

# Guide to the Paul Bowen Johnson Papers

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**SUMMARY:** Letters and papers relating to the work of Paul Bowen Johnson, who was a captain in the Medical Corps, as Morale Officer for the Port of Embarkation, Newport News, Virginia, during World War I. Also in the papers is a history of the Morale Department and his own log of work between 1918-1919.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Paul Bowen Johnson, 1947.

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## Biographical / Historical

Paul Bowen Alden Johnson was born in Washington, D.C., on March 23, 1878. He was educated at Central High School and Yale College, where he graduated with the class of 1901. After graduation, he studied medicine at Georgetown University, where he received the degree of M.D. in 1905. During World War I, he was a captain in the Medical Corps. In 1921, he was appointed full professor at the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry at Georgetown. Johnson was secretary of the Social Hygiene Association of the District of Columbia; a member of various medical associations; and he belonged to the American Legion, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Mt. Pleasant Citizens' Association, etc. He lived the rest of his life in Washington, D.C., where he died on January 16, 1954.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of letters and papers, 1918-1919, relating to the work of Paul Bowen Johnson, captain in the Medical Corps, as Morale Officer for the Port of Embarkation, Newport News, Virginia, during World War I.

Included are several letters to and from Army officers and civilians concerning the activities of the Morale Department, as well as orders, memoranda, and official papers from the War Department, photographs, newspaper clippings, and printed matter, all relating to the Port of Embarkation and the Morale Department. Also among the papers are a typed history of the Morale Department which explains its work maintaining the health and well-being of soldiers throughout their service in the Army, written by Johnson, and his own log of his work as Morale Officer between November 13, 1918, and August 1, 1919. The volume also contains minutes of meetings with the Morale Department and with civilian welfare groups, copies of orders, and related matter.

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b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1919
b. 1, f. 2	Orders and memoranda	1918-1919
b. 1, f. 3	Forms for discharge from the Army	1919
b. 1, f. 3	Miscellaneous military papers	1918-1919, undated
b. 1, f. 4	"History of the Morale Department. Port of Embarkation, Newport News, Virginia" English	1919
b. 1, f. 5	"Log Notes of Captain Paul B. Johnson" English	1918-1919
b. 1, f. 6	Printed matter	1919, [1931?, 1937?]
b. 1, f. 7	Registration certificates	1918
b. 1, f. 7	Identification pass	1918
b. 1, f. 7	Photographs	1919, undated

## **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 -- United States

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Occupations**

Soldiers

### **Names**

Johnson, Paul Bowen, 1878-1954