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## John G. McDonald Collection

**Creator:** John G. McDonald  
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## Biographical Note

John Grant McDonald was born in 1887. He was the second of twelve children born to John McDonald and Margaret Gibson. A native of Iowa, he received his Bachelor's degree from Iowa State Teachers College. He attended law school at the University of Chicago and began practicing law in 1915.

During World War I, he served with the 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from 1918 to 1919. His unit earned its "Cross of Lorraine" name because of its extensive combat in the Meuse-Argonne area of France. Upon returning, he continued his law practice until 1962. He married Camille Henry and they had several children.

John McDonald died in 1962.

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## Scope and Content of the Collection

The John G. McDonald Collection contains items pertaining to the military service of John G. McDonald, who served with the 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during World War I.

Items in the collection include correspondence, maps, and newsletters, as well as his dog tags and 79th Infantry Division "Cross of Lorraine" Patch.

## **Arrangement**

### **Series One: Correspondence**

This series contains three postcards written by John in France to his relatives back home.

### **Series Two: Newsletters**

This series contains two issues of The Bust 'Em Browning with personal correspondence at the end from John. One issue features an article written by John.

### **Series Three: Booklets**

This series contains two booklets pertaining to soldiers' experiences during World War I.

### **Series Four: Miscellaneous**

This series contains a memorandum detailing the significant educational and career milestones of John McDonald.

### **Series Five: Maps**

This series contains several maps of various WWI offensives, as well as a map of Northeast France.

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## **Separations**

<b>Item ID</b>	<b>Description</b>
800105009	Map of St. Mihiel Salient Offensive

- 800105010 Map of The Meuse-Argonne: Offensive, First, Second, and Last Phases
  - 800105011 Map of Northeast France
  - 800105012 Dog Tags (2)
  - 800105013 79th Infantry Division "Cross of Lorraine" Patch
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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.

## Subjects

- McDonald, John G. – 1887-1962
  - McDonald, John G. – Correspondence
  - World War, 1914-1918
  - United States – Army – Infantry Division, 79<sup>th</sup> – History
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## Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1	1		<b>Series One: Correspondence</b>	<b>14-Apr-1919 to 30-Apr-1919</b>
		800105001	Postcard from John to Mary McDonald regarding whereabouts and inquiring about her health.	14-Apr-19
		800105002	Postcard from John to Isabelle McDonald with a picture of the place he is currently located	14-Apr-19
		800105003	Postcard from John to Margaret McDonald saying he is in Paris for a short time.	30-Apr-19

1	2	<b>Series Two: Newsletters</b>	<b>20-Aug-1918 to 30-Aug-1918</b>
	800105004	<i>The Bust 'Em Browning</i> , Vol. 1, No. 3, with note from John to Margaret at the end	20-Aug-18
	800105005	<i>The Bust 'Em Browning</i> , Vol. 1, No. 6, featuring article written by John, with note from John to Margaret at the end	30-Aug-18
1	3	<b>Series Three: Booklets</b>	<b>25-Mar-19</b>
	800105006	Booklet: <i>G2 in PC and OP</i> , published by Intelligence Section of 79th Division, 1918-1919	25-Mar-19
	800105007	Booklet: "I Was There With the Yanks in France"	1919
1	4	<b>Series Four: Miscellaneous</b>	<b>N.D.</b>
	800105008	Memorandum detailing educational and career milestones of John McDonald	N.D.