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**Finding Aid for the Waldemar Scherer Second World War correspondence and scrapbook collection. 2013.057.w.r**

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**Language of Material:** English

**Contributing Institution:** Center for American War Letters Archives

**Title:** Waldemar Scherer Second World War correspondence and scrapbook.

**source:** Scherer, Waldemar P., Lt. Col. USAF

**Identifier/Call Number:** 2013.057.w.r

**Physical Description:** 0.25 Linear Feet(3 folders)

**Date (inclusive):** 1943-1945

**Abstract:** This collection contains one scrapbook of newspaper columns written by Waldemar Scherer and correspondence to his son Richard.

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**Storage Unit:** WWII 4

**Storage Unit:** 1-3

**Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Waldemar Scherer, Jr.

**Arrangement**

This collection is arranged by material type and date.

**Preferred Citation**

[Item title], Waldemar Scherer Second World War correspondence and scrapbook. (2013.057.w.r), Center for American War Letters Archives, Chapman University, CA.

**Content Description**

This collection consists of a scrapbook of newspaper columns written by Waldemar P. Scherer for The Mankato Free Press (Minnesota) titled Overseas Mail. Interleaved with the scrapbook are letters from servicemen thanking him for writing the column and what it means to them to receive news from home. The collection also contains photocopies of letters written by Waldemar to his son Sergeant Richard (Dick) Peter Scherer of the 509th US Marine Corps.

Inventory: 29 photocopies -- 1 scrapbook

**Conditions Governing Use**

There are no restrictions on the use of this material except where previously copyrighted material is concerned. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain all permissions.

**Biographical / Historical**

Waldemar P. Scherer was born on December 8, 1889 in Mankato, Minnesota to his parents George William Scherer and Minna Manderfeld. He remained living there and married Wilamine "Minnie" Hanson in 1916. They had five children; Robert, William, Richard, Betty, and Waldemar, Jr. Included in the collection are letters to Richard while he was serving as a Marine in the Second World War. Waldemar worked as an "advertising man" for Standard Oil Company and wrote for the Mankato (Minnesota) Free Press in a series of columns titled "Overseas Mail." Waldemar passed away May 16, 1970 in Mankato.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

World War, 1939-1945

United States. Marine Corps.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Homefront

Scherer, Waldemar P., Lt. Col. USAF

Scherer, Richard Peter

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**Series 1, Correspondence to Richard Scherer 1943-1945**

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains 29 letters written by Waldemar Scherer Sr. to his son Richard Scherer while Richard served in the United States Marine Corps between 1943 and 1945.

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**Series 2, Scrapbook 1945**

**Scope and Contents**

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