

US Marine

Acc# 00.0065
CollName (Full) Raymond & Robert Gill
ScopeNote This collection is composed of letters from two brothers, Robert and Raymond Gill, who both served in the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific from 1941-1944.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: (1) 1/2 box

Acc# 00.0155
CollName (Full) Richard Bruce Watkins
ScopeNote Richard Bruce Watkins served in two years of bloody warfare in the Pacific (PTO) as a U.S. Marine platoon leader, then as a commander of the E Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division at Cape Gloucester, Peleliu, and Okinawa. Immediately after the war (in August 1945), Watkins also served in China. The collection includes a manuscript entitled "Brothers in Battle--One Marine's Account of War in the Pacific" written by Watkins that concerns his time in the Pacific Theater. This is the account of one man's experiences from a dormitory room in 1941 to boot camp at Parris Island, and onward to the Pacific. It ends with his Thanksgiving Day return to New York and Connecticut in November 1945, where he was reunited with his family. Also, the collection includes several copies of newspaper articles written 50+ years after World War II, and an account of the return of the author, his son, and several wartime buddies to the island of Peleliu.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 00.0169
CollName (Full) Anne Burke
ScopeNote Anne Burke was a nurse in the US Army Nurse Corps at the USA Fourth General Hospital in Melbourne, Australia. Collection revolves primarily around her relationship with First Lieutenant Andrew W. O'Rourke, Jr. of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Includes thirty-nine letters written by Andrew to Anne from 10/13/42 to 1/25/44, the letters stop due to his death from typhus fever which originated from a bug bite. Also included are four photographs, sixteen letters to Anne of condolences from those who served with Andrew, newspaper clippings, a fellow nurse's memoirs, V-mail, and a greeting card. The letters from Andrew to Anne discuss censorship, the need to keep their marriage secret, religious services and war bonds. Two letters also include sexually explicit content.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: (1) 1/4 box

Acc# 00.0208
CollName (Full) Lynn Bryant
ScopeNote This is a small collection with three V-mails, one letter, one statement about a promise ring, and two pages of Biblical reference. One V-mail from wounded U.S. Marine husband on Iwo Jima, one letter from military stating Lynn Bryant, husband, is wounded. Two V-mails from Lynn to his mother and father. His mother's was a Mother's Day greeting and his father's was telling how awful Iwo Jima was and how he hopes to farm after the war.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 00.0323
CollName (Full) Lawrence Reineke
ScopeNote Lawrence Reineke served in the US Air Corps as an intelligence officer in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska (April-October 1943), and overseas on Saipan and Iwo Jima (October 1944-October 1945). Reineke was trained in Miami Beach, Florida. This collection includes a manuscript of various diaries concerning the Aleutians campaign, a manuscript of Reineke's personal experiences on Iwo Jima (including a visit 40 years later), a book on the First Special Service Force, a manuscript of various diaries of interned airmen, and a manuscript of personal accounts of the Aleutians campaign. These manuscripts include those from U.S. Marines, airmen, and soldiers, including Japanese soldiers.
Extent/Location MS Coll: 1 box

Acc# 00.0468
CollName (Full) Louis Trupo
ScopeNote This collection includes an untitled nine-page manuscript that contains newspaper articles and letters that tell about the life of Louis J. Trupo, a U.S. Marine that took part in the invasion of Tinian, Saipan, and Iwo Jima. Ripley's Believe It or Not used Mr. Trupo as a cover story - On Iwo Jima, a Japanese Sniper aimed at Trupo's chest and pulled the trigger. The bullet was deflected by Trupo's prayer book, thus saving his life.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 00.0517
CollName (Full) Jean Finley Maynard
ScopeNote The collection contains a 113-page manuscript, "Eleven Who Served: Narratives and Letters from World War II." The manuscript's author, Jean Finley Maynard, interviewed 11 servicemen and transcribed, edited, and compiled their accounts. Also included in the manuscript are the extensive letters she received while in correspondence with William Muddinan, an officer in the U.S. Marines serving in the Pacific. The interviews include members from the Army, Air Corps, Navy, and Merchant Marines. They cover a variety of topics, from training and camp life to combat, postwar experiences, recreation, etc. The manuscript includes some photographs of the men interviewed.
Extent/Location MS Coll: 1 box

Acc# 00.0536
CollName (Full) Lester Fought
ScopeNote Major Lester S. Fought, Jr., was a U.S. Marine and the commanding officer of the E company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division during the landing on Iwo Jima on 22 February 1945. He had previously participated in three other invasions in the Pacific Theater: Roi-Namur (Kwajalein), Saipan, and Tinian on 21 February 1944. Fought was killed leading his company up the volcanic soil of Iwo Jima. The collection consists of a manuscript written by Lester Fought's nephew, Jeffrey R. Fought, about his uncle's wartime experience. The manuscript, "Major Lester S. Fought, Jr., 23rd Marines, World War II," includes maps, letters, and photographs.
Extent/Location MS Coll: 1 box

Acc# 00.0764
CollName (Full) Joe Bruni
ScopeNote Joe Bruni (served 1943-45, subsequent service) recalls his experience in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. Bruni participated in the invasions of the Marshall Islands, Saipan, and Iwo Jima.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 00.0779
CollName (Full) Robert Y. Coster
ScopeNote Robert Y. Coster served in the U.S. Marine, 5th Marine Division, 28th Regiment, Headquarters Battalion. His first duty post was Hawaii, but his collection is about his time in Iwo Jima. His collection has two copies of typed letters to friends (7 March 1945) and his wife (25 March 1945) detailing his part in the battle. Other than the two letters, the remainder of the collection is newspaper articles that trace the entire battle and include two articles about Sergeant Ernest Ivy "Boots" Thomas, Jr of Tallahassee, Florida and his role in the flag raising on Mount Suribachi.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder; Gen Coll: Super Long Box

Acc# 00.0787
CollName (Full) Lawrence George Zella
ScopeNote Lawrence George Zella, served as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater. Zella enlisted in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 5 July 1943, and was honorably discharged on 8 January 1946. The collection contains a variety of items including programs from the Earl Carroll Theater in Hollywood, a program from a Christmas celebration while in the service, and miscellaneous memorabilia including his Honorable Discharge certificate; a serviceman's manual; four pictures- two of his platoon and two personal photos; alongside two newspapers: 14 August 1945 "Stars and Stripes" and 15 August 1945 "The Honolulu Advertiser." Supplementing this collection are a telegraph and two lengthy letters, both sent home to his wife, Jennie. In these letters, sent on 4 August 1945 and 3 September 1945, Zella describes his surroundings and life aboard a ship.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 00.0792
CollName (Full) Margaret Smith
ScopeNote Margaret Smith was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve. The collection contains the Marines handbook, a book containing the brief history of the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve out of Camp Lejeune, postcards, ration booklets and newspaper clippings. The collection also, contains several patches and insignia that are from her husband who was in the Seabee's. The Marine Corp and Red Cross paraphernalia belong to Mrs. Smith, whereas the cap and patches belong to her husband. Also in the collection is a commemorative photo of Japanese capitulation aboard the USS Missouri, featuring the Missouri along with the photos of Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder; AT Coll: Box 24; Stacks; Cab 1: Book

Acc# 00.0810
CollName (Full) Charlotte Owen
ScopeNote The collection contains a manuscript about the history of the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve Band. This band was formed in 1943 at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. They played in parades, for war bond campaigns, and for wounded soldiers in Home Front hospitals. The band was made up of women because men were needed in the front lines. This manuscript outlines the groundbreaking achievements of these women. The narrative ends with how the band members felt as they waited to hear when the Japanese surrendered. The band disbanded in 1945 after the war ended.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 00.0856

CollName (Full) George M. Dunn

ScopeNote
George M. Dunn served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a private in the D Company of the 32nd Replacement Draft in the Pacific Theater (PTO). Dunn participated in the Okinawa invasion as a replacement draft for the 1st Marine Division, and he was a witness of the Peleliu and Guadalcanal battles while he was a patient in the MOB 10 US Navy Mobile Hospital Number 10.

The collection includes a manuscript, "A Diary," written by Dunn. The manuscript narrates his experiences as a Marine. He describes in detail their living conditions, including food, accommodations, personal relations, and recreation, as well as problems faced by the Marines inside and outside the ships. He describes the maneuvers taken by officers regarding war strategies, as well as the types of ships and artillery involved. At the end of his memoir, he lists the members of the 32nd Replacement Draft killed in action during the Okinawa invasion.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0018

CollName (Full) Theodore W. Schrottke

ScopeNote
Theodore W. Schrottke served in the Marine 13th Defense Battalion, 5th Amphibious Artillery in the Caribbean and Pacific (PTO) Theaters. Schrottke was born on 29 September 1924, in Newark, New Jersey. He attended school at Gompers Vocational High School in Bronx, New York. Schrottke was inducted into the U.S. Marines on 27 March 1942, in New York City. He received training as a ground radio operator in Quantico, Virginia.

Schrottke was attached to the Marine 13th Defense Battalion, 5th Amphibious Artillery. He served in Cuba from September 1942 until March 1944 and then was shipped to the Pacific Theater in August 1944. Schrottke was a radio operator during the Iwo Jima invasion and provided artillery support after the landing. He served in the Pacific until January 1946 and was later discharged at Great Lakes Navy Base, Illinois.

The collection includes a narrative of Schrottke's experiences on Iwo Jima. There is also a news bulletin sent to ships at sea that gave progress reports on the war. The collection also contains a V-Mail, a battalion memo on sanitation and disease, and the newsletter, "El Scoopo," which was printed at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba.

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Acc# 01.0022

CollName (Full) Lowell E. Leffel

ScopeNote Lowell Elsworth Leffel was born in Wabasa County, Indiana, on Aug. 23, 1922. He was inducted into the U.S. Marine Corps after the attack on 7 December 1941, in Indianapolis. Leffel was trained at Camp Elliot in San Diego, CA. He served in the 3rd Marine Division, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd battalion, G Company. After boot camp Leffel was sent to New Zealand and then to Guadalcanal where his mission was to search out Japanese resistance. He also participated in the Battle of Bougainville in the Solomon Islands. He then shipped to Guam where he was wounded by a piece of shrapnel at Sugar Loaf Hill. After he was wounded he was stationed at the Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station until he was discharged on Aug. 31, 1945.

Collection contains his memoir outlining his experiences. Memoir also includes pictures of Marine personnel along with maps of the Solomon Islands and Guam.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0035

CollName (Full) John B. Moullette

ScopeNote John Brinkley Moullette served as a private in the U.S. Marine Corps with the First Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force in the Pacific Theater (PTO) and in China (CBI). Moullette was born on 23 January 1927, in Camden, NJ. In November 1943, he forged his birth certificate to show he was born in 1926 and enlisted in the Marines at the recruiting station in Philadelphia. Moullette went to boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. He was stationed in Tientsin and north China. He was discharged in 1946.

The collection includes a memoir that outlines his experiences at boot camp and in the Pacific. The memoir includes a biographical timeline of his accomplishments before and after World War II.

The additional material in John Moullette's collection is a manuscript entitled "8th Training Battalion." His manuscript describes the training and deployment of Platoon 396, 8th Battalion at and from Parris Island. Also included are timelines and figures detailing the Marines' involvement throughout the war. Added are correspondence with and documents from the Navy concerning Marine rosters and casualty numbers.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0052

CollName (Full) George J. Baird

ScopeNote
George J. Baird was born on 18 March 1921, in Pennsylvania. He was inducted into the U.S. Marines in January 1942 in Cleveland, Ohio. Baird was a rifleman with the 3rd Defense Battalion, 1st Marine Division in the Pacific Theater. He was stationed at Midway, Guadalcanal, Peleliu, and Okinawa. Baird was wounded during the invasion of Guadalcanal in late 1942 and later worked in the post office until his discharge in 1946.

Collection includes photocopies of two manuscripts detailing his experiences overseas. The first volume chronicles the battles he took part in and his service history. It also includes pictures of the invasion and fighting in Guadalcanal. The second volume includes other experiences such as kamikaze attacks and seeing Pearl Harbor shortly after it was bombed. This volume also contains Baird's account of the pilot's reaction after the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Both volumes include photocopies of pictures taken during his service along with the location and name of camps he was stationed in.

George J. Baird was in the U.S. Marine Corps in the PTO (specifically Guadalcanal). He worked as a telephone linesman and operator. In November 1942, he was promoted to Private First Class, and in November 1944, was promoted again to Staff Sergeant. He was awarded the Purple Heart on October 13, 1942. This 260 page collection includes documentation of his decorations and promotions, many news articles concerning Guadalcanal, as well as many KIA/MIA articles about Clevelanders (his hometown), many photographs (photocopies), from Guadalcanal -- of G.I.'s, locals, Japanese currency, New Zealanders, bands, women, bases, and group photos of his unit. Also, there are many letters from his wife and his mother. Pages 160-163 are his personal account of what happened at Guadalcanal. Collection also includes some items taken from killed Japanese prisoners (maps, foldouts).

Extent/Location Gen Coll: (1) flat box; MS Coll: 2 boxes;

Acc# 01.0056

CollName (Full) Henry Brzezinski

ScopeNote
Henry Brzezinski was born on July 13, 1920, in Caspian, Michigan. He was inducted into the U.S. Marines in 1938 in Chicago. He served in Guadalcanal, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. Brzezinski was discharged at Great Lakes, Illinois, in 1951. Collection contains a manuscript detailing his military experiences. It outlines the invasions of Guadalcanal and Saipan as well as his experiences after the invasions.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0125

CollName (Full) Betty Vinton Penfield

ScopeNote
The collection of Betty Vinton Penfield, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. As Betty Vinton, she served in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve from 1944 to March 1946, and was stationed at Henderson Field near Washington, DC, where she worked in the payroll department. Also, included are scanned photos of her service period. During the war, she dated Herbert Penfield and later married him in 1946 (his collection is 01.0039).

She grew up near Youngstown, Ohio and briefly discusses farm life. Prior to the war Betty Vinton worked for U.S. Steel, in the payroll department and she describes working on the addressograph and graphotype machines and going to keypunch school. After the war she worked in the Florida Health Department and Vital Statistics. She was inducted into the Marine Corps on 3/16/1944, where she enjoyed Boot Camp, and worked for the Marines as a Key Punch Operator at Henderson Hall in Washington, D.C., where her job was to process records of Marines on punch cards. She discusses rationing of gas and food, her daily schedule, and her weekend trips (if she chose not to stay in D.C.) to New York, Quantico, and Atlantic City. She discussed in the interview how she liked her job and the extra-curricular activities that her job allowed her to do. She describes the blind date that she went on and met her future husband (in 1942), and that she got to see a concert of the Tommy Dorsey Band, Glenn Miller Band, and Frank Sinatra. She also discussed how much of an impact that Ernie Pyle had on the Marines after he was killed in 1945 at Ie Shima, and she mentioned some high points of his personality (although she never met him) and his style of writing and interviewing.

The index that comes along with the transcript of the interview is also out of order in relation to the actual transcript: Camp LeJeune, Church Going in Boot camp, Data Processing, Enlisting, Henderson Hall, Ie Shima, Key Punch School, Meeting husband, Rationing, Social Life, War Experience.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder; also see Herbert Penfield, 01.0039

Acc# 01.0164

CollName (Full) Lonnie Smith

ScopeNote
Lonnie Smith was a corporal in the Third Regiment of the Third U.S. Marine Division. He saw active service in Bougainville in 1943 and suffered a head wound there. Prior to this, he served in the 7th Marine Replacement Battalion and afterwards in the 2nd Marine Guard Company in Kodiak, Alaska (1945). The collection includes letters from Smith to his parents (1942 and 1945); letters between Smith and his Company Commander, Lt. William Easterly (1996); Smith's Marine ID card; a map of the Pacific; an official account of the occupation at Ominuto, Japan; a 1999 USMC calendar; and several photographs of Cpl. Smith in Alaska.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: [1] Folder; Oversize Photos Box 3

Acc# 01.0171.0005
CollName (Full) Joe Parker
ScopeNote Joe Parker served in the Navy as a medical corpsman attached to the U.S. Marines; his company was known as E-3 Medical USMC- 3rd Division Hospital for all the 3rd Marine Division. Parker participated in the invasions of Bougainville and Guam. He was in the Navy from 19 January 1942 to 14 October 1945.

This collection contains a manuscript titled "From Lake Erie to the South Pacific- A World War II Memoir," which was written by Joe Parker.
Extent/Location TBC: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0171.0037
CollName (Full) Joseph P. Knox
ScopeNote The collection pertains to the Knox family, which contains seven brothers (Howard, Lawrence, Paul, Joseph, Carroll, Donald, and Louis) who served in World War II. Of the seven, three were in the Army, three were in the Navy, and one was in the U.S. Marines. Six of the seven brothers served overseas (Carroll was the only one who did not), and one other older brother (Thomas) helped coordinate the transfer of supplies to military bases in the US.

Carroll was a medical corpsman in the Navy and was stationed at San Diego, CA. Paul was aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga when it was hit by two Japanese Kamikaze planes. Joseph saw action in New Guinea, the Philippines, and the South Pacific, where he earned a total of six Battle Stars.

The collection contains copies of some magazine articles as well as a copy of the Congressional Record regarding the Knox family. The Congressional Record is from the 105th Congress, Second Session, and it tells the story of the family and their history. It commends them for their service. Also included are several photocopied pictures of the brothers, as well as of the family as a whole. All seven brothers survived the war. The Congressional Record is from 22 April 1998, and the articles are from 2000. The magazine articles are from the Springfield Magazine (March 2000) and the Illinois State Journal and Register (January 1, 2000). The collection also includes photocopies of photos of the family during the war years.
Extent/Location TBC Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0171.0082
CollName (Full) Dartmouth '42 Marines
ScopeNote Collection includes a short pamphlet compiled by Hershell Daniel "Cappy" Rix, entitled "Dartmouth '42 Marines" that consists of personal narratives about what occurred to the U.S. Marine members of Dartmouth College's 1942 graduating class. The Marines were stationed in the Pacific Theater and the following battles/islands are mentioned: Guadalcanal, Okinawa, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Iwo Jima, Bougainville, Solomon Islands
Extent/Location TBC Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0171.0633
CollName (Full) Kenneth Leon Petway
ScopeNote As a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Marines on an LCI Ship in the Pacific, Kenneth Leon Petway composed this one-page poem regarding the invasion of the island of Anguar.
Extent/Location TBC Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0171.0646
CollName (Full) Averitte W. Corley
ScopeNote This collection includes the publication "The Right to Fight: African-American Marines in World War II." A veteran questionnaire, two letters to the editor (from Corley to Leatherneck), biographical sketch, interview outline, two scanned copies of photographs and an oral history. Corley joined the Army Air Corps at the age of sixteen in March of 1944. After basic training he was transferred to Baer Field where his young age was discovered. He was honorably discharged and sent home. He reenlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in July of 1945 and then again March 1946. He was sent to Saipan guarding Japanese POWs. He was then sent to Guam as a telephone lineman. He describes his experiences in Japan, Guam, hospitality in Jacksonville, boot camp, segregation, and experiences with Jim Crow, and his opinion on the G.I. Bill. He also describes training at Montfort Point.
Extent/Location TBC Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0171.1009

CollName (Full) Frank Habern

ScopeNote Frank Habern served in the U.S. Marines with the Sixth Marine Expeditionary Force and the George Company, Second Battalion, 22nd Regiment, Sixth Marine Division in Iceland, the Pacific Theater (PTO), and in China (CBI).

Habern grew up in Paris, Texas, and was very poor. After he graduated high school, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. After that, he joined the Marines. After his six-week training period, he was shipped off to Iceland. By 1941, Habern was stationed in Iceland with the Sixth Marine Expeditionary Force. The Marines were there to defend the island from the Germans and keep them from establishing a submarine base there.

After the attacks on 7 December 1941, Habern was sent back to San Diego to train new recruits in judo. After his training job was over, he became a platoon sergeant and was sent to the Pacific Theater of Operations. By 1944, Habern was stationed with the George Company, Second Battalion, 22nd Regiment, Sixth Marine Division where he trained for the invasion of Okinawa. His unit landed on 1 April 1945 and captured the Yontan Airfield. Soon Habern became the company's gunnery sergeant and fought in the Battle of Sugar Loaf Hill. In his manuscript, he writes about the battle to take Sugar Loaf Hill and the stiff resistance they encountered. He also writes about the tactics that the Japanese used, such as cutting communication wires, hiding in caves, and having artillery pre-positioned on areas that Allied Forces would have to occupy. His company soon advanced to Naha, the capital of Okinawa. He survived 82 days of combat and was discharged in December 1946 at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. Shortly before his discharge, Habern was stationed in China where he received the Order of Yun Hui. The remainder of the manuscript details his life in the aviation industry.

Habern studied to become an aircraft mechanics instructor for the F-84-F. He became a Republic Aviation representative to the West German Air Force at Kaufbeuren, West Germany. He worked for 30 years as a technician with Republic Aviation in Farmingdale, New York; Strategic Air Command (SAC) in Albany, Georgia; Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle, Washington; and Wichita, Kansas. After Habern left West Germany he wanted to start a business and left Republic to buy a Dairy Queen in Oklahoma. The business was slow, and Habern needed to sell it to become more financially secure. He returned to the aviation industry, but a desire to find a higher-paying job sent him from job to job. He found work with Boeing where he remained for the duration of his career, and eventually he became a representative to Air Force One. Habern retired and enjoyed the wealth he accumulated in his savings; his manuscript digresses from its flow at this point, and he discusses the September 11, 2001 attacks. He likened the hijackings to Kamikaze pilots and the terrorists to Japanese soldiers. Rekindling the patriotism he felt during World War II, Habern states that the US must win the War on Terror and make the sacrifices earlier generations made to win World War II. Habern continues to discuss the War on Terror and airline safety concerns for the duration of his manuscript.

Extent/Location TBC MS Coll: 1 box, incl 1 Ph envelope

Acc# 01.0171.1295
CollName (Full) Robert M. Ash
ScopeNote Robert M. Ash was a U.S. Marine serving in the Pacific. His collection contains an obituary that tells about his life and time in the service, and a USA Today article that discusses Peleliu, a battle that Ash fought in.
Extent/Location TBC: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0189
CollName (Full) Thomas "Tom" G. Climie
ScopeNote Tom Climie joined the Army in 1942 where he became one of his company's sniper men when at Camp Rucher, Alabama; he served in the Pacific Theater. He was a baker from Alpena, Michigan. He quickly became a sergeant and continually turned down officer candidate school (OCS). He went to Lebanon, Tennessee, and Camp Horn, Arizona, for maneuvers and war games in June and July 1943. He writes of weekend furloughs to Los Angeles and having to frequently eat C and K rations. He tried to join the Army Air Corps but was sent to Camp San Luis Obispo, California, to prepare for overseas duty. He writes frequently about drinking and furloughs. While in California, he got married. After spending a short time at Camp Stoneman, California, on July 4, 1944, he left for Hawaii. He was there for one month to have jungle training. He also saw a USO show there with Bob Hope. On August 12, they left and after a short stop at Guadalcanal, they headed to Angaur and Peleliu in the Palau Islands. They invaded on September 17, two days after the U.S. Marines. They arrived in Peleliu on September 23, to reinforce the Marines and remained there until February. In February 1945, they left for New Caledonia for rest and relaxation. On May 17th, they invaded Leyte. After the war, Climie went to Japan as part of the occupation force. Because of the point system, he got to go home sometime around Christmas 1945.

This collection includes a 38-page manuscript, "We Win or We Die," which was about the time Climie spent in the Pacific Theater and on the US Mainland.
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Acc# 01.0230
CollName (Full) Conni Gordon
ScopeNote Conni Gordon graduated from high school when she was only sixteen and joined the U.S. Marine Corps in August of 1943 and was at Parris Island in September of 1943. She talks about boot camp at Parris Island, duties, promotions and medals earned. She comments on V-E Day and V-J Day. In November of 1945, Gordon went to a Reserve status and attended college under the G.I. Bill.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0245
CollName (Full) Donald Marley Hainer
ScopeNote Donald Hainer was a corpsman with the U.S. Marine Corps. He was injured during the battle of Iwo Jima by way of a shot to the abdomen, while reaching for his first aid kit to prepare to help another casualty. Hainer later died on 24 February 1944 while aboard a rescue ship. This collection includes personal letters from Donald Hainer to his family (1943-44). It also includes a personal letter from Robert Harris, a fellow Marine who served with Hainer. Robert's letter is addressed to Mrs. Hainer (Donald's mother) detailing Donald Hainer's death.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0410
CollName (Full) Paul Slovik
ScopeNote Paul Slovik (USMC, 1942-1946) enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps in January of 1942 and went directly to basic training. Following additional training taken at Camp Lejeune, Slovik was sent to the Pacific where he spent the next two and a half years. Slovik was involved in combat and injured at Camp Gloucester, Peleliu, Guadalcanal in September of 1944. After he recuperated, he was sent back [to] the United States and assigned as a drill instructor at Parris Island. Slovik discusses responsibilities of drill instructor as well as his approach to the job. He was discharged in January of 1946.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0423
CollName (Full) Albert L. "Tiny" Renaker
ScopeNote The collection of Albert "Tiny" Renaker, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Renaker served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the First Marine Division in the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO) and in China (CBI Theater). He served from 1942-1945. He recounts in detail his training at Parris Island. He was transferred to the First Marine Division in mid-1944 and participated in the invasion of Okinawa. Also, he mentions his tour of duty in China and coming home after the war ended.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0442

CollName (Full) Horace L. Ferrell

ScopeNote
The collection of Horace L. Ferrell, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Ferrell was in the 1st Marine Parachute Battalion and fought on Guadalcanal.

The collection has two oral history interviews: ours from 1999 and one done by someone else in 2001. The 2001 interview includes an undated, uncaptioned photo of Ferrell when he was in the U.S. Marines. Both interviews cover his childhood through his starting his own business after the war.

According to the interviews, Ferrell joined the Navy in 1941. He trained in hospital work in North Carolina and Virginia, volunteered for a Marine paratroop unit, took a ship to New Zealand, and landed on Guadalcanal. He fought against Japanese resistance, provided medical care for wounded Marines, fought the Japanese on Guadalcanal, including in the Battle of Bloody Ridge, and later worked in Navy hospitals at New Caledonia, Guam, San Francisco, and Pensacola. Ferrell was returned to the United States in 1944 and was assigned to the Naval Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. Shortly thereafter, he was assigned to a ship (type unidentified) that made several further crossings of the Pacific.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0451

CollName (Full) Leo Dienstag (M.D.)

ScopeNote
The collection of Leo Dienstag, M.D., contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Dienstag served in the Navy and U.S. Marine Corps in the United States. Dienstag never left the U.S. and spent most of his time at Camp Pendleton in California as a Master at Arms. The interview contains some anecdotes about Dienstag's encounters with anti-Semitic attitudes in the armed forces.

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Acc# 01.0456

CollName (Full) Don Clellan

ScopeNote
The collection of Don Clellan, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Clellan served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific theater. He served from 1943-45. Clellan went through numerous training schools before he was sent to the Pacific Theater, where he took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima. The interview contains a thorough description of the invasion from Clellan's perspective.

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Acc# 01.0459
CollName (Full) Richard J. Case (GYSGT, USMC Ret.)
ScopeNote The collection of Richard J. Case, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Case served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a drill instructor on Parris Island and spent a short time in the Pacific near the war's end. He served in 1936 and from 1943-??. He saw no combat in the Pacific and resumed his position as drill instructor in 1946.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0473
CollName (Full) Willis D. Booth
ScopeNote The collection of Willis D. Booth, contains an oral history transcript of an interview by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Booth served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater. He served from 1943-46 and spent nearly two years on the islands of Saipan and Tinian after they had been secured. However, the bulk of this interview relates to life on Parris Island and boot camp.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 01.0530
CollName (Full) Carl O. Dunbar Jr.
ScopeNote Carl O. Dunbar, Jr., served in the U.S. Marines Reserve in Marine Fighting Squadron 214 as a fighter pilot in the Pacific. This collection contains news articles, navigation log books, photos, and a scrapbook with artifacts, government documents and letters, photos, and ephemera. Dunbar's flight missions focused on Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands. This collection also contains a manuscript written by Mr. Dunbar's son, Peter, which highlights his father's military career and flying experiences. The photos are from before, during, and after WWII. Mr. Dunbar included materials from his activities after the war, including his career as a lawyer and judge. He lives in Jacksonville, Florida. Home Front.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: (1) 1/2 box; PH Coll: (1) 1/4 box

Acc# 01.0535

CollName (Full) Mildred Shearer

ScopeNote Mildred Shearer was a Californian artist under contract with the USO from 1944-1946 and an alumna of Stanford University. She also studied at Art Students League in New York and Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles. She traveled to military hospitals sponsored by the USO Camp Shows (Hospital Sketching Program) to do sketches. After sketches were completed they were sent to New York City to be photographed. Then the negative, one print and original drawing were sent to the subject. The collection has many of these photographs, both large and small. This collection contains a large scrapbook with photo prints of portrait sketches (large and small); 2 notebooks with the names and addresses of the people sketched; letters to Shearer about her sketches from the people sketched or their families; and letters to and from Shearer and R.H Bennett, a Lt. in the U.S. Marine Corps, whom she met as a hostess at the officers lounge and developed a relationship with via letters; he was overseas in the Pacific. R.H. Bennett was killed during fighting at Iwo Jima, 9 March 1945. There are also letters written to the USO about Shearer and her sketches. There are newspaper articles from the war time about her sketches. Photographs of Shearer, one of R.H. Bennett, publicity photos of her sketching at hospitals, Shearer and friends. Collection also has a copy of the "Spearhead" magazine with color picture of the flag raising in Iwo Jima on the cover. A pamphlet of artwork on Amphibious operations and book of sketches (not by M. Shearer) of leading war personalities. Collection was compiled and donated by Andray Oatley, a friend, after Shearer died February 2001.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: [1] 1/2 box; Oversize Gen Coll: 2 flat boxes

Acc# 01.0562

CollName (Full) William H May

ScopeNote This collection contains an oral history transcript, artifacts, and photos. William H. May served as a U.S. Marine pilot in the Pacific Theater from May 1942 to 18 October 1945.

He trained at NAS New Orleans, Louisiana; Pensacola, Florida; Jacksonville, Florida; NAS Glenview, Illinois. He dropped torpedoes and sonabyoys in several major engagements in the latter stages of the war. Flew TBF/TBM "Avenger." He was one of twelve pilots who flew aircraft equipped with wing rockets on 15 March 1944 against Japanese.

The collection also contains nine artifacts including a flight cap, a canvas bag, a pair of Polaroid flight goggles with box and several aviation calculators. Collection also contains a manual for the aviation calculators, two training workbooks and a poster with a well-known photograph of two men playing chess on Iwo Jima. One of the men is Mr. May. Includes instruction booklet for Polaroid Aviation Goggles. First scrapbook contains black and white photos of pre-war to 1942, including classmates, his girlfriend/wife, Evelyn, newborn daughter, Martha, and wartime photos (mostly on Pacific islands), ephemera, and news clippings.

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Acc# 02.0205
CollName (Full) John Hinrichs
ScopeNote There is some Fine Art, which consists of prints of the U.S. Marine Corps role in the South Pacific.
Extent/Location Oversize Shelf 2: Gen Coll: Oversize Box 02.0205

Acc# 02.0333
CollName (Full) Rayford Virgil Bagley
ScopeNote This collection includes an oral history of Rayford Bagley, who flew 26 bombing raids as a B-29 radio operator Senior Master Sergeant. He flew combat from the island of Guam with the 6th Bomb Squadron, 29th Bomb Group, 314th Bomb Wing. At first he flew high-altitude daylight raids, and then nighttime low-altitude napalm and magnesium raids over Japan. Bagley discusses the details and logistics of flying a bombing raid, ditching, and radio operation extensively. He also talks at length about the psychological impact of war. Bagley agrees with General Curtis Le May's decision to switch from daytime to nighttime low altitude raids, and salutes the U.S. Marines who won Iwo Jima as a midpoint and haven for the B-29s flying missions to Japan, which saved his crew on several occasions.
The collection also contains Bagley's training and commission certificates, as well as a letter of commendation to his bombardment group for the raid flown March 9-10, 1945. Bagley was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 02.0450
CollName (Full) Edgar Lee Guidry
ScopeNote Edgar Lee Guidry (served 1942-??) discusses his experiences as a cook on American Samoa during the early stages of World War II. Guidry contracted lymphengitis and was sent back to the states, but rejoined the military after the war and spent time in China with the 1st Marines Division in the U.S. Marines. Transcript provided by Reichelt Program for Oral History.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 02.0458

CollName (Full) Clarke Brandt

ScopeNote The collection of Clarke Brandt, contains an oral history transcript. George (Bob) Caron was a tail gunner on the Enola Gay. The oral history includes Caron's eyewitness account of the bomb being dropped on Hiroshima. Also included is "War Buddies," which covers the relationship between a soldier and his canine companion through his years as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. "War Buddies" is written by Earle Welch and Dick Roberts.

Also included are:

"One More River to Cross"- (Lt. Col. Ray Kubey, USAF Ret.), which details Kubey's experience with the "Dutch" underground from September 1944 to March 1945.

8th AF News; June 2002- Reunion information October 1-6, Chapel of the Fallen Eagles, Charles D. Beard Jr. Memorial Gardens.

8th AF News; March 2002- 60th anniversary of the Mighty Eighth, the Pin-up girl centerfold, Strategic Air Command Reunion.

8th AF News; December 2002- 65th General Hospital, Annual Reunion photos-Report; Straight from Jake!

8th AF News; March 2003- Max Juchheim, Fighter Ace

8th AF News; December 1998- News articles about the 8th Air Force Society, which cover the 1998 Annual Historical Society Reunion and the events and stories pertaining to the unit during WWII.

8th AF News; June 2001- Story of Robert "Rosie" Rosenthal= Rosie Riveter's Crew. Story of William Patton Jr. Heritage Museum Activities. This covers events and stories pertaining to the unit during WWII.

8th AF News; September 2001- Medicine in England. Hospitals that served the 8th Air Force. Mighty Eighth Air Force Week, October 8th-14th, Reunion 2001, October 25-28, Irving, Texas.

The Air Forces Escape: Evasion Society. Communications (Special Edition), a membership directory that includes regular members, US friends, widows of members, helpers living in the US, and Canadian friends and helpers.

"Who is to live? And Who is to die?" by LTC Clarke M. Brandt- This contains short narrations of why some military men died unexpectedly and suddenly, while others avoided death through an unusual set of circumstances.

"I am MIS" by LTC (Ret.) Clarke M Brandt and Nobuo Furuiye- The experiences of a member of the military intelligence service in the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO) during WWII.

"Life and Memories Before, During and after WWII, 1939-1945" by Joyce Warren nee Reeman--This is the story of a young woman named Joyce who experienced the war after Germany and England declared war. From 1944 until the end of the war in Europe, Joyce worked in the canteen at the American Air

Base in Lavenham, England, home of the 487th Bomb Group. She describes her experiences with the Americans.

"A Peacetime Sweetheart, A Wartime Bride" by Jean Peterson nee Myatt-Peterson tells of her college boyfriend, Howard M. Peterson, who enlisted and became a bomber pilot. She describes her engagement, marriage, and coping during the time that her husband was flying 35 missions in Europe.

"Gefreiter Fahlbusch and his Father" written by LTC (Ret.) Clarke M Brandt- A WWII story of two German prisoners of war.

"Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder" by Virginia R. Vandegriff nee Roberts-Vandegriff describes her daily activities as a civilian during WWII. During the war, she was married to her husband, Bob, who eventually became a POW in Austria. Her account chronicles her days as a university student, meeting her husband, and finally the declaration of war on Japan following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The World War II Years of Marguerite" by Marguerite Eraser nee Brouard- This book describes Marguerite Eraser nee Brouard, a citizen and resident of France during the German occupation of France, in which she details the collective efforts of her family to assist and help several downed Allied airmen to avoid capture and help them to escape to safety.

"Hide-and-Seek With The German Army (Part II)" by LTC (Ret.) Clarke M. Brandt and Richard M. Smith- This book follows all ten men of the Smith B-17 from the time it was attacked and shot down to each member of the crew returned to Allied control. Seven men were rescued by several different French underground groups and returned to England, while three gunners were seriously wounded and captured by the Germans.

"War Stories of An Army Brat, 1939-1945" by LTC (Ret.) Clarke M Brandt- In the book, LTC Brandt relates his memories as a son of an Army Dental Corps Officer. He tells about being in Alaska on 7 December 1941, the evacuation from Alaska in February 1942, life in Iowa until the return of his father, and recollections of life in Salt Lake City where his dad was stationed. He concentrates on those activities connected with the military and the impact of the war on daily life.

"More European Adventures than I'd Planned" by Robert A. Vandegriff - This is the story of a young B-17 gunner of WWII. The book includes descriptions of bombing runs to aerial combat to evading Germans with the French underground to being a Kriegie.

"European Adventures" by Robert A. Titus - Titus was a B-17 navigator who was shot down and moved into Switzerland by the French underground where he worked for the OSS in Bern until he returned to the USA as part of a German for American trade between the Germans and the Swiss.

"Hiroshima, I Saw it First" by George (Bob) Caron/Tail Gunner- Bob Caron, tail gunner on the Enola Gay was interviewed at some time by George Pair, and his transcript of the interview was typed, apparently meant for a limited number of people. This copy came from a high school teacher in Parker, Colorado. In it, Caron describes his military service and the flight to Hiroshima with the first A-bomb used in warfare. He later published a book for sale.

"My Part in WWII, Memories of Air Station 137- Lavenham, England" by

William Michaels (Senior MSGT, USAF Retired). Michaels tells of his service in the 669th Aero Engineering Squadron, 487th Bomb Group at Air Station 137 in Lavenham, England.

"One Hundred Fourteen Days in German Occupied France" by Milton J. Willis Jr.- This is the story of T/Sgt. Milton J. Willis and T/Sgt. Kenneth A. Morrison, both B-17 radio operators who were shot down, and with the help of the French underground evaded the Germans and moved into Spain from where he returned to American control.

"Childhood Memories: The War Between Imperial Japan and the United States," written by Junichi Moriyama and Translated by Major Takashi Ishikawa (Japanese Defense Force) - Japanese Defense Force member Moriyama briefly describes a few memories of being young in Japan during World War II.

"Tales of A Kriegy" by Col. Jimmie Kanaya, MSC US Army (Ret.)- This contains two letters written by Kanaya, then a lieutenant in the 442nd RCT, dealing with a situation concerning the Battle of the Lost Battalion in France in late 1944 that resulted in his capture by the Germans. He also describes a temporary escape from a German POW camp.

"The Chaplain and the Culture of Death" by Chaplain (LTC) James R. McClements (US Army Retired)- McClements discusses death from impressions gained as a draftee assigned to the infantry in the 1950s and in much greater detail based on being a Protestant chaplain in the 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile) in Vietnam during the mid-1960s.

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02.0464

CollName (Full)

Jack R. Nuckols

ScopeNote

The collection of Jack R. Nuckols, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Private First Class Nuckols served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO).

The collection also contains a personal manuscript, an honorable discharge certification, and a veteran's questionnaire. There are also two photos, one of Nuckols in uniform in 1944, and the other of Nuckols in 2002. The oral history and the personal account jointly tell the story of Nuckols. He had been a Boy Scout and Sea Scout and volunteered for the U.S. Marines. He talks of training in San Diego and Camp Pendleton and the weapons and tactics they used. He then traveled to Guadalcanal to gather an invasion force for Okinawa. He describes fighting on Okinawa before being wounded and going to Japan and Guam. After the surrender of Japan, he is assigned to China and joins the Marines. He is then discharged after serving in the Pacific Theater and briefly mentions his experiences at home.

Extent/Location

Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 03.0024
CollName (Full) Louis G. Dooley
ScopeNote Louis Dooley (served 1943-46) describes his service in the Pacific as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. Dooley did not see combat but was stationed in Hawaii and on Guam in the last stages and immediate aftermath of the war. The interview contains several anecdotes of life on base.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 03.0060
CollName (Full) Katherine M. Laird
ScopeNote The collection of Katherine Laird, contains an oral history transcript of an interview conducted by or for the Institute on World War II. In the interview, Laird describes her experiences as an airline stewardess on the Home Front.

Katherine Laird grew up in Minnesota and graduated from college in 1940. She worked as an airline stewardess for Northwest out of Seattle, and the airlines had the main role of flying servicemen to their bases. Laird recalls the shortages of butter, their use of oleo and gasoline, her frequent carpooling, and nylon stockings.

Three of Laird's brothers fought (one in the Navy, and two in the Army); all of them returned safely. Her husband fought with the U.S. Marines in both WWII and Korea. They married after WWII and lived on \$150 dollars a week, which was Mr. Laird's lawyer's pay. Mrs. Laird believes the war was important in advancing the role and place of women, especially with respect to wages. She recalls the "riot" of joy in Seattle at D-Day (she probably means V-E Day) and V-J Day. She believes her mother kept a Victory Garden.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 03.0200
CollName (Full) Clayton Hagberg
ScopeNote Clayton Hagberg (U.S. Marine Corps, 1942-1945) enlisted and completed basic training in San Diego, California. He was transferred to Camp Elliot to train on 81mm mortars. He served in the 2nd Division as a communications lineman in the wire section in New Zealand. Saw combat at Tarawa and Saipan, Tinian, and was part of the occupation of Nagasaki.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 04.0066

CollName (Full) Toothman Brothers

ScopeNote The collection of the Toothman Brothers contains a manuscript "WW II Action, Toothman Brothers in Their Own Words," on four brothers, from near the town of Barrackville, West Virginia, who all served.

Fred R. Toothman served as a Navy ensign and moved from the rank of naval junior officer to Lieut. R. J. The USS Tryon was a hospital ship and in the joint Navy and Army invasion of the New Georgia Islands in the Pacific. He took part in and provides considerable detail in the interview about a reconnaissance of one of the islands. He also provides details on Navy life as an officer ashore in San Diego, life on a troop carrier (the USS LaSalle), and duties and life on Pacific islands. He recounts his experience with malaria. He also mentions the fear of some troops. The collection includes his memoirs, pictures, and maps in addition to those of his three brothers: Melvin, Glenn, and James.

Melvin Toothman served as a B-24 pilot in Squadron 707 of the 446 Bomb Group, 8th Air Force. He describes his training and bombing missions in Europe (ETO).

Glenn Toothman served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Pacific Theater (PTO). He recounts in his own memoir his training at Quantico and Camp Lejeune. He was on Leyte briefly during the invasion and then on Guam after its capture.

James Toothman served as a Lieutenant Commander in the US Naval Reserve in the Pacific Theater (PTO). He took part in the 1937 shakedown cruise of the USS Enterprise (CV-6) to Guantanamo Bay, West Africa, and Rio de Janeiro. During the war, James Toothman served on the USS Yorktown.

Fred Toothman served in the Navy on the USS Tryon in the Pacific Theater (he covers the Battle of Coral Sea and the sinking of the Yorktown at Midway. He then served on the USS Altamaha, a baby flattop, where he became the CIC Officer. He provides excellent details of onboard life and the personalities. The Altamaha delivered fighter planes to India. It then delivered planes to Guadalcanal. He was then aboard the USS Princeton for the Marianas' "Great Turkey Shoot." He then served the remainder of the war as a personnel officer ashore. The folder also contains a two-page article about the difficulties in commissioning and initial shakedown of the baby flattops.

All the memoirs of the four brothers detail training, battle details, daily life, and the transition to civilian life.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 04.0102
CollName (Full) Bill P. Cumbaa
ScopeNote The collection of Bill P. Cumbaa, contains an oral history transcript of an interview conducted by or for the Institute on World War II. Cumbaa served in the U.S. Marine Corp. in the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines in the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO).

Bill Cumbaa joined the Marines through training while attending a school program, and after he graduated, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Cumbaa was commander of a rifle platoon, which was part of a replacement battalion for the First Marine Division. He was first stationed on Pavuvu in the Solomon Islands and got to see Bob Hope perform there. Cumbaa saw his first combat on Peleliu Island as part of the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, the division reserve. The Marines fought on Peleliu for 45 days, using grenades and napalm to root out the Japanese one by one. During this battle, black Marines, who usually worked only on supply and beach detail, were pulled in as stretcher-bearers, and then as front line foxhole soldiers, too. This really changed Cumbaa's view of black soldiers. His next invasion after Peleliu was Okinawa on 1 April 1945. His division had very few casualties in the first wave but had many more as a relief division later. Then they trained for the invasion of Japan, and then after the surrender, they were assigned to China. He was mustered out from the Pensacola Naval Yard in February 1946.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 04.0119
CollName (Full) Robert Eugene McCann, Jr.
ScopeNote The collection of Robert Eugene McCann, Jr., contains an oral history transcript of an interview conducted by or for the Institute on World War II. McCann served in the Navy onboard the Napa in the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO) and in China (CBI Theater). McCann joined the Navy in 1943. He went to boot camp in Michigan and then received amphibious training in Coronado Beach, CA. He and his fellow servicemen sailed from Oregon on the Napa, stopping to load U.S. Marines off Maui, and arrived at Iwo Jima on 19 February 1945. McCann and his fellow seamen handled the landing craft that took the Marines to the beaches. He was on Blue Beach and took Marines and supplies back and forth for five days without stopping.

After Iwo Jima, McCann went to Radar School and became a radarman third class. In July 1945, McCann took troops and supplies in by landing craft for the invasion of Okinawa. Then he went to Manila, and after the surrender, he went to Yokohama, Japan. In September, he (on the Napa) went to China and took Nationalist troops on the run from the Communists to Formosa (Taiwan). Then he acted as a military policeman on shore duty in China, before returning to the US. McCann was decommissioned on 30 May 1946. This collection includes a write up of his experiences by Mr. McCann.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 04.0138
CollName (Full) Ralph B. Murphy
ScopeNote Ralph B. Murphy served with the 7th Marine Regiment of the 1st U.S. Marine Division during WWII in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Mr. Murphy was born in Winchester, Kentucky on June 11, 1918 and was raised in New Albany, Indiana. Before serving, Mr. Murphy graduated from Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts and then went to work for the Department of the Interior as a field aide with the United Pueblos Indian agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Just before enlistment, he was employed with the Air Material Command out of Dayton, Ohio. After Pearl Harbor, Mr. Murphy enlisted, and in November of 1942, was sent to Quantico, Virginia, for basic and officers training. Graduating a 2nd Lieutenant, he was assigned to the 17th Replacement Battalion and deployed from Camp Elliot, San Diego, California for Melborne, Australia. There he joined his unit and fought with it through the battles of Cape Gloucester, Pelilieu and Okinawa. After Okinawa, Mr. Murphy was sent home on leave, and was stateside for the dropping of the atomic bombs. While deployed, his duties included censoring mail and generating casualty lists for the regiment as adjunct. Mr. Murphy's collection includes an oral history, a resume of service and a manuscript authored by him.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 04.0240
CollName (Full) John T. Smith
ScopeNote John Smith was a photographer in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Pacific Theater (PTO). The collection includes newspaper clippings (some are reproductions), which contain photos taken by Smith. There is a photograph of an African American Navy boxer who held the Pacific Heavyweight Title. Also included are shots of African American Marines on a Pacific beach. There is a newspaper article that quotes PFC Smith and a photo of Smith in the Pacific (this is not an original).

Extent/Location MS Coll: 1 box

Acc# 04.0288
CollName (Full) Carl Turner Newland
ScopeNote This collection includes an unidentified photo, a photocopy of U.S. Marine Carl Newland's 1943 diary, and a transcription of his oral history from the Reichelt Oral History Program. Newland, a Private FC with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division relates mostly the daily life of a soldier holding a position - in his case, Guadalcanal. Much of his entries tell of endless rain and mosquitoes, nightly air raids, guard duty, sickness, occasional patrols and position changes, and always the hope for "hot chow" and letters from home. Newland spent a lot of time digging trenches and stringing barbed wire, playing cards when work was done. He also boasts of killing Japanese while scouting or patrolling and taking their money and gold teeth. The diary covers January and most of February 1943, and then jumps to December 1943, when Newland's platoon of 42 men engaged a whole battalion of Japanese soldiers. 17 were killed and 16 wounded. Newland escaped unhurt despite several close calls. He'd been wounded and received the Purple Heart at some point earlier in the war.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 04.0296
CollName (Full) Ray (Renalod) Anthony Liberti
ScopeNote Ray Liberti joined the U.S. Marine Corp after the attack on 7 December 1941. He was trained at Parris Island, South Carolina as part of the Third Marine Division, just a month after his marriage. He shipped out of Pearl Harbor to Guam. After further training at Guam, his division acted as a reserve for the invasion of Iwo Jima. By the time they went in, they were working over the dead. Liberti was unable to say much about Iwo Jima. He was a Staff Sergeant and had sixteen men under him. Liberti also discusses mail, censorship, and rationing. His wife talks about women in war work. He contrasts the attitude of the American people and Hollywood during World War II which was one hundred percent supportive, with today's attitudes. This collection includes an oral history.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 05.0105
CollName (Full) Kenneth A. Skoog
ScopeNote Kenneth A. Skoog served in the European Theater (ETO) in the 121st and the 118th US Army Signal Radio Intelligence Corps. His collection includes nine World War I photos and 82 World War II photos. The World War II photos show the 118th and 121st Signal Radio Intelligence Companies. There are also personal photos of Skoog, Charles A. Bowen, Jr., and Army buddies. There are photos taken in Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, and Austria. The collection also includes letters from Charles A. Bowen, Jr., who was a U.S. Marine Corps photographer, to Kenneth A. Skoog. The letters include descriptions of fine art, drawings, poetry, and a sketched map. Ephemera such as unused postcards are also in the collection. There are also three short manuscripts written by Kenneth A. Skoog about his life before and during the war.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: (1) 1/4 box

Acc# 05.0142
CollName (Full) Charles T. Matthews
ScopeNote Charles T. Matthews served in the Merchant Marines and in the US and Canadian Navies in the Pacific Theater; he served as a second machinist aboard the USS Markab (AD-21) and the USS Blue (DD-744).

After the attack on 7 December 1941, Matthews tried to join the U.S. Marine Corp and the US Navy before he joined the Merchant Marines. After he served in the Merchant Marines, he joined the Canadian Navy and then joined the US Navy in 1943.

The collection consists of a stream-of-consciousness narrative about his wartime experiences and a current photograph. Also, there is a manuscript entitled "The Sinking of the Jap Battleship 'Nagota.'"
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 05.0147
CollName (Full) Marjorie Fine
ScopeNote Marjorie Morganstein Fine was a high school student during WWII. Her two brother-in-laws and her boyfriend were in the Navy. Her boyfriend was attached to the U.S. Marine 6th Marine Division and was killed at Okinawa on 4 April 1945. The collection contains newspaper clippings from the Baltimore Sun, a Navy Department pamphlet titled "Lest We Forget...," and a Home Front questionnaire.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 05.0150
CollName (Full) Simon Portnoy
ScopeNote Simon Portnoy was a private 1st class (PFC) with the U.S. Marines in the Pacific Theater. Portnoy was a parachute rigger with the 2nd Marine Airwing VMO2. He served in Guam from December 10, 1944 to February 2, 1945, Saipan from February 2, 1945 to August 21, 1945, and then went to Japan. He was involved in the fake assault landing at Okinawa. The collection consists of a Christmas 1945 menu from the USS Miffin (APO207), Japanese and French currency, and the August 15, 1945 and September 3, 1945 editions of the Saipan Beacon newspaper.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 05.0168
CollName (Full) Jack Richardson
ScopeNote This collection consists of the U.S. Marine Raider Association Magazine from the 1980s through 2005. There are also membership rosters from the U.S. Marine Raider Association, as well as other materials relating to the Association. In addition, there are 3 post-war articles regarding WWII.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: (1) 1/4 box

Acc# 05.0177
CollName (Full) Charles Clifford Ellington
ScopeNote Charles Clifford Ellington was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as officer in charge of Heavy Weapons Platoon, K company, 3rd of the 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He was the only officer left in the company at the end of the Okinawa battle. Included in the collection is a book mentioning Ellington, also known as "Duke," his dress greens, and other documents.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 06.0009
CollName (Full) Gretchen W. Scoggin
ScopeNote Official military reproduction of a prisoner of war letter sent to his family from Bilibid. It is in Manila. Soldier's name and rank are unknown, but based on the letter, it seems as if he was an officer in the U.S. Marines. Letter includes descriptions of marching in POW lines to Bilibid, their surrender at Bataan, living off 1,200 calories a day in the camp, bombing Corregidor, Red Cross supplies and increased love of country. Letters also mention the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines and rampant rumors about being rescued. Letter ends with impending relocation, but outcome is unknown.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 06.0027
CollName (Full) Irvin Baker
ScopeNote The collection of Irvin Baker follows his service as an American Jew who served in the U.S. Marines in the Pacific Theater. It consists of a typescript memoir of the author's experiences in training at Officer Candidate School at Parris Island, at the Battle of Iwo Jima (January - February 1945), and in further training for the abortive invasion of Japan. There is a short conclusion describing his life after the war as well. Irvin Baker was a Lieutenant in B Company of the 24th Replacement Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps, attached to the 4th U.S. Marine Division; later he served in the 10th Amtrak Battalion in the same rank. He had extensive training with Amtrak (amphibious tractors). Lt. Baker provides many anecdotes of Jewish U.S. Marines and their experiences with Anti-Semitism. There are seven pages of photographs, many of them from other sources.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 06.0067

CollName (Full) John Overmyer

ScopeNote The collection of John Overmyer, contains an oral history transcript of an interview conducted by or for the Institute on World War II. Overmyer served as a selective volunteer in the Navy and Fifth Marine Corps Division as a medic from 1943 until the war's end. He served in the Pacific Theater (PTO) with the I Company, Third Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment.

The collection includes taped and transcribed interviews by Mary Beth Wilson done on 20 March 2006. In the interviews, Overmyer describes his desire to go into service prior to his 18th birthday, but he was not able to do so because his father would not sign for him. Overmyer also discusses his service on Iwo Jima as a medic with the U.S. Marines, where he was injured, and for which he later received the Silver Star.

Also, there is a manuscript (a student paper) that describes Overmyer's duties and experiences with the I Company, Third Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment. He trained with the U.S. Marines in Oklahoma, Oakland (California), San Diego, and Hawaii. He was sent to Iwo Jima. The manuscript explains Overmyer's task of treating the wounded in massive numbers on the beach of Iwo Jima and his difficulty of removing the wounded from the line of fire. Overmyer was only 19 years old at this time. He describes his duties as being too much for him to handle. Overmyer also explains the devastation of losing men he knew. His duties, Overmyer claims, were constantly needed.

Overmyer also discusses Japanese warfare. Japanese men would call to him for medical help and even shout his name to confuse him. Overmyer was also aimed and shot at on purpose. Finally, he describes his own injury, his transport to Guam, and his return home.

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Acc# 06.0098
CollName (Full) Diana Naylor Morgan
ScopeNote The collection of Diana Naylor Morgan, contains an oral history transcript of an interview conducted by or for the Institute on World War II. The collection includes information from the dates 1940-1963, but the bulk of the information is from 1942-1948.

Diana Naylor Morgan was a junior USO hostess. Most of the collection consists of letters written to her and her parents (Charles and Matilda) from servicemen they had met while living in New Jersey. A majority of the letters come from British sailors (a nearby hotel in New Jersey housed British sailors), but also American soldiers wrote to them. Most were serving in the Pacific, one was in North Africa, several were in Europe, and some were in training on the American mainland. Most soldiers were in the Navy, but some were in the Army, and some were on the Home Front. Specific locations mentioned are the Russell Islands, Algiers, Malta, Italy, Bermuda, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, the Dutch East Indies, and Germany. Of particular interest are the letters from Rose Murrell, a young girl in London whose brother Morgan had met in New Jersey. Murrell talks about life in London as a teenager during the war. Also, there are letters from Ivor Powell to Morgan, in which he talks about combat and living conditions in a lot of letters and is very detailed.

Aside from the letters are quite a few newspapers, all of which are available on microfilm. The newspapers date from 1940-1963, although the majority of them concern World War II. There is the New York Times, New York Daily PM, Haverhill Evening Gazette (available on microfilm through the Boston Public Library), and The Evening Star.

There are also three books in the collection. "US Navy War Photographs," edited by Edward Steichen, is a collection of official US Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and Color Guard photographs in the Pacific Theater. "New York Herald Tribune Front Page History of the Second World War," 1946, is a timeline of the war from 1 September 1939 to 15 August 1945 through the front pages of the New York Tribune. It includes additional photographs. "Britain at War" by J.B. Priestly, is a book published in 1942 about the British war effort.

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Artifact #06.0098.01 was deaccessioned because it was in poor condition and because it was a duplicate.

Acc# 06.0157
CollName (Full) Robert Burns
ScopeNote Robert Burns served in Puerto Rico, at a Naval Air Station. This collection consists mostly of photographs, but also includes two newsletters, a news clipping about two KIA soldiers, and assorted U.S. Marine Corps ephemera (dance invitations and picture postcards). The photographs (188 total) show Robert Burns before, during, and after the war. Most photos are of his unit (unknown), and the natives of Puerto Rico. Also included are some non-WWII related items, mostly U.S. Marine Corps bumper stickers.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: [1] 1/4 box; AT Coll: Box 35; Small Textiles Box 1

Acc# 07.0037

CollName (Full) Thomas Baszkowski

ScopeNote
The collection of Thomas Baszkowski, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Baszkowski served in the US Navy aboard the USS New Jersey and LST-700 in the Pacific Theater (PTO). He worked on fire control and amphibious landings.

In the interview, Baszkowski recounts his basic family history leading up to his enlistment in 1943. (His rank was FC 3/C.) His training was in fire control and then in amphibious training. Baszkowski gives a recollection of losing a prized possession on a shakedown cruise. He also provides details about the cruise he took into the Pacific.

Baszkowski continues recalling the job of his shop of delivering equipment to the U.S. Marines. He remembers seeing a friend from home. He discusses Leyte, Luzon, and Linguyen Gulf. He provides details about a kamikaze attack on his ship and the aftermath. He details his tour of Manila and the Philippines. He talks about a typhoon and how bad it was. Finally, Baszkowski speaks about his ship's terms and the repatriation of Japanese and Korean soldiers.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 07.0064

CollName (Full) John L. Haynes

ScopeNote
John L. Haynes was a U.S. Marine from Jacksonville, Florida. He served in the China-Burma-India (CBI) Theater during World War II and also in the Korean War. The collection includes two newspaper articles, eight issues of the "China Marine Scuttlebutt" (the official publication of the China Marine Association), and five wartime photographs of John L. Haynes.

John Leroy Haynes was a U.S. Marine during World War II. He was inducted into the U.S. Marines on 2 June 1930 in Jacksonville, Florida, at age of 15 (although he had tried to enlist at 13) and received his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He was discharged from the U.S. Marines on 1 July 1975 having served in WWII, the Korean War (where he was wounded on 15 August 1952), and in the Vietnam War with the rank of Major. Haynes was assigned to the First Marine Division during WWII and participated in demolitions/mine warfare in China. Throughout his service, he received a Silver Star, a Purple Heart, two Presidential Unit Citations, and three Navy Unit Commendations. His unit was also present at the surrender of the Japanese in China.

The collection includes a transcription of an interview of Mr. Haynes, a copy of excerpt from a book concerning fighting in North China during WWII, a newspaper article about the China Marine Association, a WWII-era newspaper article about fighting in North China, WWII photographs of Mr. Haynes, and 10 editions of "China Marine Scuttlebutt," the official publication of the China Marine Association.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 07.0065

CollName (Full) Carl Baker

ScopeNote Carl Baker served in the Navy in the European Theater (ETO); he transferred to the U.S. Marines, in which he served as a second class pharmacist mate and went to the Pacific Theater (PTO).

Baker joined the Navy in 1942. He was assigned as a senior corpsman at the Naval Hospital at Great Lakes Naval Station. He crossed the Atlantic on LST-543, and he eventually prepared for the Normandy invasion from England.

Baker was transferred to the U.S. Marines where he kept his position as a second class pharmacist mate. He participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima as a medic. In the collection's manuscript, he writes about his free time in Japan after the war.

The collection consists of two photos, a manuscript, and a news article.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 07.0071

CollName (Full) Coquina Crossing WWII Veterans

ScopeNote The 9th DVD is a taped program of the "premier" of the documentary shown at the Coquina Crossing. Series of 9 DVDs produced by PBS and Flagler College. The first seven DVDs are interviews of 28 WWII veterans in Elkton, Florida by WJCT/PBS Jacksonville. The interviews include two women who served, a WAVE, a U.S. Marine, a black army soldier, a D-Day Paratrooper, a soldier who gives impressions of the Enola Gay and the Atomic Bomb, a dive bomber, and many others. There is also a copy of a Flagler College documentary on the area's veterans. The last DVD shows the evening's events leading up to when the movie was shown.

Extent/Location 9 DVDs in CD case, news article in Master File

Acc# 07.0118

CollName (Full) Russell N. Swanson

ScopeNote Russell N. Swanson was a naval aviator for the U.S. Marine Corps who served in World War II and later in Korea. Swanson was born May 17, 1923 and later graduated from the University of Southern California at Davis with a Bachelor of Science degree in June 1950. Swanson's highest ranking level was as a major.

Although Swanson served during WWII, most of this collection is focused around his service during the Korean War. The collection includes fourteen photographs, numerous Air Medal certificates, eight medals, one dead reckoning computer, three Aviator's flight log books, and several dozen copies and original orders that Swanson received throughout his military career.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder; AT Coll: Box 37

Acc# 07.0132
CollName (Full) Elmer Archibald Caldwell
ScopeNote The collection of Elmer Archibald Caldwell, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Caldwell served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Headquarters Company, First Battalion, First Marines in the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO) and in China.

This collection contains an oral history interview conducted by Karl C. Kribbs on 13 October 2007. The oral history was about Caldwell's experiences before, during, and after the war. Caldwell had his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. While he was there, he worked on the rifle range as an expert rifleman. Caldwell saw action on Okinawa and was later sent to China for a time. On Okinawa, he was a runner between HQ Company and the head of the battalion. His hometown was Middlesex Township, Pennsylvania. Before the war, he had worked in war work, which had him on deferment from the draft until he volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 07.0138
CollName (Full) Martha Timanus
ScopeNote Martha Timanus served in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve, USMCWR, 1943-1944. Oral history transcript discusses that she grew up in Dade County, Florida and graduated high school in 1936. She graduated from the University of Miami in 1940 and was working as a secretary when the war started. She discusses basic training and the U.S. Marine Women's Recruit Depot at New River, North Carolina. She advanced to 1st lieutenant and battalion commander in charge for the training of recruits. Her husband served in the Marines and participated at Guadalcanal. Both used the G.I. Bill after discharge.

The collection consists of a transcribed interview between Stacy Tanner and Martha Dorn Timanus. In the interview, Timanus briefly describes her adolescence in Dade County, Florida during the 1940's where she worked in a local school. She describes her incentive for joining the women's U.S. Marine Corps and her life during Basic Training and service with the military. Timanus also discusses life after the service as she moves back to Miami and deals with her WWII veteran husband who suffered from malaria.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 08.0017
CollName (Full) Pansy Hancock Vaccaro
ScopeNote Pansy Hancock Vaccaro served in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve during World War II. She was born in Portersville, Maryland and grew up on a small farm during the Depression but mentioned her family did comparably well because her father did oyster and seafood farming. Before enlisting, she and her sister patrolled beaches, looking for and reporting on any aircraft that they spotted. She joined the U.S. Marine Corps in April 1944 and was placed in the beauty shop as a specialist. She attended boot camp at Camp Lejeune and then went to Cherry Point, North Carolina to work in the beauty shop- eventually being transferred to Washington DC.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 08.0038
CollName (Full) Lucile Tanner
ScopeNote The collection of Lucile Tanner, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. In the interview, Tanner recalls the memories of her World War II experience on the Home Front, as well as the memories of her late husband's experiences in the U.S. Marine Corps and in his career.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 08.0050
CollName (Full) Leon Ledson
ScopeNote Leon Ledson joined the U.S. Marine Corps at 18 in 1942. He served as a Machine gunner. He spent some time in Cuba and the US Virgin Islands, and then he was sent to the Pacific Theater where he served in Guam and Okinawa.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 08.0059
CollName (Full) Don E. Larsch
ScopeNote Don Larsch was in the 6th Joint Assault Signal Company, 6th Marine Division in the Pacific Theater (Guadalcanal, Guam, Okinawa, Iwo Jima). The narrative's main emphasis is on unit operations, including a non-signal function of reconnaissance for combat troops, and adverse conditions endured on the Pacific Islands while in the U.S. Marine Corp.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 08.0060
CollName (Full) Albert Tesch
ScopeNote Albert Tesch relates his career in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII as a member of a scout dog platoon. Tesch and his dog, Tippy, supported U.S. Marine divisions in the battles on Guadalcanal, Guam, and Iwo Jima. He and the dog operated as a tactical team. Tesch was wounded and Tippy temporarily crippled during one encounter.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 08.0090
CollName (Full) 6th Marine Division Association
ScopeNote This collection of the 6th Marine Division Association is a compilation of mostly photocopies of original manuscripts and memoirs, military documents, poetry, and articles on individual U.S. Marines in the Pacific Theater and their unit as a whole. The 6th Marine Division was created on Guadalcanal in September 1944. The First Provisional Marine Brigade, including the 4th Marine and 22nd Marine Regiments and their supporting artillery battalions, was under the command of General Lemuel C. Shepard, and this was the core of the Division. In April 1945, the Division took part in the invasion of Okinawa, including the battle for Sugar Loaf Hill.

The collection includes several memoirs. William Pierce's memoir begins with his training at Parris Island, Camp Lejeune, and Camp Pendleton, California, with the 29th Regiment, which was attached to the First Provisional. Pierce trained on Guadalcanal and participated in the invasion of Okinawa. In his memoir, he describes battles, his being wounded, his recreation time after the war ended, and his arrival home at the war's end. Other memoirs include ones from Bill Cullen, Donald Harris, Jr. (who was the Navy Hospital apprentice assigned to the Division), and Robert Reyburn.

The collection includes photocopies of photos and articles about the 29th Marines on Guam and Okinawa. There are also copies of military citations to individuals for the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, Silver Star, etc. There is a biography of Gen. Lemuel Cornick Shepard, Jr. Also, there are short articles on dogs that were used to sniff out snipers. Another article is on barrage balloons. Other articles include ones on various battles and articles from "The Old Breed News," "Marine Corps Gazette," "Marine Corps League," and "Fortitude," or "Leatherneck."
Extent/Location Gen Coll: [1] 1/4 Box

Acc# 08.0147
CollName (Full) Frank A. Anderson
ScopeNote In Frank A. Anderson's Roger Peter 13: Diary of a Destroyer, The Wartime Story of the USS Thomas E. Fraser, several interviews of the Fraser's veterans, along with battle reports, war diaries, log books, charts and maps have been collected to portray the destroyer's 16 months of duty in the Pacific. It's purpose was to tell future generations what those on the Fraser went through, describing its role of providing fire support for U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima. It was also meant to honor those who served on the Destroyer by describing its origins and through many interviews and phone conversation with the "Frasermen", it took on the form of an oral history to accurately show the duties of the sailors on board the USS Thomas E. Fraser. The collection includes several photographs of the Fraser and the other ships affiliated with it during battles and other missions that the Destroyer undertook, all photo copied within the manuscript.
Extent/Location MS Coll: 1 box

Acc# 09.0025
CollName (Full) Jack C. Carroll
ScopeNote Jack Carroll, Platoon Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, served in the 15th Marines' 3rd Defense Battalion, later to become the 18th Anti-Aircraft Battalion. He remained a Staff Sergeant throughout most of the war, being promoted to Gunnery Sergeant closer towards Japan's surrender and his honorable discharge from the U.S. Marines. Born and raised during the Great Depression in Forsyth, Georgia, Carroll entered the U.S. Marine Corps recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina in 1938. He was then trained to fire 3 inch anti-aircraft guns at Quantico, Virginia, before being shipped to Pearl Harbor in February 1940. Carroll experienced the horrors of December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor firsthand, and took part in securing the Pacific Islands of Jonson, Midway, Palmyra, and Guam. He was soon sent to Guadalcanal, where he acted as a gun captain of several 3-inch guns defending Henderson Airfield. Following Guadalcanal, Carroll was shipped back to Quantico and trained at their Ordinance School. He became part of the 18th Anti-Aircraft Battalion and was thereafter shipped to Saipan to protect the airfields. His unit suffered under heavy bombings, and was later moved to protect Tinian as well. On Tinian, he participated in "mop up" patrols, searching for sporadic remnants of Japanese resistance on the Island. Carroll encountered several Japanese soldiers and prisoners there. He saw the Enola Gay, which took off from Tinian under the protection of Carroll and his Anti-Aircraft gunners to drop the first Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima. Arriving back in the U.S. before the Japanese surrendered, Carroll was soon honorably discharged because he had asthma, and moved to Oklahoma with his wife. Described in detail are experiences with the Japanese prisoners, bombings of airfields, and the treatment of military personnel before, during, and after WWII.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 09.0069
CollName (Full) Robert Hoffman
ScopeNote The collection of Robert Hoffman contains an oral history transcript provided by the Reichelt Oral History Program. Hoffman served in the U.S. Marines on Guam, guarding supplies and Japanese POWs. Before enlisting, he served in the Florida State Guard. His oldest brother was in the Navy, and his other two brothers were in the Army Air Force. He then went to college on the G.I. Bill.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 97.0015
CollName (Full) Harry Horsman
ScopeNote Oral History transcript states that U.S. Marine Horsman landed on Guadalcanal 1942
Extent/Location Gen Coll: (1) 1/2 box; AT Coll: Box 1

Acc# 97.0020
CollName (Full) Pellicane Family
ScopeNote This collection contains letters written by the Pellicane family during the war. Lt. Charles Joseph Pellicane was in the Army and his wife, Lt. Betty Pellicane was an Army Nurse and Robert Pellicane was a flight officer in the Army Air Corps and Alfred G. Pellican, from the U.S. Marine Corps boot camp.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 full box

Acc# 97.0033
CollName (Full) John P. Stone
ScopeNote John P. Stone was a platoon leader for the 1st platoon of "I" company, 3rd Battalion, 29th Marines of the U.S. Marine Corp. He led his platoon in the battle of Okinawa in the Pacific Theater and was later promoted to company commander for his actions in that battle. In this capacity, Stone had to respond to letters from parents or other relatives who had learned of their loved ones' - Stone's men's - deaths. The collection contains many of these particularly touching letters, as well as letters to and from Stone, artifacts, documents, an oral history, a manuscript, newspapers, and books.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 full box; MS Coll: 1 box; AT Coll: Box 1

Acc# 97.0084
CollName (Full) William U. Kapp
ScopeNote Bill Kapp joined the U.S. Marines in December 1941. After training at Parris Island, South Carolina, he shipped to New Zealand with the 5th Marines to train for the invasion of Guadalcanal in August 1942. Among the first to land at the beach, Kapp escaped Guadalcanal unscathed and then fought in New Guinea, New Britain, and Peleliu, where he was wounded. He was preparing for the invasion of Japan when the A-bomb ended the war. Collection consists of Kapp's service diary, which he transcribed with additional notes and memories, and newspaper article about Kapp's experience in Guadalcanal, and Kapp's correspondence with various other archives and museums to whom he has donated.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 97.0088
CollName (Full) Anthony C. Chillemi
ScopeNote Anthony Chillems served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (1940), in the Hospital Corps of the Navy (1941-February 1942), and as a ward corpsman in the fleet marine force (February 1942-1945). He received naval training in Newport, Rhode Island, and was eventually assigned to the Naval Hospital in Brooklyn. In February 1942 Chillemi was assigned to the fleet marine force. After his training in New River, North Carolina, he served in the Pacific Theater. Chillemi served in A Medical Company, 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Division as a Pharmacist's Mate. His duties included digging ditches, building shelters, providing medical attention to the wounded. His collection includes a manuscript of his experience in the CCC, Navy, and U.S. Marine Corps. The manuscript includes copies of photographs, broadsides, his recollections of service personnel, and his personal memories of training for, participating in, and coming home from the war.
Extent/Location MS Coll: 1 box

Acc# 98.0022
CollName (Full) Joseph Tomaino
ScopeNote Joseph Tomaino was a private in the U.S. Marine Corps. This collection includes postal telegraphs (that inform his family of him being wounded in action), newspaper clippings (honoring WWII as a world savior), photo copies of photographs of Tomaino's boot camp, copies of military orders and assignments, confirmations of scheduled reports of duty, instructions for inspection of clothing on the bunk, menus, maps, pictures of patches and other related government documents pertaining to Tomaino's service.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 98.0053

CollName (Full) Shirley Colgan Goodwyne

ScopeNote Shirley Colgan Goodwyne's collection pertains to both her brother and her husband. Her husband, James F. Goodwyne, a native of Jacksonville, Florida, served in the Navy's Underwater Demolition Team 14 (UDT 14) in the Pacific, the first all Navy team. They operated off of the USS Bull (APD-78). Included is the history of the unit and a listing of all the men. Copies of personal recollections of individual men and a "confidential" copy of "Key Plan Iwo Jima Beaches" detail a beach reconnaissance report. The team participated in the invasions of Lingayen Gulf (Philippines), Iwo Jima, and Kerama, Okinawa from January through March 1945.

Newspaper stories and a magazine article about William Winfield Colgan, a Pharmacist Mate Second Class with the 1st Marine Division of the U.S. Marine Corp., describes his actions and death in October 1944 on Peleliu. Photos are included.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 98.0072

CollName (Full) William E. O'Herrin

ScopeNote William E. O'Herrin served with the 22nd Marines in the U.S. Marine Corp. His unit designation was H92-22. He enlisted in April 1942 and was discharged in May 1945. He was trained as a field wireman in the infantry. He served in the Pacific seeing action in Samoa, several islands in the Marshall Islands, Guadalcanal, and Guam. The collection consists of a manuscript of 97 pages, including many pictures, and a letter to his children and grandchildren written in 1984 on the anniversary of the attack on 7 December 1941, relating his memories and lasting effects of the war on his life.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 98.0099

CollName (Full) Elizabeth M. Walker

ScopeNote W. Stokes Walker served in the 4th Marines of the U.S. Marine Corp as a "Transport Quartermaster" (TQM) in the Pacific, especially at Kwajalein. The Collection has 4 letters, one of which is typed, and another which is handwritten but barely readable (the ink has faded over the years) which has been retranscribed. Two other handwritten letters are in good condition. The rewritten letter was signed "Harry" (while the others were signed "Stokes") and is about him marching in the field. Collection contains war rations books, 2 photos, and a mail package case. The typewritten letter is about Stokes' time as a "TQM" and the 2 good handwritten letters are about shore leave in Tijuana (where he sees a real bullfighting match) and quiet time after taking Kwajalein.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 98.0126

CollName (Full) U.S.S. Ashland

ScopeNote This collection includes a manuscript entitled "History of USS Ashland (LSD-1) 1943-46," which tells stories about the Navy's USS Ashland serving in the Pacific Theater. Section 1 contains sea stories by the crew of the Ashland; clippings from the Ashlander (daily newspaper); various official records, including a letter of appreciation from the U.S. Marine Corps; and daily life materials (food and ship store items). Section 2 contains the daily deck logs, monthly diaries, and action reports (transferred from the National Archives' microfilm). Also, the collection contains diaries of the crew members and their personal accounts. (LSD--primary mission of the LSD is to transport combat-loaded landing craft to enemy beaches).

The Ashland was built at the Moore Drydock Company in Oakland, California. It participated in the Baker Island occupation, and the invasions at Betio, Tarawa, Kwajalein Atoll, Eniwetok Atoll, Saipan, Tinian, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, and Iwo Jima.

Extent/Location MS Coll: 1 box

Acc# 98.0159

CollName (Full) Raymond N. Knight

ScopeNote This collection contains a memoir, "Experiences of Raymond Knight, U.S. Marine Corps." He left the US on the first ship after war was declared in January, 1942. His company served in Samoa, Guadalcanal, and the Gilbert Islands. He details battles and the struggles and sacrifices of the US Marines. The collection also contains a 4 page manuscript sent to the author detailing Operation Olympic- the plan for the invasion of Japan. This plan would have been far larger than the Normandy Invasion. It is believed that Japan had 2,300,000 men from all divisions plus the People's Home Army that included men, women, and children from age 13-60 armed with rifles and bamboo spears. These disastrous plans were not needed, due to the atomic bomb and eventual surrender of Japan.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 98.0161
CollName (Full) James W. Fackler
ScopeNote James W. Fackler was a Navy corpsman in a medical company that directly supported the U.S. Marines on Okinawa. The collection includes a manuscript, possibly by Fackler, and the daily log of the C Medical Company for the period of 2 April-2 June 1945, while the company was in direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment on Okinawa. The report was written by Lt. (Doctor) David Slossberg. The company included field aid stations and a field hospital.

The manuscript describes the activities of a member of a medical company, probably written by Fackler. It describes life as a corpsman, liberty, neuropsychiatric wards, battle fatigue, transportation, training at Camp Lejeune, entertainment onboard ship, training on Benika Island of the Russell Island group, food on the islands (including Spam), transport on the USS Magoffin, Ulithi, the USS Franklin, Okinawa, forward lines, fighting on Okinawa, medical operations on Okinawa, life in the forward lines for corpsmen, duty in postwar China, and shopping and life in China.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 98.0239
CollName (Full) Otto Edward Melsa
ScopeNote Otto Edward Melsa served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific Theater. This collection includes a six-page manuscript entitled "1st Marine Division Vet Visits Peleliu of Old and New", about serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater. This manuscript is a reflection on the military career of Colonel Otto Edward Melsa of the 1st Marine Division. This manuscript describes Melsa's memories of the battles of Peleliu and Okinawa. It also addresses Melsa's returning to Peleliu and Okinawa for anniversary celebrations. After the war, Melsa served in the Tennessee Army National Guard for 31 years.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 98.0342
CollName (Full) Henry H. Marsh
ScopeNote Henry H. Marsh was a major in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, Artillery. After fighting at Guadalcanal, he was billeted in Victoria, Australia, then fought in New Guinea before returning to the states. When he returned to the States, he served from August 1944 until July 1948. The collection includes copies of many government documents, a club card from the Officers' Club in Victoria, and a "Certificate of Membership: Domain of Neptunus Rex." There is also a lapel button with an eagle in a circle, known as the "ruptured duck," which was issued to all servicemen upon their release from active duty, and a U.S. Marine Corps reserve button. Also included are V-mail Henry wrote to his mother from Guadalcanal, assuring her of his safety and telling her about being considered for promotion, and a copy of "Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors," which contains an Episcopal order of worship, communion, prayers, psalms, scriptures, and hymns.

Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder; AT Coll: Box 9

Acc# 98.0358

CollName (Full) Francis Marion Wildman

ScopeNote Collection consists of photocopies of a diary, which covers 1937 to 1942, and a transcription of the portion of the diary that covers the wartime period. Francis Marion Wildman joined the U.S. Marines in 1940 and served in the Third Marine Amphibious Corps, 1st Marine Amphibious Corps and 1st Marine Raiders. He trained at Camp John P. Pryor, Monterey, California, Camp Ord, and Mare Island Navy Yard in Vallejo, California. and then served in Iceland with the 6th Marine Division from summer 1941 until January 1942. The diary contains detailed descriptions of conditions, housing, duties, entertainment, etc. on the base in Iceland. A photocopy of a letter to his mother also. In addition to this are the originals of dozens of letters between Francis Wildman and his mother, father, stepmother, brother and other friends and family. This includes one photo on 43 inch long paper kept separate from the collection. Also, there are original diaries, one covering 1937-1941 one 1942-1946, and one 1947-1951. These are the diaries copied above in addition to 1943-1951. Thirteen photos of Ireland and female friends and family are in the collection. Seven maps are also present. Education materials are included such as homework from high school and college, in addition to manuals, tests, and hand-to-hand fighting instructions from the Marines. Some songs and poems are in the collection as well, though it is unclear if they are original works. Post-war correspondence and a book for the U.S. Marine Raider Association are present. Finally, a large number of magazines, pamphlets, and brochures are located here, mostly regarding the Marine Corps, Naval Flight School and Iceland. These are primarily all from the War years.

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Acc# 98.0376

CollName (Full) Lewis J. Feucht

ScopeNote Lewis J. Feucht served in the Pacific Theater (PTO) as a radio operator in the US Marine Corps. Feucht enlisted 18 January 1944, and left the Marines on 7 May 1946. He later fought from 1950-51 in the Korean War.

Feucht describes boot camp training in San Diego, his assignment to USS General M.M. Patrick (AP-150), and more training on Guadalcanal. He also tells of landing on Okinawa to reinforce already-held positions and to secure the remainder of the island. As a radio operator, he gives an account of his observation duty for the seizure of Shuri Castle on Okinawa. This typed memoir includes a copy of a poem he found composed by an unknown soldier of the First U.S. Marine Division, which was in the battle around Shuri Castle. Following Okinawa, his unit moved to China where they manned a radio observation unit at an airstrip in Tientsin. His collection is a typed memoir and includes some of his own poems along with the copy of the anonymous one he found on Okinawa.

Extent/Location MS Coll: 1 box

Acc# 98.0391
CollName (Full) Arthur Edwin Brenton
ScopeNote The collection includes Arthur Edwin Brenton's original diary of events while serving aboard the USS Pennsylvania, 1942 until spring 1945, in the Pacific as a member of the U.S. Marine Guard. Also included are various Orders of the Day, ephemera from their stop in Australia, newsclippings, a newsletter "Chaplain on the Bridge," an original ship's menu for Thanksgiving 1944, as well as a newsletter entitled, "Second Call for BB38," for the men aboard the USS Pennsylvania.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 98.0397
CollName (Full) Frances Robinson Mitchell
ScopeNote Frances Robinson Mitchell served in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve from 1944 to 1946. The collection includes a 19 page manuscript describing ideologies of the period ranging from the Great Depression to after WWII. This manuscript also includes a description of the training sites at both Hunter College and Camp LeJeune as well as a discussion of the battles at Guadalcanal and Stalingrad. This manuscript is basically a retelling of the war without any real discussion of her role in the war.
Extent/Location Gen Coll: 1 folder

Acc# 98.0478

CollName (Full) Jane W. Borg

ScopeNote This a collection of two oral histories, one letter, one service record, and 1 pamphlet collected by the Pajaro Valley Arts Council, California. it includes the reprint a letter by Pvt. Lavern Borg written on April 2, 1945. The letter tells about his experiences with the 5th Marine Division of the U.S. Marine Corp in the battle of Iwo Jima. The next document includes a service record and medal list dated June 1967, January 1969, and August 1973.

Lt. Colonel Lavern Borg who received the Meritorious Service Medal as chief, Personnel Division, Landstuhl Medical Department Activity, Landstuhl, Germany.

The next document is an oral history about Dr. Philip Gilman, Jr. who was a doctor with the Navy in WWII. He joined the United States Naval Reserve in 1940 and in 1941 was stationed at the United States Navy Hospital at Pearl Harbor. He was cited for his service during the Pearl Harbor attack and worked at Pearl Harbor until July 1943. He was then sent to work on the furnishing of a large hospital ship in Brooklyn , NY, and was in the ship when it later took care of casualties from Okinawa; transporting injured from Okinawa to Pearl Harbor. At the end of the war he was sent to Nagasaki, as part of the first medical team to enter the city. There he cared for American POWs and returned to the US by December 1945.

The next document is a long oral history about the entire life of James Izumizaki of Watsonville, California . He fought in the Army's 442nd Regiment, an all Japanese-American unit which became the most decorated combat unit of WWII. He enlisted on March 3, 1940 and was trained in El Paso, Texas and Anniston, Alabama. He saw heavy fighting in the 442 Regimental combat unit in fighting with the 5th Army in Italy and 7th Army in southern France. He was wounded in combat and his brother Henry, who was also in the unit, died while he was still at the field hospital. Mr. Izumizaki was a regular rifleman and ended the war in Germany guarding enemy POWs. In September 1945 he returned to California and began work for many large growers. For almost 30 years, he worked for the Bud Atnle Company and was closely involved with all aspects of growing, marketing, and shipping of produce from both the Pajaro and Salinas Valleys; managing thousands of acres.

The last document of this file is a pamphlet entitled Nihen Bunka Japanese Culture: One hundred years in the Pajaro Valley. It tells the story of Japanese in the Pajaro Valley from the first Japanese arrivals around 1890 to the present. The Japanese faced much prejudice but prospered in the agriculture sector. During WWII, the Japanese community was interned and living conditions were rough. Most of the Japanese were sent to Poston Relocation Camp, Arizona, but many did return to the valley after the war. In fact Naturip Berry Groves started in 1917 is now one of the largest berry cooperatives in the world. Eventually in the 1970s and 1980s the U.S. government acknowledged the hardship it put the Japanese community through and gave some payment to them

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Acc#	98.0496
CollName (Full)	John Francis Richter
ScopeNote	<p>John Francis Richter served as a Navy corpsman with the 11th Regiment of the 1st Marine Division during the invasions and fighting, on Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester in the South Pacific. His collection includes various articles about the campaigns and his part in them, official documents and letters of commendation, pictures of his medical unit, commemorative coins and commendations from the Solomon and Marshall Island governments, a picture and ID with translation of a Japanese soldier who was on Guadalcanal, and a handwritten memoir.</p> <p>Richter's memoir includes information about the difficulties in signing up at age 17; training on the USS Constellation at Newport, Rhode Island; orders to Hospital Corps School; assignment to the U.S. Marines; transport to Australia with limited food; life on Guadalcanal; treatment of the wounded; the duties of corpsmen; hygiene, diseases, and fungus on Guadalcanal; watching offshore ship engagements between the American and Japanese fleets; shelling on Guadalcanal; and malaria in Australia. His memoir also includes sometimes amusing anecdotes about his recruitment, training, food on Guadalcanal, Atabrine doses, poker on Guadalcanal, the endurance of shelling, food and drink restrictions, practical jokes, and stitch training in the field.</p>
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CollName (Full)

James M. Ryan

ScopeNote

James M. Ryan was the bombardier on a B-24, "The Lonesome Lady," in the 494th Bomb Group, which was shot down while bombing the Japanese battleship "Haruna" in Kure Harbor, Japan. He, along with a majority of the crew, was retained in Chugoku Military Prison in Hiroshima. As the prison was almost directly under the detonation point of the atomic bomb, Ryan was one of its 20 American casualties. Fifty years later, James Ryan's brother, Francis Ryan (a U.S. Marine in the Pacific), was contacted by a Japanese historian named Shigeaki Mori (himself a survivor of the atomic bomb). Mori was doing research on American casualties of the bomb, and thus was interested in James Ryan's story.

About half of the collection is made up of letters, news, and other correspondence from the last fifteen years, mostly between Francis Ryan and the families of other American casualties at Hiroshima. The other half is composed of letters and documents from the war years, mostly concerning Ryan's MIA status and death, and a lot of letters between the families of the missing men. There is also a large number of photos taken from Ryan's two scrapbooks, as well as some more recent photos taken by Francis Ryan. The collection also contains a number of personal effects of James Ryan; a scrap of metal from "The Lonesome Lady;" six videos produced in the last fifteen years concerning various memorial services or research on the atom bomb; a DC of pictures; an audiotape recording of Kofi Annan's speech on the bomb; and the book "Enola Gay" by Gordon Thomas and Max Morgan, which was published in 1977 (it mentions the "Lonesome Lady" on pages 237-239); a copy of Tom Cartwright's book "A Date with the Lonesome Lady;" a manuscript by Mori about the bomb titled "A Man's Promise to be Honored;" and a copy of the history of the 494th Bomb Group.

Here are clarifications on some names: Lt. Col. Dave Rogers is the historian of the 494th Bomb Group of which the "Lonesome Lady" was a part. Tom Cartwright was the pilot of the "Lonesome Lady," and one of two survivors. Noriko Wakaki is a Japanese TV producer. Shigeaki Mori is a Japanese historian and atomic bomb survivor. Hugh Atkinson, Ralph Neal, Buford Ellison, Durden Looper, and John Long were all "Lonesome Lady" crew who died at Hiroshima. Roy Pederson died due to a faulty parachute. Bill Abel and Tom Cartwright were both survivors. The "Lonesome Lady" was a part of the 494th Bomb Group, 866th Squadron -- thus, this collection is related to the 494th Bomb Group Association's collection, #99.0183.

This collection is excellent for those interested in the atomic bomb, especially the effects it had on Americans, both in war and on the Home Front.

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Acc# 98.0712
CollName (Full) Wilmer F. West
ScopeNote Wilmer F. West was a Pharmacist's Mate Second Class with the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific Theater. West was with the U.S. Marines in New Guinea and Cape Gloucester. West's collection contains a memoir of his experiences as a medical corpsman. His memoir contains information about his initial duties, including standing duty as an M.P.; participating in the assault on Guadalcanal; natives on Guadalcanal; the Battle of the Tenaru River; bombing by Bettys; Dr. Emil E. Napp, regimental surgeon; antagonism between the U.S. Marines and medical corpsmen; the Battle of Melbourne between the U.S. Marines and Australian soldiers; traveling in Australia; malaria; insubordination; rations; food; Cape Gloucester; and returning to the United States. West provides a picture of the anger that many servicemen, including himself, had about many activities and actions during the war.
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Acc# 98.0728
CollName (Full) Mary Ann Darraugh
ScopeNote Mary Ann Darraugh was in the U.S. Marines Women's Reserves in airplane repair quartermaster.
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Acc# 98.0745
CollName (Full) William C. Erler
ScopeNote The collection of William C. Erler contains photos, letters, artifacts and a V-Mail of the U.S. Marine's service in the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marine Division. Erler was killed in action on Iwo Jima. There are several newspaper clippings of Erler and his two friends, Luther and Harold Crabtree. Erler took part in a recovery mission when Harold was killed as well as Luther, and were the subjects of one of the newsclippings. There are several more pictures of the three in the remaining clippings. The letters to his mother reflect on his birthday gifts, Christmas, and family affairs. His last correspondence came in a V-Mail and it simply stated that he was relieved to be off of the front lines.
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Acc# 98.0758

CollName (Full) Eugene Brown Flowers

ScopeNote Eugene Brown Flowers served in the U.S. Marines, C Company, 27th Regiment, 5th Marines Battallion and was at Camp Pendleton, California.

Eugene Brown Flowers joined the U.S. Marines in May 1944 and served in the 5th Division, 1st Battalion, 27th Regiment. Eugene was trained at Camp Pendleton in San Diego California, and landed on Iwo Jima on 19 February 1945. On Iwo Jima, Eugene served as a rifleman and later as a machine gunner. Eventually, Eugene was assigned to a beach party, unloading ammo from landing boats and distributing them to all units in the field. Eugene spent the entire summer of 1945 unloading ammo onto the beaches of Iwo Jima. Eugene was later stationed at Sasebo Japan in the Autumn of 1945 and was discharged from the U.S. Marines in 21 January 1946. Eugene received no wounds, no decorations, and received no rank higher than Private 1st Class. Included in the collection are photocopies of poems Eugene sent to his wife Peg; one letter dated 26 April 1945; a photograph of Eugene in full uniform; and a few pictures of his wife and children.

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Acc# 98.0794

CollName (Full) Wallace Fletcher

ScopeNote The collection includes information from 1944-1945, but the bulk of the information comes from 1945. Wallace Fletcher served in the U.S. Marines and was stationed in various locations including Hollandia (Dutch New Guinea) and Manila (Philippines). His collection contains various pictures of both locales, scenery, military men, and city structures. It also contains a page of a newsletter that comments about the surrender of Japan.

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Acc# 98.0839

CollName (Full) Shirley Allen

ScopeNote The collection of Shirley Allen, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Allen served in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

The oral history transcript states that Mrs. Allen was 18 at the time of the attack on 7 December 1941. Originally from Ohio, she enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1942 and was finally called for service in 1943. She did her initial training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and carried on further training as a U.S. Marine air traffic controller at bases at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and Mojave, California. While stationed at the latter base, she met Charles Lindbergh. She married in 1945. The most valuable contribution of Mrs. Allen's interview is her description of the hardships and humor of camp life during the war.

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Acc# 98.0855
CollName (Full) Cary Peeples
ScopeNote The collection of Cary Peeples, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. Peeples served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an anti-aircraft gunner in the Second Defense Battalion (later the Second Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion) in the Pacific Theater. He saw action on Tarawa, Guam, and Okinawa.
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Acc# 98.0861
CollName (Full) John Motyczka
ScopeNote The collection of John Motyczka, contains an oral history transcript of an interview provided by the Reichelt Program for Oral History. John Motyczka (served 1941-45) served as a Mess sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. Motyczka spent most of his time on Navy ships, including the USS Indiana. He was present when the USS Washington rammed the Indiana.
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Acc#	98.0882
CollName (Full)	Lee M. Hunt
ScopeNote	<p>During World War II Lee M. Hunt served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater, as a Seaman then a Gunners Mate, Third Class. His collection includes a memoir of the period May, 1946 to May, 1946 about his experiences in the Amphibious Corps. The memoir is also contained on a 3 ½ " disk.</p> <p>Hunt grew up in Clio, Alabama. He graduated from High School in May, 1944 and joined the Navy the same month. He attended boot Camp at Camp Perry, Virginia. The memoir describes his meeting a prostitute the night before they traveled to Virginia and details about boot camp. Following boot camp he went to Solomon Island on the Chesapeake and was then assigned to LCS 21. He describes the LCS weaponry, being part of the deck crew, liberty in Washington, and sea trials. The ship then traveled to the Pacific through the Panama Canal. He describes Pearl Harbor in 1944, sea sickness, crossing the equator initiation, Ulithi anchorage, ship collisions, and poor ship handling. The ship became part of the Amphibious fleet under Admiral Turner as part of Operation Iceberg. He describes the bombardment of the Okinawa beaches, providing gunfire support to a U.S. Marine patrol, accepting the surrender of Japanese soldiers, seeing an attack by a Baka Bomb (also called an Oka or Cherry Blossom). His ship spent nights guarding the fleet against suicide boats, skunk patrol, laying a smoke screen, radar picket patrol, including information about the Cheyenne, Morrison, Ingram, rescuing survivors from the Morrison, Kamikaze attacks, and gate keeper duty.</p> <p>LCS 21 then went to the Philippines. They had R&R at Samar on a beach. He provides a description of the islands and people, and seeing a Red Cross woman worker. The ship then headed north to be part of the occupation force. He describes being in a typhoon. Training as a helmsman, arriving at Japan, Aomori, Tokyo Bay, Fukuoka, Yokohama, liberty ashore in Japan, going through a typhoon in a Japanese harbor, the problem of mines, 45 caliber pistol, returning to the United States, dress blues and medals, liberty at Yosemite National Park, and returning home.</p>
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Acc# 98.0898

CollName (Full) John A. Porter

ScopeNote John Porter was a Navy pilot with Torpedo Squadron 3, based on the VPB--137, in the Pacific Theater.

3 Aviators Flight Log Books (NAVAER-4111).
 1)Covers 19 Oct 1936-30 June 1938.
 2)Covers 5 July 1938-31 July 1941.
 3)Covers 9 July 1950-23 Jan 1960.

Training records from Logbooks 1 and 3. Report of Board of Inquiry into Mid-Air Collision at Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, on 24 March, 1944, with map and aircraft inspection report. Pilots Manual for Navy Model P44-2 Airplane. Book: "Tarawa: Toughest Battle in U.S. Marine Corps History" by Dick Hannah.

DOC - Porter's Naval Commissions and Awards.
 Article from Miami Herald, 24 Dec 1943, featuring John A. Porter.
 Japanese and Philippine Pesos.
 Drawings and excerpts from Aviators Guide, Norfolk Naval Air Station Welcome Manual for VP-44.
 "Shipmate: The Eyes and Ears of the Navy," December 1944.
 "The Patterson Irrigator," April 21, 1944. with photocopies.
 Ship and Aircraft Recognition Tables and Cards.
 "The Lockheed Star," company newsletter, March 17, 1944.
 Miami Herald, Sunday, May 5 1985, "Echoes of Madness," with copies.
 Miami Herald, section E- 1E-*E-deaccessioned
 Miami, Florida Appt. in Naval Reserve (1st folder)- Naval Air Station in Miami-document. Trained in Pensacola

Artifacts include a grass, or straw skirt, he obtained from one of the South Pacific Theater.

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Acc# 99.0189

CollName (Full) Irene Reeves

ScopeNote Elmer Reeves sent the collection to the Institute. The letters were written to his mother, Irene Reeves who ran a drugstore in Detroit, Michigan. The letters from men that were from the neighborhood, joined the service, wrote home to Irene, and she answered. The men represented US Army, Air Corps, Navy, U.S. Marines, and Coast Guard Members.

- List of Names, Branch of Service, location served, dates letters sent.
- Men wrote to the Reeves family describing their daily routines and various stations.
- They expressed hopes of enjoying the store again.
- Thanked the Reeves

over a hundred men wrote to them and shows importance of mail during the war.

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Acc# 99.0302
CollName (Full) James R. Wilkinson
ScopeNote James Wilkinson (U.S. Marine Corps, 1941-1945??) joined the U.S. Marines in July of 1941 and was initially trained as an aviation mechanic in Chicago. He was also trained in aviation ordinance and assigned to U.S. Marine Air Wing 2 (MAW2). He speaks about his tours of duty in Hawaii, Johnston Atoll, Bougainville, Green Island, and Rabaul. Wilkinson describes the living conditions, recreational activities and his specific duties at each station. He learned how to fly a plane, even though he was actually a gunner while at Johnston Atoll.
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Acc# 99.0349
CollName (Full) Albert Kubler
ScopeNote Albert Kubler shares his memories of his World War II experience. He enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps in July of 1942. Shortly after basic, Kubler was sent to Noumea, New Caledonia and then to Guadalcanal. He was assigned to U.S. Marine Air Base One, which was the squadron who kept Henderson Field operational on Guadalcanal. Kubler discusses the Iron Bottom Sound and the Japanese maneuvers in that area. After about a year, he states that he was assigned to the joint service group, New Georgia group that was stationed in Andonga. After island hopping to various points in the Pacific, he was sent to Cherry Point, North Carolina. In June of 1944 he was attached to the 1st Marine Air Wing of the 1st Division.
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Acc# 99.0353
CollName (Full) Isham L. Anderson
ScopeNote Oral History transcript states that Mr. Anderson was born in 1925 and spent his youth in Monticello, Florida. Drafted into the Navy in 1944, he trained as an amphibious landing craft driver. He was assigned to duty in the Iwo Jima campaign, but his unit, which was acting as part of the reserve, saw no action in that battle. He did participate fully, however, in the landings on Okinawa and Ie Shima in what turned out to be the last and bloodiest battle of the Pacific War. Mr. Allen gives moving descriptions of his role in the landing of hundreds of U.S. Marine assault troops onto the beaches of Okinawa. During those landings, he experienced the terror of numerous Japanese kamikaze plane and suicide submarine attacks on the ships of the massive American invasion fleet. When the war ended, his unit made a brief visit to occupied Japan before it shipped back to the States. Mr. Allen returned home to Jefferson County and later attended FSU on the G.I. Bill.
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Acc# 99.0437
CollName (Full) John W. Busby, Sr.
ScopeNote Jack Busby (U.S. Marine Corps, 1942-1945) recounts his initial experiences in basic training at Parris Island. He participated in the landing on Guadalcanal in August 1942. Good information about conditions in the first few days after landing: lack of air and naval support. Buzby was relieved of duties in October of 1942 due to appendicitis, but returned to Guadalcanal four weeks after having an appendectomy. His unit deployed for Brisbane, Australia in December, 1942, and from Brisbane to the Philadelphia Navy Yard until December of 1943. He was sent to Camp Pendleton and Camp Elliott for training. He was transferred to the 5th Division shortly after Iwo Jima. He remained stationed in Hawaii until the end of the war. Mr. Busby shares his stories of the USO tours that he was able to attend and the hazardous weather he encountered, including typhoons and an earthquake while on his tour in the Pacific. After the war, he was sent to Sasebo, Japan, for guard duty and contraband detection. He shares the experiences with the local Japanese.

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Acc# 99.0438
CollName (Full) George Dickie
ScopeNote Oral History transcript states that George Dickie (served 1944-46) recalls his experiences both in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and at TBUF following the war. Dickie never saw combat; he was in Hawaii waiting to be assigned to the 4th Marine Division when the war ended. He remained in Hawaii until early 1946 before returning home and attending FSU as TBUF, where he was involved in student government.

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Acc# 99.0439
CollName (Full) Robert M. Ervin
ScopeNote Oral History transcript states that he attended University of Florida before the attack on 7 December 1941. Married several weeks after attack; joined U.S. Marine Corps, shipped out to Pacific immediately after training at Quantico. Returned to States and trained recruits at Camp LeJeune. Returned to Pacific and Midway (after battle there) and spent remainder of the war on Midway.

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Acc# 99.0446
CollName (Full) William Brannen
ScopeNote Oral history transcript states that Bill Brannen (served 1942-45?) recalls his experiences in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. Brannen spent a year as an MP at Camp Lejeune before shipping to the Pacific, where he participated in the invasions of Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. His injuries at Iwo Jima ended his combat duty.

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Acc# 99.0471
CollName (Full) George Kidd
ScopeNote Oral History of George Kidd (interviewed by Lisa Craft 3 Feb 1999) who was a career African-American U.S. Marine drafted in 1943 and trained out of Montford Point Camp North Carolina, which was a segregated sister camp to Camp Lejune where he faced tough training by hard drill instructors. Many trainees faced harsh hazing and physical training and were discharged from service for being injured and maimed during training. Kidd discusses the issues of segregation and integration in the U.S. Marines during and after WW2. He becomes a Drill Instructor at Montford and later a Field Clerk there. Talks of pranks and jokes on camp and live-firing an M1 Rifle and a .45 handgun. Also served in Korea in an artillery unit and in Vietnam from 1967- 1968. It was during this period that integration really took hold in the Army.
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Acc# 99.0512
CollName (Full) Robert Griggs
ScopeNote Robert Griggs (U.S. Marine Corps 1941-?). Griggs signed up at age 16, just after the Pearl Harbor attack. He discusses basic training at Parris Island and artillery training at Camp Linda Vista. He was sent to the Pacific and spent time on the Hebrides Islands, Florida Island, Guadalcanal, Guam and Okinawa as a member of an artillery battery. He suffered from malaria and jungle rot. He talks about combat on Okinawa, for which he earned a Bronze Star. His primary duty was setting defensive artillery positions on numerous Pacific islands and beaches.
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Acc# 99.0513
CollName (Full) Ernest Doster
ScopeNote Oral history transcript states that Ernest Doster (served 1942-46) recalls his time in the U.S. Marine Corps as an aircraft maintenance man during World War II. Doster spent most of the war stateside; he was an example of a soldier who "fell through the cracks" of the system and ended up in odd places at different times. At the end of the war he spent several months on the CVE Point Cruise in the Pacific.
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Acc# 99.0602

CollName (Full) Louis George Dooley

ScopeNote
The collection of Louis George Dooley, contains an oral history transcript. Field Music Corporal Dooley served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a field musician and artilleryman.

Dooley was born in Florida at Boca Grande Island. He had his elementary education in Tampa and went to high school in Cocoa, Florida. He volunteered in Orlando and trained at Parris Island, South Carolina and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He then moved westward to California, and he was shipped to Hawaii (he traveled across the US by train).

Dooley and his battalion then traveled to Guam, where they sat through the end of both the European and Pacific surrenders. Dooley did not participate in any combat, but he did train for the invasion of Japan.

When the war ended, Dooley describes his sailing back home and ruining the Navy's Equator celebrations. He also describes looking for work. He finishes the interview talking about his college and graduate education experiences. One of the manuscripts included in this collection ends with his mainly failed experiences in finding jobs after returning home and attending the University of Florida.

The collection of Louis G. Dooley contains two manuscripts, a certificate from crossing the Equator, and a letter to the members of the U.S. Marine Corps artillery. The first manuscript is an autobiography written by Dooley, which describes his early years, his joining the U.S. Marine Corps, and his service as a field musician and an artilleryman. It is titled "One WWII Veteran's Tale." The second manuscript, a transcript of an oral history done with Dooley, goes into more detail than the autobiography. Included in the collection also are a letter from Brigadier General R.H. Pepper commending the men of Corps Artillery, V Amphibious Corps and attached units and 35 black-and-white photos. The photos are of a machine drum and Bugle Corps, relaxation in Savannah, Georgia, and time spent at ease and social life, in uniform, in Guam.

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Acc# 99.0618

CollName (Full) Ted Eleston, Sr.

ScopeNote
Oral History states that Eleston was a Gung-ho U.S. Marine, enlisted in 1938. Sent to Parris Island, South Carolina. Good information on training at Parris Island. Was part of FDR's security detail at Warm Springs, Georgia. Later served on Guadalcanal. Lots of U.S. Marine stories.

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Acc# 99.0629

CollName (Full) Ernest Tracosas

ScopeNote
OH-USMC 1943-1946; USMC AES 46th
-Short family background
-Enlistment and training (boot camp/Parris Island experiences); training at Jacksonville Naval Air Station (aircraft mechanic)-experiences and topics covered in training-assigned to an engineering squad vs. a fighting squad
-Overseas to the Pacific Theater on an aircraft carrier and then to Guam by seaplane (1945). Experienced seeing a live volcano at Iwo Jima, mentions Tinian and Saipan, and the Enola Gay. Relates reaction to the end of the war and island hopping back to Hawaii. Experiences some transfers with his years of service. In Guam he served with the 3rd Marine Air Wing.
-Claims that friendships were hard to maintain due to the transient nature of his job.
-Talks about a few sporadic experiences that either happened to him or other men; kamikaze attacks, Japanese soldier with a grenade, losing a crew member when one of the planes goes down, experience of going to an airplane manufacturing company.
-Social time experience in Baltimore and in Australia (beer rationing)
-Experience with a navy officer over a plane part.
-Stay in American Samoa.
-Experience joining the National Guard-transfers out of U.S. Marines into the Army.
-Korea-goes to Korea via Ft. Sill, OK-assigned to a Greek Battalion as a "part of the UN Forces"-spoke of his experiences with the Greeks
-closed with his recounting of a visit to Parris Island after these many years.

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Acc# 99.0655

CollName (Full) Jason M. Austin

ScopeNote
Jason M. Austin was a U.S. Marine Corps Captain in the 1st Marine Depot Company, which was the first African-American Marine group to go overseas. In the collection, Austin writes of his memories of the Russell Islands and Okinawa Campaigns. Collection includes a program from a play titled "South Sea Scandals". There are also U.S. Marine telephone directories from the Russell Islands and rosters of the 1st Marine Depot Company. Included are also writings by Austin of his experience in the Korean War and postwar correspondence with former members of the 7th Service Regiment. Collection also includes a "Beachhead Bugle" newsletter, pictures and clippings from magazines, and poems from an unknown author.

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