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Scope and Contents

Letters, 1941-1944, authored by Private Ralph J. John of the 3rd Battalion, Headquarters Company, 112th Infantry, 28th Division. They document his experiences in the military, including training in the United States and time overseas when stationed in England prior to the invasion of France. He was killed in action near St. Lo, France on August 15, 1944, at the age of 30. Ralph John was a native of Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania. There are also family papers of his parents, including greeting cards and postcards. There is also printed ephemera, including a telephone index with Morgantown advertising (1940-1941), an Army Song Book (1941), and a History of the 28th Division, Condensed (18 pp., 1941).

Series include:

- 1) Memorial Material
- 2) Incoming Letters to Mr. and Mrs. Ross John
- 3) Incoming Postcards to Mr. and Mrs. Ross John
- 4) John Family Business
- 5) Greeting Cards to Mr. and Mrs. Ross John
- 6) Printed Ephemera & Photo
- 7) Clippings and Newsletter
- 8) Artifacts

- 9) Incoming Letters to Ralph John
- 10) Outgoing Letters from Ralph John
- 11) Oversize Clippings and Newsletter

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John, Ralph J.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Memorial Material

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150106

Unit Date 1949

Ralph John; (includes three Order of Service cards and a photocopy of the, "Obsequies for Pvt. Ralph John")

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150117

Unit Date 1949

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Series 2. Incoming Letters to Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150107

Unit Date 1940-1956

From Friends and Family; (includes a letter from a North Carolina family who befriended Ralph while he was in training near Fort Bragg)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150118

Unit Date 1940-1942

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

From Friend and Evangelist, Rev. Gay Benson

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150119

Unit Date 1942, 1956

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Series 3. Incoming Postcards to Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150108

Unit Date 1940-1942

From Friends and Family; (includes a Washington DC postcard, picturing the Japanese Cherry Blossoms and postmarked December 7, 1941, 11 AM, three hours before the attack on Pearl Harbor)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150120

Unit Date 1940-1942

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Series 4. John Family Business

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150109

Unit Date 1897-1956

Miscellaneous (includes insurance, telephone and tax receipts and a letter regarding civil defense signals for the Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania area in 1956)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150121

Unit Date 1939-1942, and 1956

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Miscellaneous (includes a 1897 cemetery plot deed, Union Bylaws for Pipe line workers, instruction for filing to receive a copy of Ralph John's Birth Certificate)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150122

Unit Date 1897-1951

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Series 5. Greeting Cards to Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150110

Unit Date 1942-1947

From Family and Friends

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150123

Unit Date 1942

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Christmas Cards From Family and Friends

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150124

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Series 6. Printed Ephemera & Photo

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150111

Unit Date 1939-1944

Miscellaneous; (includes postcards, pamphlets, 1941 bus schedule, and 2 empty V-mail envelopes, stating the "inclosed V-mail letter is returned because it was undeliverable at the address shown or to which forwarded." and postmarked October 19, 1944 and November 29, 1944, after Ralph John's death, August 15, 1944)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150125

Unit Date 1939-1944

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

1940-1941 Telephone Index Book, Compliments of Friend Furniture, 163 Pleasant Street, Morgantown, West Virginia

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150126

Unit Date ca. 1940

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Miscellaneous; (includes Army Songbook, Church Bulletins, "History of the 28th Division" Booklet, (Private Ralph John's Division), clipping with photograph of Camp Croft (South Carolina) Troop Parade, and undated portrait of Ralph John)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150127

Unit Date 1941-1943

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Series 7. Clippings and Newsletter

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150112

Unit Date 1941-1942

Miscellaneous (includes January 3, 1942 Pennsylvania National Guard Newsletter and 2 full page clippings with photographs of basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, published in the Spartanburg Herald Journal, May, 1941; and maneuvers at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, published in the Baltimore News-Post, October, 1941) (includes photocopies of all clippings and newsletter) (these are oversize items that are stored in Box 7)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150128

Unit Date 1941-1942

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Series 8. Artifacts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150113

Unit Date 1926 and undated

"Dad's Puzzler"; (puzzle game)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150129

Unit Date 1926

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Wood Sample and Advertisement for "Harbord Lumber"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150130

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Series 9. Incoming Letters to Ralph John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150114

Unit Date 1940-1942

From Various Friends and Family Members; (includes three postcards)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150131

Unit Date 1940-1942

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Series 10. Outgoing Letters from Ralph John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150115

Unit Date 1941-1944 and undated

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes a valentine and postcards Ralph sent to his parents from various Army camps)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150132

Unit Date n.d.

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (include letters and postcards Ralph sent from various Army camps)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150133

Unit Date 1941

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes letters and postcards Ralph wrote to his parents from Wilksburg, Pennsylvania while working at a local gas station) (Before His Army Induction)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150134

Unit Date 1941/February

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes postcards Ralph wrote to his parents while travelling to his first basic training camp at Fort Meade, Maryland) (Before and After His Army Induction)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150135

Unit Date 1941/March

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes postcards and letters regarding camp life, army training and studying the Browning Automatic Rifle, a valued weapon in WWII) (During Basic Training at Camp Croft, South Carolina)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150136

Unit Date 1941/April

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes postcards and letters regarding the local towns and people, Ralph's first payday in the Army and his scores on the rifle range, qualifying for "Marksman", missing "Sharpshooter" by one point)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150137

Unit Date 1941/May

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes clippings from "The Journal and Carolina Spartan" newspaper, June 28, 1941, reporting a review of the troops at Camp Croft)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150138

Unit Date 1941/June

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes news of Ralph changing location to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania and his transfer to a medical unit) (During Basic Training at Camp Croft, South and Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150139

Unit Date 1941/July

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes clippings regarding war games at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia) (During Training at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150140

Unit Date 1941/August

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John (In training near Fredericksburg, Virginia and Lilesville, North Carolina)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150141

Unit Date 1941/September

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes postcards and letters describing various duties such as Hospital Duty) (During training near Fort Bragg and Lilesville, North Carolina)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150142

Unit Date 1941/October

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's description of his trip back to camp in North Carolina, returning from his grandfather's funeral in Mt. Morris)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150143

Unit Date 1941/November

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's mentioning of the changes of attitudes in the soldiers since the United States entered the war, such as the First Sergeant announcing there will now be a moment of silent prayer before each meal) (During training near Fort Bragg and Lilesville, North Carolina and Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150144

Unit Date 1941/December

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's impressions of the Deep South) (During training at Camp Livingston, Louisiana)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150145

Unit Date 1942/January

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's attending various churches, finding friends from Mt. Morris at camp and discussions of hometown news)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150146

Unit Date 1942/February 3rd-18th

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes clippings from Louisiana newspapers, regarding the 28th Division, Ralph's description of camp life and a USO Club he visited during a weekend pass, the cost to spend the night at the Club was \$.25)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150147

Unit Date 1942/February 19-28

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150148

Unit Date 1942/March 1-15

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's comments on his one year anniversary in the army, the huge increase of new draftees in camp, also includes an Easter card and a church bulletin)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150149

Unit Date 1942/March 16-31

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes the news of an army plane crash near camp and Ralph's usual comments regarding lack of news to write home due to army censorship)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150150

Unit Date 1942/April

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes a Mother's Day card)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150151

Unit Date 1942/May 1-15

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150152

Unit Date 1942/May 19-30

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's description of Hospital Ward Duty and the types of illnesses being treated)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150153

Unit Date 1942/June 2-13

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes a Father's Card and the news of hometown friends in the army and "over a thousand" Japanese POWs being held at Camp Livingston)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150154

Unit Date 1942/June 16-27

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's plans for coming home on furlough and questions about gas rationing)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150155

Unit Date 1942/July

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes a description of revue in honor of the new commanding general, Omar Bradley and 2 postcards)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150156

Unit Date 1942/August

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150157

Unit Date 1942

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes a clipping regarding the 28th Division's Labor Parade, in Alexandria, Louisiana for General Bradley)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150158

Unit Date 1942/September 1-13

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's description of local towns and church services while on maneuvers)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150159

Unit Date 1942/September 16-30

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes four postcards and Ralph's comments on hometown news, the weather and inflated prices, one bottle of coke costs \$.10)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150160

Unit Date 1942/October 1-18

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes reports from Ralph regarding army life in Texas and Louisiana backcountry while on maneuvers)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150161

Unit Date 1942/October 20-30

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150162

Unit Date 1942/November 2-15

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes one postcard and a church bulletin from a worship service Ralph attended)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150163

Unit Date 1942/November 17-29

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes one postcard and one telegram from Ralph explaining furloughs had been delayed and he would be home late)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150164

Unit Date 1942/December

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150165

Unit Date 1943

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes explanation of Ralph's Division being sent to Camp Carrabelle, Florida, on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico for amphibious training) (During training at Camp Livingston, Louisiana and Camp Carrabelle, Florida)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150166

Unit Date 1943/January

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John (During training at Camp Gordon, Johnston, Florida)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150167

Unit Date 1943/February 1-13

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes reports of training off-shore in boats and swimming lessons)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150168

Unit Date 1943/February 14-28

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes one postcard and church bulletin)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150169

Unit Date 1943/March 4-16

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150170

Unit Date 1943/March 16-28

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes one postcard)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150171

Unit Date 1943/April 2-16

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150172

Unit Date 1943/April 16-30

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes church bulletins and a "certificate" awarded to Private John by his Commanding Officer for completing the "prescribed hikes"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150173

Unit Date 1943/May 1-10

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150174

Unit Date 1943/May 18-28

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes information regarding the transfer of Ralph's Division to Camp Pickett, Virginia) (during training at Camp Gordon, Johnston, Florida, and Camp Pickett, Virginia)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150175

Unit Date 1943/June

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John (during training at Camp Pickett, Virginia)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150176

Unit Date 1943/July 3-14

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes comments on a Typhoid epidemic in Western Pennsylvania)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150177

Unit Date 1943/July 18-31

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's descriptions of mountain training in West Virginia) (During training in the West Virginia mountains)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150178

Unit Date 1943/August 2-18

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John (during training at Camp Pickett, Virginia)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150179

Unit Date 1943/August 19-31

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's comments regarding training on a LST ship, [Landing Ship Tank])

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150180

Unit Date 1943/September 2-22

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150181

Unit Date 1943/September 23-30

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes the 28th Division's embarkation to England and Ralph's first V-mail) (during preparation for embarkation to England and arrival in England)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150182

Unit Date 1943/October

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's apology for writing "dull and uninteresting letters", explaining censorship prohibited writing about even the weather, so "blame it, (the dull letters), on Hitler") (during training "Somewhere in England")

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150183

Unit Date 1943/November

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John (during training "Somewhere in England")

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150184

Unit Date 1943/December

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150185

Unit Date 1944/January

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's week long visit to London and his descriptions of the historic sights and landmarks)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150186

Unit Date 1944/February

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes clipping photograph of soldiers praying at mealtime)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150187

Unit Date 1944/March

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150188

Unit Date 1944/April

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes a clipping photograph of Medics training on the English coast for the Normandy Invasion, Ralph's comments pertaining to the photograph were cut out by the censor)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150189

Unit Date 1944/May 1-12

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Mr. and Mrs. Ross John

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150190

Unit Date 1944/May 18-29

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Mr. and Mrs. Ross John; (includes Ralph's June 6th letter reporting to his parents he was fine and not involved in the first wave of the invasion, his letter has been censored)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150191

Unit Date 1944/June

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Mr. and Mrs. Ross John, the last letter in the collection from Private Ralph John; (includes Ralph's comments regarding his affection for his parents and how much he misses home) (somewhere in France, after deployment to the frontlines)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150192

Unit Date 1944/July

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Series 11. Oversize Clippings and Newsletter

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150116

Unit Date 1941-1942

Miscellaneous (includes January 3, 1942 Pennsylvania National Guard Newsletter and 2 full page clippings with photographs of basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, published in the Spartanburg Herald Journal, May, 1941 and maneuvers at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, published in the Baltimore News-Post, October, 1941) (includes photocopies of all clippings and newsletter)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/150193

Unit Date 1941-1942

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)