
Finding Aid for the Maurice Edwin Becker Second World War correspondence 2014.161.w.r

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Title: Maurice Edwin Becker Second World War correspondence

creator: Becker, Maurice Edwin

source: Pow, Sylvia

Identifier/Call Number: 2014.161.w.r

Physical Description: 0.075 Linear Feet(3 folders)

Date (inclusive): 1944-04-1946-02

Abstract: This collection contains the correspondence of Private First Class Maurice Edwin Becker, United States Army to his mother and father during the Second World War.

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Storage Unit: WWII 5

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Sylvia Pow.

Biographical / Historical

According to the supplementary biography, PFC Maurice Edwin Becker went to the Army Specialized Training Corps at Princeton University. He served in the European Theater in Company L, 413th Regiment, 104th Infantry Division and received the Sharp Shooter medal and a Purple Heart for being wounded near Aachen, Germany. He spent over a year undergoing operations and rehab and then returned to Cornell in February 1945 a day after his medical discharge.

Preferred Citation

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Content Description

This collection contains the correspondence of PFC Maurice Edwin Becker, USA to his mother and father during the Second World War. Included in PFC. Becker's correspondence are:

22 letters

11 V-mail

1 postcard

1 Western Union telegram

There is also one letter written by a woman named Dorothy to Becker's mother and father, dated August 22, 1944. A few of the letters in the beginning of the collection are not dated. A telegram in the collection is addressed to Becker's father, Gordon E. Becker, informing him that his son was wounded in action on November 23, 1944. There are also hospital patient status cards that describe Becker's recovery. Also contained in the collection are two supplementary papers: a short excerpt from an article about Becker and a testimony by an unknown soldier who served in the same company as Becker. The day that Becker was wounded in action is on page 11 of the testimony.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged by material type: Series 1: Correspondence--Series 2: Medical Documents--Series 3: Supplementary Materials.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Correspondence -- World War, 1939-1945

World War II

World War, 1939-1945

World War, 1939-1945 -- Battlefields -- France

World War, 1939-1945 -- Germany

World War, 1939-1945 -- Hospitals
World War, 1939-1945--Belgium
World War, 1939-1945--France
United States. Army.
Becker, Maurice Edwin
Pow, Sylvia

Series 1, Correspondence 1944-04-1945-02

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet(1 folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains the correspondence of PFC Maurice Edwin Becker, USA to his mother and father during the Second World War. Included is a letter to his mother and father from a woman named Dorothy. Inventory:

23 letters
11 V-mail
1 postcard
1 Western Union telegram

Series 2, Medical Documents 1945-01-1946-02

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet(1 folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains documents related to the progress of PFC Maurice Edwin Becker, USA after being wounded in action. Included are one letter to PFC Becker's father informing him that his son was wounded, four medical status cards, and one Separation Qualification Record.

Series 3, Supplementary Materials

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet(1 folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains supplementary materials pertaining to the life and career of PFC Maurice Edwin Becker, USA as well as information on his unit, Company L, 413th Regiment, 104th Infantry Division. Inventory:

1 biography, paper slip that explains PFC Becker's service in the Army
1 packet, unbound, discusses the history of Company L.