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[George Emerson Brewer Scrapbook](#)

BREWER, GEORGE EMERSON, 1861-1939.
Scrapbook, 1903, 1913-1923 (bulk 1917-1919)
1 volume.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: George Emerson Brewer (1861-1939) was a long-time professor of clinical surgery at the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University and attending surgeon at Roosevelt and Presbyterian Hospitals.

In May 1917, Brewer became Director of Base Hospital #2, the Presbyterian Hospital Unit, in Étretat, France. In the summer of 1917 he was part of Casualty Clearing Station #4 in the Passchendaele Campaign, where he was a member of the surgical team that tried to save Revere Osler, Sir William Osler's only child. In 1918 he became Consulting Surgeon to the 42nd Division of the American Expeditionary Force; he was later named Chief Consultant in Surgery to the First Army.

SCOPE & CONTENT: The scrapbook documents George Brewer's career as a U.S. Army surgeon during World War I. It contains correspondence, telegrams, official U.S. Army documents, newspaper clippings, photographs, and ephemera such as menus and theater programs. There is much on Base Hospital #2, which was staffed with personnel from Presbyterian Hospital in New York City and located in Étretat, France.

There are a few loose items, which both pre- and post-date World War I, inserted in the volume. They are largely correspondence.

ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL FORM: Also available on microfilm.

ACCESS: Researchers must use microfilm.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: Archives & Special Collections also holds Brewer's "[Notes on the surgical lectures given to the New York Training School for Nurses, City-Hospital,](#)" c. 1900.

Additional Brewer papers can be found in the papers of his daughter-in-law, [Ann Fraser Brewer](#), held by the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Harvard's Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study.

SUBJECTS

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