

**College of the Holy Cross
Archives and Special Collections
Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **SC 2010-02**

Collection Name (Title): **Gillis, Florance M., S.J. Papers**

Dates of Material: **1917-1918**

Size of Collection: **1 Folder**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History:

Rev. Florance M. Gillis, S.J. (1890-1968) was born on January 17, 1890 in Boston, MA. He attended Boston College and graduated in 1912, the same year he entered the Society of Jesus at St. Andrew-on-Hudson. Rev. Gillis was ordained on June 25, 1925 at Georgetown University. He taught at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY for three years and then at Loyola College in Baltimore for nine. In 1939 he came to Holy Cross where he taught Ethics and became the supervisor of the College's grounds. Rev. Gillis died in the Holy Cross Infirmary in 1968.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains letters addressed to Rev. Gillis from his brother Lieutenant Fredrick Gillis detailing his training for World War I in the United States at Plattsburgh, NY. The correspondence continues through Lt. Gillis' travels to New York City for his transport across the Atlantic and he writes of his experiences on the ground in both England and on the front lines in France. The letters tell of the Lieutenant's training and of some action he faced while on the front in France. Also included are two post cards sent to Rev. Gillis from his brother while in London and France.

Box and Folder List:

Folder 1: Letters from Lt. Fredrick Gillis, 1917-1918