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Summary Information

Repository:	Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Randall J. Cushing World War I and World War II Letters collection
ID:	BLC.CR
Date [inclusive]:	1914-1963
Physical Description:	10 linear feet 13 document cases
Language of the Material:	English

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Scope and Contents

This is a collection of 27 portions of World War I and World War II letters by various soldiers and their families between 1918 and 1946. It contains the letters of 25 soldiers and one flight nurse, and their wives, girlfriends, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, friends and anyone else imaginable. The writers come from many fields, social classes, specialties and branches of the service. There are farmers and doctors and pastors. This collection provides a look at the experiences of a very broad sampling of soldiers and civilians during the world wars.

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Arrangement

Arranged roughly chronologically.

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Administrative Information

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Collection Inventory

F.M. Beverly collection, 1918-1920

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 14 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 15 letters from and about F.M. Beverly (created 1918-1922). Letters are mostly from Beverly to his wife and daughters in Bangor, Maine, with the exception of two letters written after the war to F.M. Beverly and Ida May Beverly. His wife is only referred to as Mrs. F.M. Beverly, and his daughter's names are Mildred Beverly and Marjorie Drummond (married to Mr. Robert R. Drummond). He also includes notes to his brother, Cyrus Beverly. The correspondence covers Beverly's time on the Queenstown Air Base in Queenstown, Ireland. They cover his experiences on the base and his thoughts about those at home. One letter refers to a brief stay over in Liverpool. Most of his letters are about his experiences, health and needs. He often mentions his infant granddaughters (Marjorie's daughters). Many of his letters address pay concerns, and he corresponds with the War Camp Community Service about his experiences and the conditions on base. He is very concerned about having money when he returns home so he continually instructs his family to buy war bonds.

Title/Description	Instances
1918 April 26 - 1918 October 6	
1918 October 29 - 1918 November 24	
1916-1922	
1918 November 29	
1921 November 7	

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Archie W. Legro collection, 1914-1945

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 35 letters

Title/Description	Instances
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1918 January 3 - 1918 October 20

1934 July 8 - 1938 June 6

1940 August 7 - 1940 October 13

1940 October 14 - 1940 December 29

1941 January 6 - 1941 October 21

1942 January 7 - 1942 June 18

Letters between Georgia and Eva, undated

Promotion Letter, undated

Undated Letters, undated

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Frank Baird collection, 1942-1945

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 16 letters

Biographical / Historical

Baird was promoted from Corporal to Lieutenant in 1944. He trained in Tallahassee, Florida; his battalion is sent to China in 1944.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 16 letters, photographs, and documents by and about U.S. Army Lieutenant Frank Baird (created 1942-45) and mailed to the U. S. from the Pacific Theater specifically Hawaii, China, and Calcutta, India. Baird served as a flight leader. Letters address Baird's training in Tallahassee and family issues focusing strongly on his relationship with his fiancée, Eddie. His letters address the role of military censors and the slowness of mail delivery. One letter notes the location of his battalion in China as "fifty miles northeast of Kunming" (the capital and largest city of Yunnan Province in Southwestern China). Others make note of holidays and U.S.O. entertainment. Six accompanying photos are of Baird, Baird with army buddies, and family members. The collection also includes family documents such as Baird's elementary school report card. One letter notes his residence within the 26th Fighter Squadron until March 22, 1945, when he joined the 341st Bomb Group.

Title/Description	Instances
Pictures and miscellaneous, undated	
1942 July 3 - 1944 August 11	
1944 September 7 - 1944 November 3	
1944 November 12 - 1945 September 10	

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Donald Burney collection, 1942-1949

Physical Description: .5 linear feet 83 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 83 letters, V-mail and documents from and about U.S. Army member Donald Burney (created 1942-1945). Mr. Burney spent time in Italy, France and Germany. Letters address Burney's time spent living in tents, and his tent mate Jack Williams who regularly corresponds with Burney's parents. Burney spends time in Paris where he talks about the food shortage in the city and his unit's station at a private hotel. He discusses Bob, a Navy friend, and how much he likes service friends Sperry and Jack. While in Italy, Burney visits Rome and spends a good deal of time swimming, concluding that since he spends more time on water than on land, during the next war he will join the Navy. Burney says the men at home would take the jobs they could if they knew the work that men were doing in the service.

Title/Description	Instances
1942 July 10 - 1943 December 23	
1944 January 25 - 1944 June 25	
1944 June 25 - 1944 December 2	
1945 January 11 - 1945 August 24	
1945 May 9 - 1945 September 14	

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Glenn Bush collection, 1918-1939

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 25 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 25 letters and documents from and about U.S Army Pvt. Glenn Bush (created 1918-1939). Pvt. Bush served during World War I at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan, at Camp Mills, Long Island, New York and in France. Letters are addressed to his sweetheart Miss Ella Macleaver of Ionia, Michigan. Accompanying the letters is a social security card, registration certificate and a letter from France requesting money in 1939 for the American Fund for Breton Relief.

Title/Description	Instances
1918 July 3 - 1918 July 9	
1918 July 13 - 1918 August 18	
1918 September 2 - 1918 November 11	
1918 November 23 - 1919 September 30	
Miscellaneous, undated	

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Hilton Danielson collection, 1942-1945

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 45 letters (some on U.S. Army's USO stationery), photographs, and documents by Private Hilton Danielson produced during his time spent at Camp Fannin, Texas (circa 1945). Letters are addressed to his wife Mrs. Lorraine Danielson and cover day-to-day activities they each faced. Letters were sometimes written daily and frequently reference the unreliability of the armed service mailing system. Mr. Danielson talks about training for chemical warfare and how to put on a gas mask, and scolds his wife about missing letters and not writing more. This collection primarily addresses their relationship and what life may be like when he is home. Accompanying the letters are a copy of the Camp Fannin Guidon newspaper dated October 25, 1945, Mr. Danielson's \$10,000 life insurance policy through National Service Life Insurance, six photos of the men in Pvt. Danielson's division, two postcards, and a Thanksgiving party invitation. Pvt. Danielson went to see the 11th Regiment vs. 15th Regiment boxing match and within the collection there is a pamphlet listing the boxers. Also included is Mrs. Danielson's Military Army Wives Club pin pass; it was lost and then mailed to Pvt. Danielson, who mailed it back to her.

Title/Description	Instances
1945 August 4 - 1945 August 14	
1945 August 15 - 1945 August 23	
1945 August 23 - 1945 August 26	
1945 August 26 - 1945 August 30	
1945 August 31 - 1945 September 5	
1945 September 6 - 1945 September 8	
1945 September 9 - 1945 September 14	
1945 September 17 - 1945 November 20	
1945 November 20 - 1945 November 28	
1945 November 29 - 1945 December 4	
Photos of Company, party invitation, Camp Fannin Guidon, undated	

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Ralph Deibel collection, 1941-1945 (bulk)

Physical Description: .5 linear feet 43 letters; 1 scrapbook; 229 photos

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 194 letters, undeveloped film and documents by U.S. Army Pvt. Ralph W. Deibel and others (created 1941-1945), and mailed from California; St. Petersburg, Florida; Randolph Field, Texas; Northeast Indies and New Guinea. Letters address family and friend matters and mention a brother Billie, a sister Marian, Joan Bailey and Jeannine Haas. Deibel is from Massillon, Ohio where his family still lives. In numerous letters he mentions that many of the local boys are being sent off to serve, and expresses a longing for more correspondence and a fear that he is forgotten. Deibel talks about working hard under the Australia sun and how he can't wait to be in the cold again. The D-Day invasion and the people killed during the invasion are also mentioned. There are 229 photos taken by and of Ralph Deibel. The pictures include images taken of Dutch New Guinea, Netherlands East

Indies and Queensland Australia. Accompanying the pictures is a Fifth Air Force press release and a photo of the 20th stat/S.C.K ball team and officers.

Title/Description	Instances
1943 February 5 - 1943 April 3	
1943 April 3 - 1943 April 21	
1943 April 27 - 1943 May 19	
1943 May 31 - 1943 August 7	
1943 August 9 - 1943 September 2	
1943 September 4 - 1943 October 31	
1943 November 7 - 1943 December 3	
1944 January 6 - 1944 January 28	
1944 February 2 - 1944 February 28	
1944 March 16 - 1944 April 25	
1944 May 14 - 1944 August 4	
1944 September 6 - 1944 October 15	
1944 November 2 - 1944 December 20	
1945 January 1 - 1945 May 15	
1945 May 17 - 1945 August 11	
1945 August 12 - 1945 November 10, undated	
Red Cross Letter, undated	
Joke Air Raid Instructions, undated	
Photographs, undated	
Medal and bars of the Army of Occupation, undated	
Rev. Fitzgerald letter, undated	

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William Dodd collection, 1915-1919

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 19 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 19 letters to and about William Dodd (created 1915-1919) during World War 1. Letters are from Dodd's girlfriend, Esther L. Whitcomb. She talks about Spanish Influenza , working in a draft board office,

military parades and a telephone operators' strike in Boston. Based on the envelopes, Pvt. Dodd was stationed in France.

Title/Description	Instances
1919 March 28 - 1919 April 15	
1919 April 17 - 1919 April 24	
Assorted letters, undated	
Cards, undated	

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Thomas Dolan collection, 1942-1944

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 18 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 18 letters, V-mail, photographs, and documents from U.S Army Staff Sergeant Thomas Dolan (created 1942-1943) and mailed to the U.S from the Middle East and Camp Crowder, Missouri. Letter's address Dolan's time serving in the U.S Army in Egypt, a childhood friend who was killed in war and his father's death while he was abroad. The letters demonstrate Dolan's care for his mother as he tries to be supportive and encouraging since his father's passing. Accompanying the letters are 20 photographs of Egypt, a 1943 Gang Show pamphlet, a Power of Attorney form, an invitation to Christmas Dinner, 1942 in Cairo from his Majesty King Farouk, and two souvenirs from Jerusalem.

Title/Description	Instances
Photos and misc. papers, undated	
1942 September 15 - 1943 June 2	
1943 November 13 - 1944 February 29	
1944 August 29 - 1945 January 6, undated	
Certificates and programs, undated	

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Albert Friend collection, 1918-1919

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 13 Letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 13 letters, two postcards and documents about Albert Friend. Letters are addressed to Mrs. Albert Friend and Lester. Friend worked as a chauffeur during the war. His position gave him the opportunity to visit his friend Bob on the front lines. He mentions the terrible conditions for the soldiers on the front line. Friend had a French mistress, the daughter of a Frenchman working with the American Army. He talks about prostitutes;

he found them exciting at the beginning of the war, but by the end he is sick of them. Accompanying the letters is a poster.

Title/Description	Instances
1918 August 19 - 1919 March 21	
Documents (Guard Pass, postcards, Insurance Payout form, one set of Orders), undated	

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Warren Houston collection, 1944-1945

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 8 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains ten letters from Warren S. Houston to his Aunt Marion. Houston joined the Navy in February 1945 and was stationed around Hawaii until the end of the war. The Warren Houston collection of eight letters (created 1945-1946) are addressed to his Aunt Marion Boudreau and Uncle William Boudreau of Sanford, Maine. Mr. Houston spent time stationed in Hawaii and Guam (South Pacific). Mr. Houston's time in Hawaii is spent working five hours a day followed by 48 hours off. The letters address family matters such as his Uncle Ken's planned trip to Philly to work, his cousin I.(?) Boudreau's graduation, and sending his love to his Gram and Uncle Bill (William). When Mr. Houston arrives in Guam he works eight hour days, and spends his time off watching U.S.O Shows and doing land work. While in Guam, Mr. Houston meets an individual named Beland from Sanford, Maine. In one letter, he addresses his hopes of being discharged since the Navy lowered their point score for men being sent home.

Biographical / Historical

In 1945, Warren Houston becomes a 1st Class Seaman. In 1946, he becomes Carpenter Mate 3/c.

Title/Description	Instances
1945 July 12 - 1946 March 19	

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Clyde D. Jenkins collection, 1936-1945

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 89 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 89 letters, postcards and documents by and about U.S Navy Pvt. Clyde Denton Jenkins Jr. (created 1936-1946). Jenkin's served on the U.S.S Bunker Hill and when not at sea was docked in San Diego, California. Most of the letters are addressed to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.D Jenkins in Brownwood, Texas and start with him apologizing for not having written them in so long. Jenkins talks about having free time to swim, play basketball and volley ball, and have recreation parties. Personal matters such as Jenkins need to renew a car license and wanting his mother to save memorabilia he sends home are mentioned frequently. Accompanying the letters are

a Father's Day card, a wedding invitation (Wanda Jenkins to David Holik), two newspaper articles, a quiz book, a booklet on which church is right, lessons of life and a Change of Address form.

Title/Description	Instances
1941 January 28 - 1941 December 30	
1942 February 18 - 1943 September 8	
1944 January 10 - 1944 December 27	
1945 January 9 - 1945 June	
1945 June 5 - 1945 December 28	
1946 January 5 - 1947 December 16	
Miscellaneous, undated	

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Harry T. Joubert collection, 1936-1945

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 42 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 42 letters, postcards and documents from and about Captain Harry T. Joubert (created 1942-1945) and mailed to his wife, Mrs. Harry T. Joubert (Lillian) of Holyoke, Massachusetts and Miss Jillian Boyeors of Holyoke. In the letters to his wife Lillian, he talks about a baby, missing her, staying faithful and asking her to write more. Captain Joubert places Naples, Italy as his station. Accompanying the letters are a \$300 ticket from the Railway Express Agency, a Mother's Day postcard from the Army exchange, and an envelope from Hickey, the Flower Lady of Holyoke.

Title/Description	Instances
1942 August - 1943 May	
1943 June - 1945 June	
Miscellaneous, undated	

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Barbara Kioske collection, 1937-1956

Physical Description: .5 linear feet 158 Letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 158 letter to and about Springfield, Massachusetts resident Barbara Kioske (created 1937-1956). It includes letters from multiple correspondents in the U.S military and local friends of Barbara. Some of the regular letter writers telling Barbara about their lives include W.M.A Harold (Buddy) aboard the U.S.S Wilkes; Richard Green (Dick) stationed at the New York U.S Naval Training Station in Sampson, NY; Ray stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida; Steve in San Francisco; a son Rich who addresses his letters Mommy; and an

individual Ruth who sends letters displaying spelling practice and lots of drawings. Accompanying the letters are some photo proofs and postcards.

Title/Description	Instances
1937 July - 1943 December	
1944 January - 1944 November	
1945 January - 1946 January	
Miscellaneous and undated, undated	

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Long Family Collection, 1944-1946

Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet 382 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection which spans over six binders contains 382 letters, photographs, postcards, V-mail, photos and documents from and about U.S Army Pvt. Robert D. Long (created 1944-1946). Pvt. Long served in the European Theatre, including Italy, Sicily and Africa. The letters are addressed to multiple correspondents including family members such as his brother Alonzo "Lonnie" Long, his mother Julia Long and his sister Sara Long. Within this collection is information covering all aspects of Long's life as a soldier. Pvt. Long talks about living in and digging fox holes, and guarding German prisoners whom he believes are being treated too well and once released will become the next Hitler. Pvt. Long gives opinions about the war and what he hears is happening in the Western and Pacific fronts where German soldiers and Tokyo are being attacked. Pvt. Long informs us that African- American soldiers have told the Italians that the Americans painted them black so they could fight better at night. Many times he mentions that letters are being cut up by censors and how the only thing soldiers are allowed to write about is the weather. Everything from training to living on the front is addressed in this collection. Accompanying the correspondence are multiple pieces of memorabilia including newspaper clippings, magazines, pamphlets, bulletins and documents.

Title/Description	Instances
1942 November - 1942 December	
1943 January - 1943 February	
1943 March - 1943 May	
1943 June - 1943 July	
1943 August - 1943 September	
1943 October - 1943 November	
1943 December - 1944 January	
1944 February - 1944 March	
1944 April - 1944 May	
1944 June - 1944 July	
1944 August	

1944 September - 1944 October

1944 November - 1944 December

1945 January

1945 February

1945 March - 1945 April

1945 May - 1945 June

1945 July

1945 August - 1945 October

Miscellaneous and undated letters, undated

Miscellaneous, undated

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Lord Family collection, 1941-1946

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 40 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 40 letters, postcards, telegrams, V-mail and documents from U.S Army Pvt. Felix Lord, U.S Navy Donald Lord, U.S Navy Fireman First Class Charles Arthur Lord, and U.S Army Pvt. George A. Lord Jr. This collection reflects multiple correspondents and are mailed to and from New York; Guam; the U.S.S. Augusta; Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Fort Devens, Massachusetts and Newport, Virginia. The collection contains letters that are addressed to a Mr. and Mrs. Reynold (Aunt Beatrice) Anderson of Worcester, Massachusetts. Accompanying the letters are Congressional records, discharge certifications, a Mark I card, letters from recruiters, a classification notice, transfer card and an application for aviation cadet.

Title/Description	Instances
1942 February 10 - 1942 June 29	
1942 August 5 - 1943 May 20	
1943 May 23 - 1943 June 19	
Telegrams, undated	
Miscellaneous papers, undated	

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Ruth Lowderback collection, 1930-1963

Physical Description: .5 linear feet 138 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection includes 214 letters from Ruth E. Lowderback to her husband Charlie J. Lowderback. Ruth was an Air Evacuation Nurse stationed in Hawaii. She and Charlie were married in October of 1944 and immediately separated as she went to Hawaii and he went to the Pacific. Charlie was a 1st Lt. in the Signal Corps. Ruth wrote to Charlie nearly every day they were apart, and nearly all of the letters are at least three pages long. She writes from Hawaii, Manila, the Phillipines, Saipan and other Pacific Islands. She writes from planes cruising back and forth over the Pacific carrying wounded men to San Francisco. She writes about her daily life including learning to cook and sew, saving money for their future, her adventures with friends, and the things she buys. She often writes about movies and music, including a list of the 1945 Academy Award winners. She writes about what it is like to be an Air Evacuation Nurse and how much she enjoys her work. She includes letters about Roosevelt's death and the dropping of the atom bomb. Most of all, she writes about how much she loves and misses Charlie. She talks about how there is a void in her life without him and how she cannot wait to get back to him. She talks about how she can barely speak to the men on the islands because no man holds her interest except Charlie. She talks constantly about their future together and all of the things they will do when they are finally reunited. Many of her letters have sexual connotations, and she humorously apologizes to the censors for her indecency. She dreams of children and talks about the other women in her unit and their children and marital woes. She often sends Charlie song lyrics, poems and excerpts from magazines. With the correspondence were 12 pieces of undated V-mail, Charlie's health, pay and promotion forms, some letters Charlie wrote after the war, and an edition of The Morning News from October 7, 1945.

Title/Description	Instances
1944 November 21 - 1944 December 17	
1945 January 9 - 1945 January 18	
1945 January 18 - 1945 January 28	
1945 February 4 - 1945 February 16	
1945 February 19 - 1945 February 27	
1945 March 1 - 1945 March 19	
1945 March 20 - 1945 March 31	
1945 April 1 - 1945 April 12	
1945 April 13 - 1945 April 29	
1945 May 1 - 1945 May 20	
1945 May 21 - 1945 May 31	
1945 June 2 - 1945 June 17	
1945 June 18 - 1945 June 30	
1945 July 1 - 1945 July 16	
1945 July 17 - 1945 July 31	
1945 August 1 - 1945 August 14	
1945 August 18 - 1945 August 31	
1945 September 1 - 1945 September 30	
1945 October 1 - 1945 November 1	

1946 January 26 - 1946 May 20, undated

Charlie's records, undated

Orders, 1942 - 1945

Service letter signed by President Truman, undated

Immunization and pay stubs, undated

Memorabilia, undated

Postwar letters, 1962 - 1963

Clipping, Boston Herald, 1942 March 30

Newspaper, Calcutta Morning News, 1945 October 7

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John McCarty collection, 1942 - 1943

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 48 letters

Scope and Contents

The collection contains 48 letters, postcards and documents to and about U.S. Army Corp./Pvt. John McCarty(created from 1942-1942), written from Savannah Air Base Georgia, Anderson Field Walterboro South Carolina and Fort Bragg North Carolina, to his mother Mrs. S. E. McCarty of Marshfield Vermont. Mr. McCarty works in the Service Club Office. While in Georgia he writes about having 8,000 men on base with him, having Saturday afternoons off with nothing to do and driving prisoners from the guard house to work. Mr. McCarty tells his mother the only thing that can grow in the South is cotton and he feels like a civilian in uniform because he is a part of a group of soldiers working not fighting. He however does believe the Army is a great education. Accompanying the letters are clippings from the Fort Bragg newspaper and a postcard.

Title/Description	Instances
1942 February 9 - 1942 July 14	
1942 July 20 - 1942 December 31	
1943 February 10 - 1943 August 28	

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Marilyn Meserve collection, 1937-1943

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 17 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 17 letters and two V-mail (photograph of letters written by Armed Services personnel) dated between 1937 and 1943, addressed to Miss Marilyn Meserve. The correspondences are sent to a variety of locations including New Bedford, Waltham, and Newton, Massachusetts and Scarborough, Maine. The letters are from an Uncle Henry and Aunt Edith who live in Miami; a Pvt. Morris Meserve of the U.S. Army stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas; Pvt. Keith Meserve of the U.S. Army; Mark Spragg 2/C of the U.S. Navy stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Chicago, Illinois; P.F.C. Joseph Regala stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina;

Pvt. Edward Baker Jr. of the U.S. Marines stationed on Parris Island, South Carolina; Doliber Harlow of the Navy V-12 Unit stationed at the Eliot House in Harvard University; Gordon R. Mitchell of Subdivision 44; and an individual named Bill of Somerville, Massachusetts. Bill calls Miss Meserve his wife, sends her a kiss card (that she is supposed to kiss and send back to him), and within each of his letters displays affection. In one letter he addresses how Miss Meserve whistles at other soldiers and says it is fine as long as she is his. Almost all letters from these male soldiers display love and affection. Within the collection there is also an unsigned East greeting and a letter addressed Madam President signed Lincoln Watts. In the letter Mr. Watts states that he is the first commissioner of the Newtonville Methodist Church Young Peoples Society and he is resigning, suggesting that Earl Hanson take his place.

Title/Description	Instances
1937 August 17 - 1943 February 25	
1943 March 28 - 1943 December 9	
V-Mail and miscellaneous, undated	

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Donald Nichols collection, 1943 - 1945

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 52 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 52 letters to Mrs. Donald Nichols.

Title/Description	Instances
1942 January 11, 1943 December 1, 1943 December 21	
1944 January 21 - 1944 December 31	
1945 January 4 - 1945 November 8	
PFC Harry Hapeman's letters, undated	
Pvt. Warren Wayert letter, undated	
Pvt. Hugh Kelsey's letters, undated	

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Joey S. Newman collection, 1943-1945

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 71 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 71 letters, telegrams, V-mail, cards, postcards and documents to and about Joey S. Newman (created 1943-1945). Mr. Newman trained at Tex Rankin Flight School. He went on to join the 345th bomb group, known as the "tree top terrors", and participated in the 498th Tokyo Squadron known as the "yellow nose butchers" for the yellow noses and tiger heads they painted on their planes. Mr. Newman participated in the landing at Sanspor, New Guinea and says he is a part of the bombings that make the news. While in California he watched

Japanese torpedo bombers suicide bomb ships and while in the Solomon Islands he played tag with headhunters. Mr. Newman also spent time in Australia, Honolulu and the Netherlands.

Title/Description	Instances
1942 December 10 - 1943 January 27	
1943 February 7 - 1943 May 24	
1943 June 7 - 1943 August 30	
1943 September 3 - 1943 December 29	
1944 January 6 - 1944 June 14	
1944 August 9 - 1944 December 15	
1945 January 6 - 1945 May 2	
Miscellaneous and telegrams, undated	

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Laurence Shorey collection, 1942-1945

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 19 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 19 letters, seven V-mail, and a briefing on the Solomon Islands (created 1942-1945). Laurence Shorey served in the U.S. Navy stationed at Camp Bradford in Virginia, but spent most of his time in the South and Central Pacific. The correspondences within this collection are from Mr. Shorey to a Miss Anne Withington. Miss Withington spends time abroad and in the United States, and correspondences to her are addressed to locations in California, New York, New Hampshire and Connecticut. Some of Mr. Shorey's letters have sections cut out meaning they were censored, but topics briefly addressed in some of the letters include being a member of the Tokio Rose (Tokyo Rose), V-Day, the strange fruit he is trying, and movies he has had the opportunity to see such as The Adventures of Robin Hood and The Son of Monte Cristo. Mr. Shorey's letters speak of day-to-day life. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire is addressed in multiple letters as Miss Withington seeks employment at the Naval Yard.

Title/Description	Instances
1942 September 27 - 1943 December 23	
1944 March 2 - 1945 May 2	
1947 July 7 - 1950 June 28	

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Ralph Slade collection, 1942-1945 (1943)

Scope and Contents

The collection contains 63 letters and one V-mail dated from U.S. Army S/SGT Ralph L. Slade (created 1943-1945). The correspondents are addressed to Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Slade of Terre Haute, Indiana. The letters themselves state

this as the location of his mother, father and sister. A woman named Willa of Arkansas is spoken of in multiple letters. Willa receives the only photo of S/SGT Slade that he was able to take while stationed in the Philippines. While stationed in Australia, S/SGT Slade sees roo (kangaroo) and visits Crosby Park. S/SGT Slade is also is stationed in the Philippines and visits Manila with the fellows where they watch a baseball game. Most of the letters address S/SGT Slade simply saying hi, letting them know he's alive, references to his home town, and the soldiers having their ration of beer with supper. In his later letters, S/SGT Slade addresses his status of being selected to be sent home based on the U.S Army point system.

Title/Description	Instances
1943 July 22 - 1943 December 13	
1944 January 10 - 1945 November 17	

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Robert Royden Ward collection, 1942-1945

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 11 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 11 letters, photos, V-mail and documents from and about U.S. Army Cpl. Robert Ward, U.S. Army T/5 Harold E. Ward Jr. and U.S. Army Pvt. James L. Ward (created 1942-1945). Pvt. James L. Ward served in Italy. Letters are addressed to a variety of correspondents including a Mrs. Harold Ward of Kennebunk, Maine and Sgt. William D. Van Dusen of Pawling, New York. Accompanying the letters is a Valentine's Day card, a Navy sailor card and an enlisted man Maine operator's license.

Title/Description	Instances
1944 August 25 - 1945 January 5	
Miscellaneous, undated	

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Paul J. White collection, 1945-1946

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 35 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 35 letters and a postcard to and about Pvt. Paul J. White (created 1945-1946). Letters are from his wife, Mildred. She talks about the struggles of raising their daughter by herself, their poor financial situation and missing him desperately while he is away. Though the war is over, Paul is on a military base assisting the demobilization effort.

Title/Description	Instances
1945 December 7 - 1945 December 20	
1946 January 2 - 1946 January 24	

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Stuart Wiggin collection, 1944-1946

Physical Description: .5 linear feet 98 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 98 letters and documents from and about U.S. Navy Pvt. Stuart Wiggin and mailed to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Wiggin of San Bornville, N.H. Pvt. Wiggin was a part of the U.S.S. Bushnell Submarine Squadron One, stationed at the U.S. Submarine Base in New London, CT; Camp Shoemaker, CA; Fort George G. Meade, MD; U.S.S. Blackfin, San Francisco; and Fort Devens, Ayer, MA. Other locations mentioned are Mare Island, Pearl Harbor and Guam. Pvt. Wiggins' letters depict a young man missing his home and his parents. He writes to his mom about being poor, how poker starts after pay day, touring the local towns, camp inspections and getting his shots. Pvt. Wiggins starts electrical school and then goes on to take advance engineering courses and firefighting classes. The collection also includes forms on beginning Navy training, a postcard of a new location, two change of address forms, October's party poem and the official batting order of Cincinnati.

Title/Description	Instances
1944 March 16 - 1944 July 29	
1944 August 1 - 1944 December 27	
1945 January 1 - 1945 April 24	
1945 May 6 - 1945 July 26	
1945 August 8 - 1946 May 31	
Miscellaneous, undated	

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Charles W. Willson collection, 1940-1942

Physical Description: .25 linear feet 63 letters

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 30 letters, postcards and documents about and from U.S Navy member Charles C. Willson (created 1940-1942) while he served aboard the U.S.S. Lexington in Division S. Willson says he "sees the world through the porthole" of his ship. In his earliest letters he talks about how the U.S. should get involved in the war and his work at a butcher shop. Willson informs his parents that while he is docked in San Francisco, a British cruiser named the HMS Liverpool comes into port. The British cruiser is on its way to Frisco, NY and then will head across the sea. Willson was briefly stationed at Pearl Harbor in November and early December 1941, mentioning in a letter of December 4th that they have a Japanese war scare and how he hopes nothing happens. "The Japs", Hitler and Russia are mentioned in a few letters. In one particular letter, Willson states he believes Hitler is just waiting to take down Russia and that he doesn't believe the U.S. has anything to fear from Japan. Accompanying the collection are a salute pamphlet, two U.S. Navy training sheets, newspaper clippings, U.S.S. Lexington newspapers, and a U.S.S. Lexington postcard showing the ship.

Title/Description	Instances
1940 October 12 - 1940 October 24	
1940 October 22 - 1940 December 17, undated	
1941 January 3 - 1941 January 30	

1941 February 4 - 1941 March 25

1941 April 9 - 1941 June

Mother's Day Telegram, 1941

1941 July 19 - 1941 September 15

1941 November 6 - 1941 December 23

1941 December 25 - 1942 January 26

1942 April 14 - 1942 April 25

1942 July 19

Memorabilia U.S.S. Lexington, undated

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