Finding Aid for Cletus O. Ward World War Two correspondence 2014.048.w.r

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Title: Cletus O. Ward World War Two Correspondence
Identifier/Call Number: 2014.048.w.r
Contributing Institution: Center for American War Letters
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.4 Linear feet (1 box)
Date (inclusive): 1941-1945
General Physical Description note: Some letters are ripped. Some of the stationary are thin and fragile.
Abstract: This collection contains 256 correspondence from Cletus O. Ward written during his WWII tour in the U.S. Army from 1941-1945. There are also three CDs containing scans of his letters and photographs.
creator: Ward, Cletus O.
Preferred Citation note
[Item title / description; Box "n" / Folder "n"], Cletus O. Ward World War Two Correspondence (2014.048.w.r), Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives, Chapman University, CA.
Conditions Governing Use note
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This collection is open for research.
Scope and Contents note
This collection contains correspondence by Cletus O. Ward writing to his family and friends, with a majority of the letters addressed to his wife, Bessie, and son, Robert, who was also called Butch. Ward was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and later promoted to first lieutenant. He was stationed in the Admiralty Islands, and then in the Philippines. Throughout the letters, he corresponded with family and friends about his day-to-day business and asking about events back home. In his letters, he mentioned the frequency of receiving letters, portraying how much soldiers depended on these letters for relief from combat. Sometimes he would receive his family’s letters in groups. Ward also mentioned in one letter that he found in the mail tent one of his wife’s letters burned and stamped with the words “salvaged from plane crash”.
Biographical/Historical note
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Arrangement note
This collection is housed in eight folders, with letters in chronological order. CDs are housed in the last folder.
Folder 1: January 1941-December 1943
Folder 2: January 1944-July 1944
Folder 3: August 1944-September 1944
Folder 4: October 1944-November 1944
Folder 5: December 1944-February 1945
Folder 6: March 1945-April 1945
Folder 7: May 1945-October 1945
Folder 8: CDs
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Ward, Michael L.
World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945--Philippines.