

# Guide to the George Daniel Butler Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 899

**CREATOR:** Butler, George D. (George Daniel), 1893-1985

**TITLE:** George Daniel Butler collection

**DATES:** 1917-1919

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Approximately 600 photographs collected by George Daniel Butler, depicting the Yale section of the U.S. Ambulance Service with the French army, June 22, 1917-April 23, 1919. Also included are postcards of cities and historic sites in France.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of George D. Butler in 1979. Gift of George D. Butler, Jr., 2002.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

George Daniel Butler was born in Seymour, Connecticut, on November 14, 1893. He graduated from Yale with the Class of 1916. After graduation, Butler joined the war effort by assisting the U.S. Army Ambulance Service with the French army, for which he received a Croix de Guerre. Butler spent most of the rest of his working life with the National Recreation Association, where he was Director of Research, Assistant Executive Director and Associate Editor of "Recreation."

For several years he was a member and chairman of the Board of Adjustment, Playground Committee and Recreation Commission (1947-62) in Leonia, N.J.; also president, Home School Association and other agencies. He received a Special Citation from the American Recreation Society and Honorary Life Memberships in the Recreation and Park Associations of New York and New Jersey. In November, 1966, the renowned Bob Kiphuth, (now deceased) who was then Honorary President of the Council for National Cooperation in Aquatics, awarded Butler a Certificate of Recognition "for outstanding service and contribution in the field of aquatics", at Purdue University.

George wrote many pamphlets, booklets and magazine articles and several books, among them, "Introduction to Community Recreation", "Playgrounds-their Administration and Operation", "Recreation Areas-their Design and Equipment", "Municipal Recreation Administration", "Pioneers in Public Recreation", "Country Parks", "Recreation Activities for Adults". For some time he was editor of the "Recreation and Park Yearbook". A lecturer, he has participated in workshops at several universities, chaired many national committees on recreation subjects and has taken part in local recreation surveys. He was Recreation Consultant in the planning of the town of Kitimat in British Columbia.

He was a member of the Leonia Presbyterian Church where he taught Sunday School and was a member and treasurer of the Session. He belongs to the Church of the Palms and the Yale and Ivy League Clubs in Sarasota. He retired in December 1962. In retirement his hobbies were flower gardening, photography, vacationing in Friendship, Maine, swimming in the Gulf of Mexico and "hiking on the most beautiful beaches in the U.S.A."

On September 6, 1921, he married Rebecca Preble Jones, with whom he had two children. He died in May 1985.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Collection Contents

### Original accession

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b.1	<a href="#">Album of approximately 600 photographs</a>	1917-1919
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## **Accession 2002-M-097: Additional Material**

- b.1 Album containing postcards of French cities and historic sites [some evidence of World War I destruction; includes small amount of postcards depicting England, Belgium, Germany, and Wales] 1917-1919
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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

World War, 1914-1918

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographs

### **Corporate Bodies**

American Field Service

United States. Army (Ambulances)

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