Finding Aid for the Nick G. Vasos Second World War correspondence
2014.055.w.r

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Title: Nick G. Vasos Second World War correspondence
source: Vasos, Judith
creator: Vasos, Nick G.
Identifier/Call Number: 2014.055.w.r
Physical Description: 0.2 Linear Feet (6 folders)
Date (inclusive): 1935-1942
Date (bulk): bulk
Abstract: This collection consists of original and photopied correspondence between Sergeant Nick G. Vasos, United States Army and his family during the Second World War. The collection also includes supplementary material such as a biographical video disc, photos, and draft and assignment cards for Sgt. Vasos.

Storage Unit: WWII 5
Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Judith Vasos.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged by Material Type.
Series 1, Correspondence to Nick G. Vasos,
Series 2, Correspondence from Nick G. Vasos,
Series 3, Correspondence of Vasos Family,
Series 4, Photographs,
Series 5, Ephemera,
Series 6, Photocopies,
Series 7, Video
Preferred Citation
[Item title], Nick G. Vasos Second World War correspondence (2014.055.w.r), Center for American War Letters Archives, Chapman University, CA.
Content Description
This collection contains one spiral-bound book which includes photocopies of 42 letters between Sgt. Nick G. Vasos, USA and his family, as well as supplementary information by other family members and people towards the end of the book. Also included are 35 original letters between Sgt. Vasos and his family. The photocopy book includes the originals as well as some not included in the originals collection. Also included are three draft cards, three photos, and one video CD of the life story of Sgt. Vasos.
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
Sgt. Nick G. Vasos, USA was born in Carroll, Iowa on November 23, 1917. He was a sergeant in the transport company of the 30th Infantry Division. He was on the U.S.S. Rutledge bound for French Morocco, being part of the twenty thousand strong American force trained for the first amphibious invasion known as Operation Torch. Vasos was responsible for getting vehicles ashore after the landing. French Vichy aircraft were patrolling the beach and fired upon and killed Nick. Nick was the first soldier in his company to die and the first boy from Carroll County to die in World War Two.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Correspondence -- World War, 1939-1945
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World War, 1939-1945 -- Homefront
World War, 1939-1945 -- Naval operations, American.
United States. Army.
Vasos, Judith
Vasos, Nick G.

folder 1  Series 1, Correspondence to Nick G. Vasos 1941-06-1941-07
Physical Description: .025 Linear Feet (1 folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains five letters and two postcards to Sgt. Nick G. Vasos, USA from various authors, especially Dolores Bolton (perhaps girlfriend).

folder 2  Series 2, Correspondence from Nick G. Vasos 1940-11-1942-06
Physical Description: .025 Linear Feet (1 folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains 23 letters from Sgt. Nick G. Vasos, USA to his parents, girlfriends, and various family.

folder 3  Series 3, Correspondence of Vasos family 1935-1942
Physical Description: .025 Linear Feet (1 folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains five letters between the Vasos family, including Gus Vasos (father) from William "Bill" Vasos (brother), Zeta to Irene, as well as two condolence letters for Sgt. Vasos' death, from Mary F. Kelly and the American Legion Auxiliary.

folder 6  Series 4, Photographs
Physical Description: .025 Linear Feet (1 folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains three photos. One printed photo of Sgt. Nick G. Vasos, USA and a friend leaning on a truck, one photo of the head stone of Sgt. Vasos, and one photocopy of a photo of the North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial.

folder 4  Series 5, Ephemera 1941-02
Physical Description: .025 Linear Feet (1 paper folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains three service cards. One draft card stating that Nick G. Vasos has been accepted for active military service, one unit assignment card, and one arrival at unit card. All cards are addressed to Gus Vasos (father).

folder 5  Series 6, Photocopies
Physical Description: .05 Linear Feet (1 folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains one spiral-bound book of photocopies of the letters to and from Sgt. Nick G. Vasos, USA between 1940 and 1942. The book was compiled by Judith Vasos (niece and donor).

folder 7  Series 7, Video
Physical Description: .025 Linear Feet (1 folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains one video CD, "The Story of Uncle Nick." Created by Judith Vasos (niece and donor).