
Guide to the World War II Joke and Humor Collection

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Title: World War II Joke and Humor Collection

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Date (inclusive): ca. 1941-ca. 1945

Abstract: The *World War II Joke and Humor Collection* consists of jokes, poems, rhymes, letters, cartoons, and other humorous materials read by and exchanged between soldiers serving in World War II. Common topics are sex, women, military life, commanding officers, and Hitler. Most items are hand-written, though some possibly copied out of magazines and other publications as there are multiple copies in different hands. A few items are type written, or small pamphlet publications.

Language of Material: English

Scope and Contents

The *World War II Joke and Humor Collection* consists of jokes, poems, rhymes, letters, cartoons, and other humorous materials read by and exchanged between soldiers serving in World War II. Common topics are sex, women, military life, commanding officers, and Hitler, most notably a lengthy rhyme titled "Hitler's Dream" in which the Nazi leader finds himself unable to enter Hell because the Devil does not want him to corrupt the "good morals" of his evil minions. Most items are hand-written, though some were probably copied out of magazines and other publications as there are multiple copies in different hands. A few small pamphlet publications, type written, or clipped from newspapers. Some items are mildly pornographic, and the collection also includes a few nude photographs. It is filed alphabetically by format.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

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