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A collection of letters to and from Albert Lee Ward, with associated papers, documents, ephemera and souvenirs collected by him and relating to his service as private secretary to the Legation of the United States of America during the Franco-Prussian War.

Albert Lee Ward also served as a committee member of the American International Sanitary Association, a field hospital established in Paris on September 1st 1870 at 36 rue de l'Impératrice. The hospital was set up by a group of American citizens resident in Paris at the time and was known as the American Ambulance. The doctors concerned were anxious to demonstrate the high standards of medical care and hygiene achieved during the American Civil War.

Ward and his mother, Lucy Lee Ward, both worked at the field hospital, which was staffed on a rota system by the American citizens. The hospital stayed open until 31st of January 1871 and treated a total of 136 patients.

The collection was presented to Sir Henry Wellcome by Genevieve Ward in 1922.

For further information see:

Thomas W. Evans, *Sanitary Associations during the Franco-German War 1870-71: volume 1, The American Ambulance. History of the American Ambulance established in Paris during the siege of 1870-71, together with the details of its methods and its works*, (London, 1873).

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### **The Correspondence of Albert Lee Ward**

1. Le Conte d'Hérison, Gouverneur de Paris, 12 January 1870, 1p. Ms. French.
2. W.H. Huntington, no place, 22 September 1870, 1p. Ms.
3. Albert Lee Ward, Paris, 27 October 1870, to ?, no place, 1p. Ms.
4. F. Quévillon [?], 2<sup>me</sup> Armé, 1<sup>er</sup> Corps, 37 Grande Rue, Charenton, 9 December 1870, 2p. Ms. French.
5. F. Quévillon [?], 2<sup>me</sup> Armé, 1<sup>er</sup> Corps, St. Mandé. 13 December 1870, 1p. Ms. French.
6. Le Conte d'Hérison, no place, 19 December 1870, 1p. Ms. French.
7. Jacques Stery, no place, 28 December 1870, 1p. Ms. French.
8. Le Conte d'Hérison, Gouverneur de Paris, Etat-Major Général, no place, 9 January 1871, 2p. Ms. French.
9. A. Collet, no place [Paris], 19 March 1871, 3p. Ms. French.
- 10/1-2. W.O. Lawson, London, 23 August 1871, 8p. Ms.
11. Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Commerce, Paris, 19 December 1876, 1p. Ms. French.
12. Ellinor Appert, [Paris], no date [1870 Watermark], 1p. Ms. French.
13. Anonymous [stamped Le Gouverneur de Paris], 27 October n.y., 1p. Ms. French.

### **Correspondence of Lucy Lee Ward**

14. Ellinor [Appert?], Paris, 13 January [1870] 1p. Ms. French.
15. J. Sivot, rue de Vienne, no. 14, Paris, 12 March 1870, 2p. Ms. French.
16. [J.S. Emdin?], Société de secours aux blessés des armées de terre et de mer, Palais de l'Industrie, Paris, 23 November 1870, 1p. Ms.
17. Lewis Strange Wingfield, [Paris] Saturday, no date [1870-71], 2p. Ms.

- 18/1-2. E. Picard, [Paris], 13 March 1876, 3p. Ms. French + envelope.
19. Lewis Strange Wingfield, 8 Maida Vale, 16 July n.y., 4p. Ms.

### Other Correspondence

20. Bois le Comte, Naples, 27 November 1857, to ?, no place, 2p. Ms. copy, French.
21. Jules [Favre ?], Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, [Paris], 18 October 1870, to Monsieur le Général le Flo, Ministre de la Guerre, 1p. Ms. French.
22. Pierre [no surname], Paris, 10 November 1870, to ?, 1p. Ms. French.
23. [?] Hendlez, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, [Paris], 11 May 1871, to Dr. ?, no place, 1p. Ms. French.
24. Genevieve Ward, 22 Avenue Road, Regent's Park, NW, 22 May 1919, to H. J. Wellcome Esq., no place, 1p. Ms.
- 25/1-3. Genevieve Ward, 22 Avenue Road, Regent's Park, NW, 20 June 1919, to H. J. Wellcome Esq., Wigmore Hotel, 1p. Ms. + envelope.
- Enclosed one photograph of a series entitled "Désastres de Paris", depicting Parlementaire House. Inscribed lower right and verso, no date [c. 1871 ?] Albumen print: carte-de-visite.
- 26/1-7. Genevieve Ward, 22 Avenue Road, London, N.W., 1921, to H. J. Wellcome, no place, 1p.
- Attached a "list of relics, documents etc., which were collected by and belonged to Mr. Albert Lee Ward". 6p.

## Official Documents

- 27/1-2. Passport issued to Lucy Lee Ward by the Legation of the United States of America, 18 November 1858, 1p. printed and Ms. + envelope, French.
28. Letter issued by the Legation of the United States of America, asking all concerned to respect the furniture and effects contained in the apartment of Albert Lee Ward, 29 August 1870, 1p. Ms. French.
29. Letter of authority issued to Albert Lee Ward by the Legation of the United States of America, 30 August 1870, 1p. Ms. French. [bears the Legation seal].
30. Visiting card of Mr. Washburne, inscribed on verso, demanding safe conduct for his secretary Albert Lee Ward, 30 August 1870, 2p. printed and Ms. French [bears the Legation seal].
31. Passport issued to Albert Lee Ward by the Legation of the United States of America, 4 October 1870, 1p. printed and Ms. French.
32. Permit issued to Albert Lee Ward by Le Gouverneur de Paris, allowing him to go to the Pont de Sèvres, 19 December 1870, 1p. printed and Ms. French.
33. Permit issued to Albert Lee Ward by Le Gouverneur de Paris, allowing him to carry despatches to the Pont de Sèvres, 27 December 1870, 1p. printed and Ms. French.
34. Permit issued to Albert Lee Ward by the Legation of the United States of America, granting safe conduct to Albert Lee Ward and his mother, 26 January 1871, 2p. printed and Ms. French.
35. Permit issued to Albert Lee Ward by the Legation of the United States of America, 3 February 1871, 2p. printed and Ms. French and German.
36. Permit issued to Lucy Lee Ward by the Legation of the United States of America, 4 February 1871, 2p. printed and Ms. French and German.
37. Railway permit issued to Albert Lee Ward by the Legation of the United States of America, allowing him to travel between Versailles and Paris, 16 February 1871, 2p. printed and Ms. French and German.
38. Permit issued to Albert Lee Ward by the Legation of the United States of America, allowing him to carry despatches to Versailles, 18 February 1871, 1p. printed and Ms. French and German [bears the Legation seal].
39. Permit issued to Albert Lee Ward by the Direction de la Voie Publique et

des Promenades de Paris, allowing him to enter the Bois de Boulogne, 25 February 1871, printed and Ms. French.

40. Permit to Albert Lee Ward by the Gouvernement de la Défense Nationale, no date, 2p. printed and Ms. French.

### **Receipts, mainly for despatches**

41. Visiting card of Carl von Uslar, given to Albert Lee Ward as a receipt for the United States despatch bag, 20 October 1870, 2p. printed and Ms.
42. Receipt given to Albert Lee Ward by ?, L'Officier de Service for a despatch bag and a parcel addressed to Mr. Stiven and M. le comte Bismarck, 25 October 1870, 1p. Ms. French.
43. Visiting card of Freiherr von Fritsch given to Albert Lee Ward as a receipt for despatches for Bismarck, 1 November 1870, black and white photographic reproduction of original, 1p. printed and Ms. [inscribed by Albert Lee Ward at a later date?]
44. Visiting card of Cte Maurice d'Irisson d'Herisson, given to Albert Lee Ward as a receipt for orders and a parcel, 6 December 1870, 2p. printed and Ms. French.
45. Visiting card of Carl von Uslar given to Albert Lee Ward as a receipt for despatches, 20 December 1870, 2p. printed and Ms. French.
46. [Receipt] given to Albert Lee Ward by [Fr. v. Salis] at the Pont de Sèvres, 1870, 1p. Ms. German.
47. Receipt for despatches given to Albert Lee Ward by [F.] De Bernhard, [31 January] 1871, 1p. Ms. French.
48. Receipt given to Albert Lee Ward by Edward A. Crane, for the subscription of Mme Berwick to the American Ambulance, 22 March 1871, 1p. Ms.
49. Receipt given to Albert Lee Ward by F. de Bernhard, for two parcels and a letter, no date, 1p. Ms. French.
50. Receipt given to Miss Ward by Conrad Burck, Schumacher Meister, Webergasse 19, no date, 1p. printed and Ms. German.

### **Lists of Americans resident in Paris**

- 51/1-16. List of Americans to whom protection had been afforded, 25 April - 19 September [1870] 8p. Ms. [all pages torn down centre fold].
52. List of Americans wishing to leave Paris, 8 November 1870, 1p. Ms. French.
53. List of Americans remaining in Paris, 1 December 1870, 3p. Ms.
54. List of Americans dwelling in Paris, New York Times, 18 January 1871, 1 newspaper cutting.

### **Red Cross Ephemera**

55. Certificate issued to Lucy Lee Ward by the American International Sanitary Committee, 18 July 1870, 1p. printed and Ms., membrane, French.
56. Certificate issued to Mme Chas F. Moulton by the American International Sanitary Committee, 18 August 1870, 1p. printed and Ms., membrane, French.
57. Lottery ticket of the Société de secours aux blessés militaires, 6 September 1870, no. 2709277, 1p. French.
58. Lottery ticket of the Société de secours aux blessés militaires, 6 September 1870, no. 2709278, 1p. French.
59. Lottery ticket of the Société de secours aux blessés militaires, 6 September 1870, no. 2709286, 1p. French.
60. Membership ticket issued to Albert Lee Ward by the Société de secours aux blessés militaires secours des armées de terre et de mer, no date, 2p. printed and Ms. French. [Bears Albert Lee Ward's signature].
61. Membership ticket issued to Mr. Jules Bauvaes by the Société de secours aux blessés militaires des armées de terre et de mer, no date, 1p. printed and Ms. French.
62. Admission ticket issued by the American International Sanitary Committee, allowing the bearer to visit the American Ambulance, no date, inscribed on verso, 2p, printed and Ms. French.
63. Certificate issued to Albert Lee Ward by the Société Française de secours aux blessés et malades des armées de terre et de mer,

- commemorating his services with the American Ambulance, 2 July 1871, 1p. printed and Ms. French.
64. Certificate issued to Mme [Lucy Lee] Ward by the Société Française de secours aux blessés et malades des armées de terre et de mer, commemorating her services with the American Ambulance, 2 July 1871, 1p. printed and Ms. French.
65. Visiting card of Dr. Jules Worms, membre de la Commission Supérieure d'Inspection des Blessés, 3, rue d'Anjou St. Honoré, [Paris], no date, inscribed front and verso, 2p. Ms. French.
- 66/1-2. American International Sanitary Committee, 2 blank sheets of headed membrane.
67. American International Sanitary Committee, 15 Rue de la Paix, Paris, 1870, 1 blank sheet of headed notepaper.
68. Red Cross brassard inscribed by Albert Lee Ward "worn by me during Franco Prussian War Siege of Paris 1870 and 1871." 37 cm x 8 cm.
69. Red Cross brassard stamped "Ward". 38 cm. x 8 cm.
70. Red Cross brassard. 37 cm. x 7 cm.
71. Red Cross brassard. 37 cm. x 7 cm.
72. Red Cross shield-shaped badge, embroidered with the emblems of the Red Cross and the French and American flags. 7 cm. x 6 cm.
73. Badge of the Société Française de secours aux blessés et malades des armées de terre et de mer, 1870-71, attached to white ribbon with embroidered red cross.
74. Badge of the Société Française de secours aux blessés et malades des armées de terre et de mer, 1870-71.

**Miscellaneous material, largely printed ephemera**

75. Billet de Logement, issued to M. Pichot by the Ville de Paris, 19 November 1870, 1p. printed and Ms. French.
76. Card bearing the name Robert Fillié, Lieutenant au 75<sup>e</sup> Regt, inscribed lower left [by Albert Lee Ward?] [27 November 1870] 1p. Ms. French and English.

77. Visiting card of Fernand Quévillon, inscribed [by Albert Lee Ward?] [November 1870] 1p. printed and Ms. French and English.
78. Ministères de l'Agriculture et du Commerce et de la Guerre, extract from a decree of 15 December 1870, 1p. printed and Ms. French.
79. Lettre-Journal de Paris, no. 17, 17 December 1870, 2p. printed. French, containing departure times of the Balloon Post.
80. Another copy.
81. Lettre-Journal de Paris, no. 18, 21 December 1870, 2p. printed French, containing departure times of the Balloon Post.
82. Lettre-Journal de Paris, no. 20, 28 December 1870, 2p. printed French, containing departure times of the Balloon Post, with a notice that Mr Washburne, [the United States Minister] remained in Paris.
83. A carrier pigeon letter, The Times, n.d. albumen print: carte-de-visite.
84. Another print, unmounted. 6.5 cm. x 5.5 cm.
- 85-87. Three unused cards of the Paris Balloon Post.
- 88-91. Four unused envelopes of the Paris Balloon Post.
- 92-93. Two food ration tickets, no date, French, signed "Mrs Leigh Ward" and inscribed "to Mr Tucker" on verso.
- 94-97. Four food ration tickets, no date, French.
98. Meat ration ticket, issued by the Mairie du VIII<sup>me</sup> Arrondissement, to Albert Lee Ward, no date, printed and Ms. French, bears the signature of Albert Lee Ward.
99. [Food ration ticket?] pink card bearing the number 303, stamped by the Mairie du 8<sup>me</sup> Arrondissement, no date.
100. Menu of siege food, no date, albumen print: carte de visite.
- 101-102. Specimen authentique des infames speculations ... 1870-71, two posters showing the prices charged for foodstuffs during the siege of Paris, no date, printed, 49 x 32.5 cm., French.
103. Souvenir du rationnement ... 1870-71, poster showing the daily rations for meat, bread and wood during the siege of Paris, no date, printed, 49 x 32.5 cm., French.
104. Siège et Défense de Paris. Indication des Forts, Redoutes et Ouvrages

- avec les zones protégées par leurs feux ... Paris: Celestin Gauguier, c. 1870, 1 folding map, engraved and coloured, 33 x 26 cm. unfolded, 14 x 9 cm. folded.
105. Carte historique du siège de Paris, Paris: M J Millie, 1870, one folding map, coloured, inscribed "Red marks our house, 27 Rue Tronchet", 90 cm. x 68 cm.
106. Le Figaro: facsimile of the front page of the first edition of 22 April 1854, from an unknown newspaper, 1 newspaper cutting, no date.
107. Photograph of Lucie Lee Ward, inscribed and signed by "Lucie Leigh Ward", 29 [June?] 1886, albumen print: cabinet.
108. Certificate issued by the République Française to Lucie Leigh Ward, commemorating her residence in Paris during the siege, 28 January 1871, 1p. printed and MS. membrane, French.
109. Bismarck, Paris, no date, to E B Washburne esq, 1 envelope bearing Bismarck's seal.
110. Le Gouverneur de Paris, no date, to Monsieur Ward, 27 rue Tronchet, Paris, 1 envelope.
- 111-115. Miscellaneous envelopes, three addressed to Henry Wellcome.

### **Souvenirs**

116. Souvenir du siège de Paris, 28 January 1871, brass medal with shank presented to Albert Lee Ward by the République Française commemorating his presence at the siege of Paris.
117. Another medal presented to Lucy Lee Ward.
118. White flag, 83.5 cm. x 71.5 cm., with card inscribed "Flag of truce used by me in communicating with the German officers during the siege of Paris. A Lee Ward".
119. Leather pocket wallet from the General American Agency, 2 bis Place de l'Opéra, Paris, 19 cm. x 12 cm.
120. Lead seal of the United States Legation despatch bag, with small label attached, inscribed "Seal of U.S. Legation despatch bag brought in by me during Siege of Paris. A Lee Ward 1870+.".
121. United States of America brass brooch, depicting an American Eagle.

122. Another brooch.
123. United States of America brass pin, depicting an American Eagle.
124. United States of America official cap badge, blue field with circle of stars, and red and white stripes.
- 125-126. Two button badges embroidered with the American flag.
127. Small button badge, covered with yellow, white green and red silk.