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Scope and Contents

This artificial collection of World War II era correspondence spans 1935 and 1939-1945. The letters are primarily from soldiers serving in the US Armed Forces, but there are also a few letters written by American civilians living in the USA during this period. One folder contains 33 letters from various German soldiers, written to Marie Luise Matsko of Wiesbaden, Hesse, Germany (written in German). Collected by Tom Sunkiskis, this two-box collection contains correspondence from a variety of authors serving in all branches of the US military excluding the Coast Guard. Correspondence has been sorted by author and/or recipient and a brief description of the correspondence dialogue is provided. Some letters contain photographs.

This collection has been digitized. Links to the digital objects are accessible at the folder level within the container inventory.

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Description of Subordinate Components

PFC Russell Whitney Scibold Letter

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127691

Unit Date 1944 June 21

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

This letter from PFC Russell Whitney Scibold, Greenland is written to Miss Bertha Osborne, Elkins Park, PA.

TSgt Lew E. Wilson Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127692

Unit Date 1944 July - August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

This folder contains three letters from TSgt Lew E. Wilson, Australia and New Guinea, to Miss Betty Osborne, Elkins Park, PA, dated July 12, July 27, and Aug 13, 1944.

TSgt Earl G. Palmer Letters**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/127693**Unit Date** 1944 May - July**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains two letters from TSgt Earl G. Palmer, Italy, to Miss Betty Osborne, Elkins Park, PA, dated May 2 and July 4, 1944. US Army Air Corps. A photograph of Palmer is included. In the first letter, he flirts with Osborne. In the second letter, he writes that he is coming home.

Dallas M. Franklin Letters**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/127694**Unit Date** 1942-1945**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains eleven letters from Dallas M. Franklin, at New Orleans, San Francisco, and Gulf Port, Miss., to Miss Elizabeth Osborn, Elkins Park, PA. They married in 1945, from which point the letters are addressed to Mrs. D.M. Franklin. In the letters, he speaks of his affection for her, their courtship, and later marriage. He's bored with his duties. He tries to resolve a fight with his wife about what he will do for work when he returns. He recounts some of his war time experiences.

Luther H. Franklin Letters**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/127695**Unit Date** 1945 July - September**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains letters from Luther H. Franklin, Seattle, WA, to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas M. Franklin. 10th AAF Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron. His letters discuss how "Yankees" get along with "Rebels" (Northerners and Southerners) in the military. He talks about how he misses home and his love for the South.

Walter E. Walker Letters**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/127696**Unit Date** 1943-1944**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

The letters from Walter E. Walker, South Pacific, are addressed to Mrs. Walter E. Walker, Fort Edward, NY, US Navy. He discusses how the war has changed him, things will be better when he returns, and his duties as a mail censor. He describes how one soldier became angry at him for censoring his letter. A photograph of sailors wearing traditional Hawaiian women's clothing is included.

Jerome H. Lein Letters**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/127697**Unit Date** 1944-1945**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters from Cpl. Jerome "Jerry" H. Lein, England and Germany, to his wife, Mrs. Jerome H. Lein, and son, in Brooklyn, NY. The letters dated from November 1944 to July 1945 discuss family affairs and soldier life in England, France, and Germany.

Jerome H. Lein Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/263138

Unit Date 1945 May-August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

This folder contains additional letters from Cpl. Jerome "Jerry" H. Lein, England and Germany, to his wife, Mrs. Jerome H. Lein, and son, in Brooklyn, NY.

William P. Eschborn Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127698

Unit Date 1943 June-August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

This folder contains letters from William P. Eschborn, Air Corps Technical School, Keesler Field, Miss., to Miss Anita "Dude" Lindner, Buffalo, NY. He discusses training school, the war, and his sadness and shock about the death of Lucy, her sister.

William P. Eschborn Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127699

Unit Date 1944 May-November

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

The letters from William P. Eschborn, [at various air training bases in the USA], to Miss Anita Lindner, Buffalo, NY, USAF, discuss how pilot training functions and how the Army wants better trained pilots, not just people who can "take off and land." He speaks of his anticipation to get involved in the war.

Letters to Anita Lindner

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127700

Unit Date 1943 July-August and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains incoming correspondence to Anita Lindner concerning the sudden and unexpected death of her sister, Lucy, in 1943.

Hugh E. Smith Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/263139

Unit Date 1942 August-October

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acc No. 2007.84

Scope and Contents

The letters from Hugh E. Smith, Naval Air Station, Dutch Harbor, AK to Miss Jessie Hatter, Harrisburg, PA, talk of local happenings and discuss life in school. Some letters are written on USN letterhead, one with a drawing of the Seabees logo.

Francis X. Schwartz Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127702

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Scope and Contents

This folder contains letters from Francis X. Schwartz, India and Palm Springs, CA, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Schwartz, Philadelphia. Schwartz was a member of the US Army Air Corps. His letters ask about life at home and of family and friends. He notes that cigarettes are cheap there, flying is "swell", and that he had a great time in Beverly Hills.

James W. Lindley Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127703

Unit Date 1945 March-April

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Scope and Contents

The folder contains V-mail letters from Cpl. James W. Lindley, San Francisco, CA, to Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Taylor, Baldwin, Miss., and to Miss Ann Lindley, Aberdeen, Miss. In the letter to the Taylors, he writes, "I'm sad to hear Ira Taylor got killed. I don't think Germany will last much longer, and the Japanese not much longer after that." He talk of family and the war. In the letter to Lindley, he writes, "We hiked ten miles today and I'm tired. I have athlete's foot. Some of these fellows have been knocking off Japs'."

Roby T. Johnson Letter

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/263140

Unit Date 1943 October 17

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Scope and Contents

The letter from Roby T. Johnson, USS South Dakota, to Mr. Carl A. Johnson, W. Medford, MA. US Navy, discusses military life aboard ship.

Joseph Rodgers Letter

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127704

Unit Date 1943 March 6

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acc No. 2007.84

Scope and Contents

The letter from PFC Joseph Rodgers, Europe, to Mrs. George Stump, Columbus, Ohio. USAF. Discusses

family and home. He writes, "I saw Churchill when he was over here, he is sure a little fat guy."

Rita Sheroin Letter

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/263141

Unit Date 1943 September 29

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

The letter from Rita Sheroin, Tampa, FL, to Richard A. Boudman, Maxwell Field, AL, discusses movies she has seen and her schooling.

Ted M. Czerniak Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127705

Unit Date 1945 April-June

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acc No. 2007.84

Scope and Contents

The folder contains letters from A/T Ted M. Czerniak, Naples Airfield, FL, to Miss Helen Czerniak, Philadelphia, PA, as well as a letter to Mrs. Mary Czerniak, Philadelphia, PA.

Letter to Arthur L. Barnes

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127706

Unit Date 1943 February 2

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

The letter from "Virginia", Memphis Tenn., to 1st Lt. Arthur L. Barnes, Lubbock Army Flying School, TX conveys the news that that Bill was killed in North Africa. She is thinking seriously about joining the WAACS after the baby is born.

Jacob Goldberg Papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127707

Unit Date 1940-1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

This folder contains documents, including registration cards, relating to Jacob Goldberg's induction. In a letter from J. Mahony, Chief Clerk, USA Selective Service System, Bronx, NY, to Jacob Goldberg, Bronx, NY, dated October. 6, 1943, Mahony informs Goldberg that the Local Board has refused to reopen his case. He must report for induction as previously directed.

Richard W. Rockett Letter

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127708

Unit Date 1943 December 13

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acc No. 2007. 84

Scope and Contents

SSgt. Richard "Dick" W. Rockett, Camp Clairborne, LA, to G. J. Sizemore, Dallas, TX, US Army, discusses his military experiences. He enlisted in the old Battery A, now Co. A. 104 Infantry Battalion Anti-Tank. He discusses his experiences cooking in the mess hall and was promoted to Private First Class. This folder includes newspaper clippings of Mrs. P.H. Adams' four boys.

Glen J. Sizemore Papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127709

Unit Date 1942-1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acc No. 2007. 84

Scope and Contents

Papers relating to Glen J. Sizemore, including cigarette ration cards, a photograph, a Navy pay receipt, a special liberty request, and letters from Roy Lee Sizemore to Glen J. Sizemore, US Naval Air Station, Dallas, TX. US Navy. The personal letters from Roy Lee Sizemore, aboard the USS Rigel, to Glen J. Sizemore, US Naval Air Station, Dallas, TX, discuss Roy's recommendation that Glen pursue a job with a sheet-metal company based in Honolulu. Roy is glad to be aboard the Rigel because it is "the least regulation ship in the Navy." The Rigel is a repair ship and seldom goes to sea. "It gets rather monotonous, just putting in a day." He also writes, "It is always bad to try and mix civilian workmen and enlisted men and expect to get any work done."

Jessie M. Wimberly Letter

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127710

Unit Date 1945 October 11

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acc No. 2007. 84

Scope and Contents

The letter from Jessie M. Wimberly, aboard the USS Boxer in the Yellow Sea, to G. Sizemore, Clovis, NM discusses life aboard ship.

Letters to Josephine Bohner

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127711

Unit Date 1944 September

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

The letters from "Don", New York City, to Miss Josephine Bohner, Lancaster, NY discusses school and his visit to Chinatown.

Marie Luise Matsko Papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127712

Unit Date 1940-1941

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Language German

Scope and Contents

This folder contains the incoming correspondence of Marie Luise Matsko, Wiesbaden, Hesse. The bulk of the letters were written by Matsko's brother Harold Meier, at Augsburg, Bavaria and other places while serving in the military, and a few other letters were written by different friends who were also serving in the military. A photograph of Meier included. Letters discuss Meier's work in the army. He writes from Hamburg, Augsburg, and various other places. He states his work is generally "schon" and talks of the war and inquires about family. All letters are written in German.

Marie Luise Matsko Papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/263142

Unit Date 1941-1943

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)

Language German

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acc No. 2007.84

Jack A. Clark Papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127713

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 15 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Two letters from the US War Department and US Navy Recruiting Station, sent to Jack A. Clark, Jr., Delanco, NJ, in response to Clark's inquiries about enrolling in Naval Aviation School and a Air Corps Technical School. Both give him instructions on how to apply and how the process functions.

Photograph of US soldier 'Angelo'

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127714

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 16 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Photograph of US soldier "Angelo", 4 x 6.

Wartime Stamps

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/127715

Unit Date 1939-1942 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 17 (folder)

Language English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acc No. 2007. 84

Scope and Contents

The stamps are Christmas season issue.

Envelopes**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/127716**Unit Date** 1936-1944**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 18 (folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Used envelopes, letters not included.