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Administrative History:

Arlie Raymond Blizzard (17 Sept. 1909 - 20 Oct. 1966) of Franklin, West Virginia and son of Granville Harris (1874-1934) and Sarah Jane Dahmer Blizzard, enlisted in the United States Army in 1940. In mid 1942, as First Sergeant, he was assigned to Camp Forrest, Tennessee. In the fall of 1942 he moved to army bases in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. In 1943 he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant and was assigned to various bases in the western United States; including bases in Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Throughout 1944 and early 1945 he was stationed in Hawaii. He spent July and August 1945 in the Pacific, part of it at Okinawa, Japan, and later at a base in Korea. As a Captain, in late December 1945 Blizzard was honorably discharged and returned home to West Virginia. Blizzard died at Rockingham, Virginia in 1966.

Arthur Roy Blizzard (18 Sept. 1918 - 21 Sept. 1992) of Franklin, West Virginia and son of Granville Harris (1874-1934) and Sarah Jane Dahmer Blizzard. During the late 1930s Blizzard attended the Shepherd State Teachers College. In 1941 he enlisted in the United States Army. From 1941-1944 he was stationed in Alaska (Somewhere in the Aleutian Area). In mid-1944 he was reassigned to Camp Wheeler, Georgia. As a First Sergeant, Blizzard was honorably discharged on August 16, 1945. Blizzard died at Martinsburg, West Virginia in 1992.

William Russell Blizzard (18 Jan. 1912 - 8 Sept. 2000) of Franklin, West Virginia enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1942. He was first sent to the Air Corps Technical School, Keesler Field, Mississippi for testing and training and thereafter worked as a technical specialist, repairing equipment, supervising, inspecting, and other duties throughout World War II. In late 1942 he was transferred to airbases in Florida, then to Utah in 1944, and finally to Hawaii in 1944-1945. As T/Sergeant Blizzard was honorably discharged in 1945 and subsequently returned home to West Virginia. Blizzard died at Franklin, West Virginia in 2000.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence, photographs and other material related to three Franklin, West Virginia brothers who served in the United States military during World War II. The bulk of the collection consists of nearly 200 letters of outgoing correspondence penned by three brothers, Arlie, Arthur, and W. Russell Blizzard to their mother and sisters in Franklin, West Virginia. Some of the topics discussed in the correspondence include army training, work, Arlie's visit to Japan and Korea in late 1945, and soldier life on military bases in the United States during World War II. The collection also contains photographs, school notebooks, and an arm-patch from a United States Army uniform.

Keywords

Certificates
Correspondence
Notebooks

Photographs
Lecture notes
World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945--Pacific Area
World War, 1939-1945--United States--Personal narratives
Blizzard, Arlie Raymond (1909-1966)
Blizzard, Arthur Roy (1918-1992)
Blizzard, William Russell (1912-2000)

Arrangement of Materials:

The collection is arranged by family member and then chronologically within each family member.

Description of Subordinate Components

High School Report Card of Russell Blizzard

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Unit Date 1929-1930

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Arlie Blizzard, Human Physiology Notebook

Unit ID id283751

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/309075

Unit Date 1935

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Two Yearbooks of Arlie and Elise Blizzard

Unit ID id283756

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/309076

Unit Date 1938-1939

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Photograph of Arlie Blizzard

Unit ID id283761

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Unit Date 1940-1945

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Container 4 (Folder)

Outgoing Correspondence from Arlie and Arthur Blizzard

Unit ID id283766

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Unit Date 1941 April-May

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Unit Date 1942

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Unit Date 1945

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Unit Date 1942-1945

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Unit Date 1947

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Arlie Blizzard, United States Army Company Arm-Patch

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Unit Date 1942-1945

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Photograph of Arlie Blizzard in Okinawa**Unit ID** id283846**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/309093**Unit Date** 1945 June 10**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 9 (Folder)**Arthur Blizzard Outgoing Correspondence****Unit ID** id283856**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/309094**Unit Date** 1942**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Arthur Blizzard Outgoing Correspondence****Unit ID** id283861**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/309095**Unit Date** 1943**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Arthur Blizzard Outgoing Correspondence****Unit ID** id283866**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/309096**Unit Date** 1944**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Arthur Blizzard Outgoing Correspondence****Unit ID** id283871**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/309097**Unit Date** 1945**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Arthur Blizzard Outgoing Correspondence****Unit ID** id283876**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/309098**Unit Date** 1946-1949**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**William R. Blizzard, Outgoing Correspondence****Unit ID** id283881**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/309099**Unit Date** 1942**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)

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Unit Date 1943

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Unit Date 1944

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William R. Blizzard, Outgoing Correspondence

Unit ID id283896

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/309102

Unit Date 1945

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Unit ID id283901

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/309103

Unit Date 1946 January 1

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Blizzard Family, Incoming Correspondence

Unit ID id283906

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/309104

Unit Date 1942-1945

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