



Somewhere Over There: The Letters, Diary, And Artwork Of A World War I Corporal.

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University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, 2016. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. 296 pages. Hardcover with dustjacket. New book. WORLD WAR I. Decades before Americans became familiar with the term "embedded journalist," a young cartoonist named Francis Webster embodied that role when he served as a volunteer infantryman during World War I. Using his skills as an illustrator, he documented firsthand the harsh realities of combat life and regularly submitted visual dispatches of his experiences back to an Iowa newspaper. The first published collection of Webster's wartime chronicles, *Somewhere Over There*, presents a unique view of World War I through a rare compilation of letters, diary entries, cartoons, sketches, and watercolors. As editor Darrek D. Orwig explains in his introduction, Webster gained valuable training as an illustrator when he worked for famed political cartoonist Jay "Ding" Darling during the early years of World War I. When the United States entered the conflict in 1917, Webster volunteered with the Iowa National Guard as it prepared for deployment on the western front. His regiment would be part of the Forty-Second Rainbow Division, one of the first American units to arrive in France. Webster's accounts, rendered in words and pictures, capture the daily life of...



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