Finding Aid for the Harry A. Berger Second World War correspondence 2014.006.w.r

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Language of Material: English
Contributing Institution: Center for American War Letters Archives
Title: Harry A. Berger Second World War correspondence
source: Berger, Philip
Identifier/Call Number: 2014.006.w.r
Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet(2 document boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1938-1947
Abstract: This collection consists of letters written to Technical Sergeant Harry A. Berger, United States Army Air Force, by friends and family, from 1938 to 1947. Also included in this collection is one a small photograph of Harry A. Berger, some miscellaneous ephemera and one copy of Yank magazine, from May of 1945.

Storage Unit: Berger 1
Storage Unit: 1-6
Storage Unit: Berger 2
Storage Unit: 7-13

Arrangement
The Harry A. Berger World War Two correspondence collection is arranged by author, in chronological order.
Series 1, Correspondence from Vivian D. Hirsch (1940 - 1945)
Series 2, Correspondence from Selena Brody (1938 - 1945)
Series 3, Correspondence from Dorothy Dopp (1941 - 1943)
Series 4, Other correspondence (1939 - 1947)

Biographical / Historical
T/Sgt. Harry A. Berger, USAAF, served with the 8th Air Force, 2nd Air Division, 2nd Combat Bombardment Wing, 445th Bombardment Group, Squadron 702. It is believed that he was stationed in Tibenham, United Kingdom roughly from 1942 until late 1944.

Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.

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Scope and Contents
This collection consists of 288 pieces of personal correspondence, written to T/Sgt. Harry A. Berger, 8th Air Force, 2nd Air Division, 2nd Combat Bombardment Wing, 445th Bombardment Group, Squadron 702.
Letters come from an assortment of individuals, including friends and family, with the bulk of the collection originating from Vivian D. Hirsch, Selena Brody and Dorothy Dopp. This collection covers a period from 1938 until 1947.
This collection also includes a small photograph of Harry A. Berger, some miscellaneous ephemera and one copy of Yank magazine, from May of 1945.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Philip Berger.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
World War, 1939-1945
World War II
World War, 1939-1945 -- Homefront
Hirsch, Vivian D., Miss
Berger, Harry A.
Berger, Philip
Series 1, Correspondence from Vivian D. Hirsch. 1940-1945
Physical Description: 0.2 Linear Feet(4 folders)
Scope and Contents
This series contains the correspondence of Miss Vivian D. Hirsch to Harry A. Berger. The folders contain an assortment of material including 99 letters with envelopes. Subjects of conversation include, general family news, the homefront, public opinion on the war and daily events in Miss Hirsch's life.
Of interest is a copy of a poem written by Vivian Hirsch called "The Army," which can be found in folder number 7.
Folder 5 July 1940 - May 1943 Folder 6 May 1943 - July 1943 Folder 7 July 1943 - February 1944 Folder 8 March 1944 - June 1945
Subjects and Indexing Terms
World War, 1939-1945 -- Public opinion
Berger, Harry A.
Hirsch, Vivian D., Miss -- Correspondence

Series 2, Correspondence from Selena Brody 1938-1945
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet(2 folders)
Scope and Contents
This series contains the correspondence of Miss Selena Brody to Mr. Harry A. Berger. The folders contain an assortment of material including holiday greeting cards and 37 letters with envelopes. Subjects of conversation include, the homefront and daily events in Miss Brody's life.
Folder 1 July 1938 - July 1943 Folder 2 August 1943 - April 1945
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Brody, Selena, Miss -- Correspondence
Hirsch, Vivian D., Miss
Berger, Harry A. -- Correspondence

Series 3, Correspondence from Dorothy Dopp 1941-1943
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet(3 folders)
Scope and Contents
This series contains the correspondence of Miss Dorothy Dopp to Mr. Harry A. Berger. The folders contain an assortment of material including holiday greeting cards, birthday cards and 54 letters with envelopes. Subjects of conversation include, the homefront and daily events in Miss Dopp's life.
Folder 3 May 1941 - December 1941 Folder 4 January 1942 - October 1942 Folder 5 November 1942 - July 1943
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Hirsch, Vivian D., Miss
Berger, Harry A.

Series 4, Correspondence from Rose Jirik 1944-01-1945-05
Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet(1 folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains correspondence to Sgt. Harry A. Berger, USA from Rose jirik during the Second World War.
Series 5, Other correspondence 1939-1947 bulk

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains miscellaneous communications and greeting cards from an assortment of individuals to Sgt. Harry A. Berger, USA. Authors (arranged by author name and then date):


Of particular interest is a rough, undated, hand written letter, believed to have been written by Harry A. Berger to Vivian D. Hirsch.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Berger, Harry A. -- Correspondence
Hirsch, Vivian D., Miss

Series 6, Photograph and ephemera

Physical Description: 0.05 Linear Feet (2 folders)

Scope and Contents

This series contains ephemera collected by Sgt. Harry A. Berger, USA during the Second World War. Inventory:

One small mug shot of Sgt. Berger
Two tickets to Music Box New Year’s Eve, 1943, signed by Rose Jirik
One card, Dance: American Jewish youth, March 14, 1942