

**Robert G. Cottrell WWI Correspondence**  
**Mss. Col. #155**  
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**Biography:**

Robert G Cottrell (1896-1958) a native of Gouverneur, NY attended area schools and graduated from Gouverneur High School in 1916. In 1917, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served in England and Germany during World War I. Robert received honorable discharge from the Army in August 1919. He returned to Gouverneur, NY and where he married Erdine Morris (1894-1983) in 1922.

Mr. Cottrell worked several jobs after returning to civilian life. In 1944, he became village clerk and remained in that position until his retirement in 1952. While holding the village clerk position Robert purchased two insurance agencies and created the Cottrell Insurance Agency which operated above the original B.O. Kinney Store on Main Street in Gouverneur.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection contains detailed letters written by Robert Cottrell during his military service in World War I. The letters contain detailed descriptions of battles he fought in, such as the battle of the Marne.

**Provenance:** This collection was purchased by St. Lawrence University.

<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Notes</u>
10 Feb. 1917	Mother	RGC	Camp Green-Charlotte, NC	
24 Feb. 1917	Mother	RGC	Camp Forest-Chicamauga Park	
11 March 1917	Mother	RGC	Camp Merritt, NJ	
13 March 1917	Mother	RGC	Camp Merritt, NJ	
21 April 1917	Mother	RGC	France ? [No envelope]	
25 May 1917	Mother	RGC	[Camp Am. Train Amerx, France?]	
3 June 1917	Mother	RGC	Syracuse, NY	
19 Aug. 1917	Mother	RGC	Syracuse, NY	
22 Nov. 1917	Mother	RGC	NY	
27 Nov. 1917	Mother	RGC	Trenton, NJ	
3 Dec. 1917	Mother	RGC	Camp Dix, NJ	
12 Dec. 1917	Mother	RGC	Lynchburg, VA	
23 Dec. 1917	Mother	RGC	Camp Green, NC	

**1918**

10 Jan. 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Green, NC	
22 Jan. 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Green, NC	
27 Jan 1918	Mother	RGC	Charlotte, NC	
1 Feb. 1918	Mother	RGC	Charlotte, NC	
5 Feb. 1918	Mother	RGC	Charlotte, NC	

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7 Feb. 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Green, NC
17 Feb. 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Forest-Chicamauga Park
19 Feb. 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Forest-Chicamauga Park
21 Feb. 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Forest-Chicamauga Park
24 Feb. 1918	Mother	RGC	?
27 Feb. 1918	Mother	RGC	Chicamauga Park, GA
1 March 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Forest-Chicamauga Park
3 March 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Forest-Chicamauga Park
4 March 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Forest-Chicamauga Park
12 March 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Merritt, NJ
30 March 1918	Mother	RGC	[England?]
31 March 1918	Mother	RGC	Camp Winnal Down, Eng.
23 April 1918	Mother	RGC	Amerx Forces, France
27 April 1918	Mother	RGC	Am. Train, France
2 May 1918	Mother	RGC	A.E.F. France
7 May 1918	Mother	RGC	Amerx Forces, France
14 May 1918	Mother	RGC	Amerx Forces, France
17 May 1918	Mother	RGC	Amerx Forces, France
20 May 1918	Mother	RGC	Amerx Forces, France
28 May 1918	Aunt	RGC	A.E.F. France
31 May 1918	Mother	RGC	A.E.F. France
8 June 1918	Mother	RGC	A.E.F. France
21 June 1918	Mother	RGC	?
27 June 1918	Father	RGC	A.E.F. France (2 letters same date [?])
27 June 1918	Father	RGC	A.E.F. France
30 June 1918	Mother	RGC	A.E.F. France
18 July 1918	Mother	RGC	France
26 July 1918	Mother	RGC	A.E.F. France
03 August 1918	Mother	RGC	A.E.F. France
18 August 1918	Aunt	RGC	France
12 October 1918	Mother	RGC	Classification Camp
12 October 1918	Mother	RGC	A.E.F. France
15 October 1918	Mother	RGC	France
23 October 1918	Mother	RGC	A.E.F. France
1 November 1918	Mother	RGC	France

24 November 1918	Father	RGC	Luxemburg
29 November 1918	Mother	RGC	France
30 November 1918	Father	RGC	[France] envelope only
22 December 1918	Mother	RGC	A.E.F. France
25 December 1918	Mother	RGC	France

### 1919

9 January 1919	Mother	RGC	Mayen Germany
4 February 1919	Mother	RGC	A.E.F.
19 Feb. 1919	Mother	RGC	? [Envelope only]
5 March 1919	Father	RGC	Andernach Germany
9 March 1919	Mother	RGC	Andernach Germany
20 March 1919	Mother	RGC	Andernach Germany
29 March 1919	Mother	RGC	Andernach Germany
3 April 1919	Mother	RGC	Andernach Germany
11 April 1919	Mother	RGC	Andernach Germany
25 April 1919	Mother	RGC	Andernach Germany
30 May 1919	Mother	RGC	Coblenz Germany
03 June 1919	Mother	RGC	?
07 June 1919	Mother	RGC	?
17 June 1919	Mother	RGC	?
23 June 1919	Mother	RGC	Coblenz Germany
3 July 1919	Mother	RGC	Breast

Unknown dates 1 letter, 2 leaves

Unknown dates 2 envelopes, empty

Unknown dates 1 post card.