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Scope and Contents

This collection contains over 300 letters, postcards, telegrams, and other correspondences during WWII to Margaret Applegate, a woman living in Indianapolis, Indiana. The authors were primarily employed in many branches of the American Armed Forces, including the Navy, the Army, and the Marine Corps, but also included families of these men and family friends. The correspondence was sent from the Southwest Pacific, England, Luxembourg, China, Burma, and other locations. Each letter has a received on date written by Margaret.

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World War, 1939-1945--Women--United States

Description of Subordinate Components

Clare Farrar, Jr (U.S. Navy)

Unit ID id314448

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98387

Unit Date 1943

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He was a childhood friend of Margaret, who wrote while at Navy training school in Chicago and Great Lakes, Illinois.

Merl B. Jeffers (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314450

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98388

Unit Date 1943-1944

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He was a cousin of Margaret and gave her address to Lester Bassill and Charles E. Shepherd. He wrote while at Camp Swift, Texas, Shreveport, LA, and Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Lester Bassill (U.S. Army)**Unit ID** id314452**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98389**Unit Date** 1943-1945**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

He was in the 387th Infantry Regiment and received Margaret's address from her cousin Merl B. Jeffers. He wrote from Camp Swift, Texas, Shreveport, LA, and Fort Leonard Wood, MO while in the U.S. Once deployed, wrote from England, Luxemburg, and Belgium. In his letters he inquired about his friends, Merl B. Jeffers and Charles E. Shepherd, with whom she also maintained correspondence.

Walter V. Asbill (U.S. Army)**Unit ID** id314454**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98390**Unit Date** 1943-1946**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

He was a friend from home whose family moved away to North Carolina. He wrote from Salt Lake City, Utah, San Francisco, CA, Lincoln, Nebraska, Colorado Springs, CO, and Buckley Field, CO while in the U.S. Once deployed, he wrote from the Southwest Pacific, Dutch New Guinea, and Philippines. Margaret also corresponded with his parents, see Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Asbill. He maintained correspondence in the months following his deployment. Includes a copy of El Poncho dated January 10, 1945 as well as a letter from his friend Paul H.

Walter V. Asbill (U.S. Army)**Unit ID** id314456**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98391**Unit Date** 1943-1946**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Walter V. Asbill (U.S. Army)****Unit ID** id314458**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98392**Unit Date** 1943-1946**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Walter V. Asbill (U.S. Army)****Unit ID** id314460**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98393**Unit Date** 1943-1946**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Walter V. Asbill (U.S. Army)****Unit ID** id314462**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98394**Unit Date** 1943-1946**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Walter V. Asbill (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314464

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98395

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Walter V. Asbill (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314466

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98396

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Walter V. Asbill (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314470

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98397

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Charles E. Shepherd (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314472

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98398

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He received Margaret's address from her cousin Merl B. Jeffers and was friends with Lester Bassill. He wrote from Shreveport, LA, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and Ft. George Mead, MD while in U.S. Once deployed he wrote from Burma and China. Letters discuss everyday life of being deployed and being homesick as well as discussing the war in other parts of the world.

Charles E. Shepherd (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314474

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98399

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes Japanese currency Charles sent to Margaret.

Charles E. Shepherd (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314476

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98400

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes a Christmas card Charles sent to Margaret.

Charles E. Shepherd (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314478

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98401

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes an embroidered Chinese handkerchief as well as Chinese currency.

Charles E. Shepherd (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314480

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98402

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Charles E. Shepherd (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314482

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98403

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Charles E. Shepherd (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314484

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98404

Unit Date 1943-1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Glen C. Nelson (U.S. Marines)

Unit ID id314486

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98405

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He received Margaret's address from William Tyler and wrote from San Diego, CA.

William Tyler (U.S. Marines)

Unit ID id314488

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98406

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He received Margaret's address from her friend Rosemary and subsequently gave Margaret's address to his friends Glen C. Nelson and William Haughman. He wrote while in San Diego, CA.

William Haughman (U.S. Marines)

Unit ID id314490

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98407

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He received Margaret's address from William Tyler. He was from Illinois and wrote to her from San Diego, CA.

John DeCeuster (U.S. Marines)

Unit ID id314492

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98408

Unit Date 1944-1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He wrote from San Diego before being deployed to Guam and China. He was wounded and received a purple heart. Includes letters written by another person while he was injured and unable to write, a Christmas card from Tsingtao, China, and labeled pictures of the men in his company from a publication.

Richard L. Applegate (U.S. Navy)

Unit ID id314494

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98409

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He wrote from the USS Albiero, mainly from places in the Pacific, specifically San Francisco, CA and Honolulu. He was from Sacramento, CA. Includes a Christmas card.

Richard L. Applegate (U.S. Navy)

Unit ID id314500

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98410

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes a letter from his parents and two letters from his brother Mel Applegate who is also in the U.S. Navy.

Louis M. Borchick (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314502

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98411

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He received Margaret's address from her friend Virginia Harvey. He was originally from Pennsylvania and wrote to Margaret from Cambridge, Ohio.

Barbara Nicholls (Shrewsbury, England)

Unit ID id314504

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98412

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

She was a year younger than Margaret and from Shrewsbury, England. Her letters discuss life in England at the time, specifically education. Includes postcards of places in England with explanations of images.

Paul Scott (U.S. Army)

Unit ID id314506

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98413

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He received Margaret's address from her second cousin, who is his sister-in-law. He wrote from Camp Blanding, FL and Hawaii.

Henry J. Bailey (U.S. Navy)

Unit ID id314508

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98414

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He received Margaret's address from a mutual friend, Pat. He wrote from Panama.

David Francis Durdell (U.S. Navy)

Unit ID id314510

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98415

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He wrote from Memphis, TN and gave her address to his friend Vernon Leslie Pickering.

Vernon Leslie Pickering (U.S. Navy)

Unit ID id314512

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98416

Unit Date 1944-1945

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

He received Margaret's address from David Durdell. He wrote from Memphis, TN, Atlanta, GA, and Annapolis, MD. He was originally from West Palm Beach and attended GA Tech where he was in Kappa Alpha Fraternity as well as ROTC and was studying Civil Engineering.

Mr. and Mrs., J. E. Asbill (Parents of Walter V. Asbill)**Unit ID** id314514**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98417**Unit Date** 1945-1946**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

They received Margaret's address from their son, Walter V. Asbill. Wife, Maggie, wrote most of the letters, all from her home in Carthage, NC.

Mr. and Mrs., J. E. Asbill (Parents of Walter V. Asbill)**Unit ID** id314516**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98418**Unit Date** 1945-1946**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Marge and George Leager (Philadelphia, PA)****Unit ID** id314518**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98419**Unit Date** 1945-1946**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Close family friends or family Margaret went to visit in Philadelphia, PA. They are also acquaintances with Junior Mohr who was once engaged to Marge. Includes postcards and birthday cards.

Marge and George Leager (Philadelphia, PA)**Unit ID** id314520**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98420**Unit Date** 1945-1946**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Junior Mohr (U.S. Navy)****Unit ID** id314522**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98421**Unit Date** 1945**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

He was a friend of Margaret's as well as a friend of Marge and George Leager. He wrote from Rhode Island. Margaret would later marry him in 1946.

Jessica (Cincinnati, OH)**Unit ID** id314524**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/98422**Unit Date** 1945**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Includes postcard of Cincinnati, OH.

Letters Margaret Wrote to Charles E. Shepherd that were returned to sender

Unit ID id314526

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98423

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

These letters were returned to Margaret following a change of address by Charles E. Shepherd. Includes copies of comics from the local papers as well as pictures of Margaret and her siblings.

V-Mail Facsimile

Unit ID id314528

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98424

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Unlabeled photograph, possibly Margaret Applegate

Unit ID id314530

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98425

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)