	n.d.
800285006	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "II" about Eaux-Bonnes being beautiful and surrounded by mountains	n.d.
800285007	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "III" about Eaux-Bonnes having a lot of hotels and a casino	n.d.
800285008	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "IV" about climbing up the side of the Cascade Valentine	n.d.
800285009	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "V" about a valley they climbed, asking his mother to keep the cards in good condition	n.d.
800285010	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "VI" about the section of the Valley Valentine he plans to climb, they have good accommodations, staying in hotels	n.d.
800285011	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "VII" about how Eaux-Bonnes was popular with Europeans before the war, marking his hotel on the postcard	n.d.
800285012	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "VIII" about how the mountains keep the town in winter conditions	n.d.

800285013	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "IX" about how the postcard shows perfectly how the Pyrenees mountains look, clouds sometimes obscure the mountain tops	n.d.
800285014	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "X" about the peak he intends to climb soon	n.d.
800285015	Postcard from Gilbert Zeits labeled "XI" about writing in the casino, wishing every one well	n.d.
800285016	Photocopy of newspaper clipping "Leelanau County Resident May be Region's Last Surviving WWI Vet" about Gilbert Zeits	n.d.