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Biographical Information:

Thomas C. Douglass was a physician from Wilmette, Illinois who served during WWII in both domestic and foreign locations including Colorado, Chicago, Michigan, North Carolina and Guadalcanal. They had a son, Tommy, who was born during wartime. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki:

http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Thomas_C._Douglass.

Scope and Contents

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass, 1941-1946, relating to World War II. Letters to his wife Suzanne Lyon Wallace Douglass (1922-1999) concern family issues and war news and include descriptions of his medical practices and financial dealings.

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Correspondence

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World War, 1939-1945--Medical and sanitary affairs.

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This collection has been arranged chronologically.

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Box 1

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Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to Suzanne Lyon from Colorado Springs, Colorado

Unit ID id171345

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440981

Unit Date 1941 September-November

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Personal letters to Suzanne Lyon. Professes his love. News of his dying father. Discusses possible future plans.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from Chicago, Nevada, and 48th Station Hospital, Fort Ord, California

Unit ID id171346

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440982

Unit Date 1942 August-September

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Instructions on life insurance policies. Medical advice on Suzanne's pregnancy. Descriptions of daily routine. Request for popular books. Words of concern and love for the unborn child and the mother.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from 12th General Hospital, Camp Custer, Michigan

Unit ID id171347

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440983

Unit Date 1942 February-March

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Complains of assignment to septic surgery instead of abdominal section. Expresses gratitude for Suzanne's visit.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from 48th Station General Hospital, San Francisco, California

Unit ID id171348

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440984

Unit Date 1942 October-November

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Advice on pregnancy care and delivery. Promises to return home to see the baby soon.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from an undisclosed location in the South Pacific

Unit ID id171349

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440985

Unit Date 1942 December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Separately celebrates the 9th month of marriage. Requests for a camera to photograph surgical specimens and patients. Friend Burns and his wife Marion had a daughter. Requests Suzanne to look for a home to buy. Advises on letter censorship and requests not to spoil the newborn, Tommy.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from an undisclosed location in the South Pacific

Unit ID id171350

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440986

Unit Date 1943 January-February

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Fixes anesthetic apparatus. Tommy turns four months old of February 19, 1943. Discusses Suzanne's desire to move. Receives the requested camera.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from an undisclosed location in the South Pacific

Unit ID id171351

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440987

Unit Date 1943 March-April

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Suzanne moves from Wilmette to Chicago, Illinois. Thomas C. Douglass in charge of surgery and a large ward. Schedules a complicated hand surgery. Estimates the war to end in three years.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from an undisclosed location in the South Pacific

Unit ID id171352

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440988

Unit Date 1943 May-June

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Suzanne gets a dog. Sister sells the house. Mention of coal strike in the news. Holds the Congress responsible for unstable economy. Thomas C. Douglass's bronchitis develops into a small cold.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from an undisclosed location in the South Pacific

Unit ID id171353

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440989

Unit Date 1943 July-August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

News of new landing of troops on Vella Lavella, expects Italy to drive out the Nazis. Expects to be home in about 1946. All the fish in the aquarium die.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from an undisclosed location in the South Pacific

Unit ID id171354

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440990

Unit Date 1943 September-October

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Tommy gets more teeth. Operates on an elbow to prevent hand paralysis. Expects to serve in the war

until 1945 or 1946. News of Russia fighting Germans on the borders. Worries the possible extension of the war.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from an undisclosed location in the South Pacific

Unit ID id171356

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440991

Unit Date 1943 November-December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Suzanne joins Women's Faculty Club. Advises Suzanne to refrain from traveling and purchasing a house during wartime. Anticipates the victorious battles in Europe will speed up the war.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from an undisclosed location in the South Pacific

Unit ID id171357

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440992

Unit Date 1944 January-February

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Victory in Europe slow. Military considers two-year rotation policy - possibility of a leave in one year.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from an undisclosed location

Unit ID id171358

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440993

Unit Date 1944 March-April

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Celebrates the second wedding anniversary overseas. Operates on several cases of appendix. News of Russians near Chekoslovakia. New hospital opens. Two-year rotation policy still unclear. Anniversary of 18th month overseas.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzzane from an undisclosed location

Unit ID id171359

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440994

Unit Date 1944 May-June

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Encouraging news of the European invasion. Gives advice on finance and on Tommy's behavior.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from Guadalcanal

Unit ID id171360

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440995

Unit Date 1944 July-August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Rumors of the war in Europe ending. Russians fight Germans in the East. Still uses APO, but the military permits disclosure of the location. Operates amputation surgeries and treats few cases of severe burns.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from Guadalcanal

Unit ID id171361

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440996

Unit Date 1944 September-October

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Rumors of the ending of the European war in two months. Possible addition of two more doctors to the hospital. Tommy has a birthday. News of successful United States landing in the central Phillipines. Second anniversary of being overseas.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from Guadacanal

Unit ID id171362

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440997

Unit Date 1944 November-December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Operates on the biggest abdominal case and few cases of hernias. The western front in Europe a slow progress. German offensive in Europe withdraws.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from Guadalcanal

Unit ID id171363

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440998

Unit Date 1945 January-February

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Expects to come home before the year end. Russian advances on the eastern front in Europe. Suzanne moves to 226 Washington Avenue, Glenview, Illinois.

Letters

Unit ID id171364

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/440999

Unit Date 1945 March-April

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Arrives at new base. President Roosevelt dies. Decides to take the leave over the chance of rotation - the assignment to domestic location.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from Guadalcanal

Unit ID id171365

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441000

Unit Date 1945 May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Grants a 45-day leave. The German war practically over.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from Moore General Hospital, Swananoa, North Carolina and Denver, Colorado

Unit ID id171366

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441001

Unit Date 1946 April-May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Suzanne has a mild health problem with her breasts. Expects to be home in four months. Suzanne fixes up the house in Wilmette. The President's address signals the possible ending of the war. Arranges for Suzanne's visit.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado

Unit ID id171367

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441002

Unit Date 1946 June-July

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Thomas C. Douglass's x-rays come back negative. Requests his publications sent to Dr. Davis.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne from Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado

Unit ID id171368

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441003

Unit Date 1946 August-September

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Advice on finance. Progress on house remodeling. Arrangements for G.I. loan. Plans Suzanne's visit.

Letters of Thomas C. Douglass to his son Tommy

Unit ID id171369

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441004

Unit Date 1943 January 29

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Words of love to Tommy and his mother.

Folder 25

Unit ID id171370

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441005

Unit Date 1941-1944 undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Letter of Adele to Suzanne from Italy

Unit ID id171373

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441006

Unit Date 1944 June 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Praises the new house and talks about Italian atmosphere.

Telegram of Thomas C. Douglass to his wife Suzanne

Unit ID id171374

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441007

Unit Date 1941 November 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Informing of arrival.

Unsigned New Year card from Thomas C. Douglass

Unit ID id171376

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441008

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Burns's letter to Suzanne, informing Tom's condition.

Unit ID id171378

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/441009

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)