Finding Aid for the William B. Hood Second World War correspondence 2015.082.w.r

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Abstract: This collection contains correspondence written between Chaplain (Colonel) William B. Hood, United States Army Air Force and members of his family and friends during the Second World War. Also included are postcards, forms, pamphlets and newspapers, documents, a short biography, and a photograph of Ch. (Col.) Hood in uniform.
Storage Unit: 1-2
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Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of William B. Hood, Jr. (Legacy)
Arrangement
This collection is arranged by material type and date: Series 1: Correspondence from William to Catherine Hood--Series 2: Correspondence to William B. Hood--Series 3: Correspondence from William to Betty Hood--Series 4: Correspondence to William B. Hood, Jr.--Series 5: Correspondence to Catherine Hood--Series 6: Cards and other correspondence--Series 7: Postcards--Series 8: Papers--Series 9: Publications--Series 10: Biographical and historical material
Preferred Citation
[Item title], William B. Hood Second World War correspondence (2015.082.w.r), Center for American War Letters Archives, Chapman University, CA.
Content Description
This collection contains 1006 correspondence written between Ch. (Col.) William B. Hood, USAAF and members of his family during the Second World War. Also included are postcards, forms, pamphlets and newspapers, documents pertaining to Chaplain Hood and his military and missionary service in India and South East Asia, as well as a short biography and a photograph of Ch. (Col.) Hood in uniform. Inventory:
1006 correspondence, personal, 1939-1945,
11 cards and other correspondence
1 package of postcards, blank
14 papers
9 publications
1 historical note, Tour of Duty in India, Rev. William B. Hood
1 photocopied photograph of Ch. (Col.) William B. Hood
1 biography, Rev. William B. Hood
1 key, Hood Letters--Packets
1 key, Hood Letters--Chronological
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
Reverend William B. Hood was born in Newberry County, South Carolina on February 14, 1900. He attended Linwood College in North Carolina, Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary, and Livingston College in London, England where he studied tropical medicine in preparation for foreign missionary service. On June 7, 1928, while serving as a missionary in West Africa, Rev. Hood married Katherine Elizabeth Anderson.
Rev. Hood served as a pastor in Alabama for ten years before he was called as Chaplain of the Meridian Air Base at Key Field in Meridian, Mississippi, then assigned to the United States Army Air Corps facility in Karachi India in March 1942
during the Second World War. There he was promoted from First Lieutenant to Colonel and held the record among chaplains assigned to India for the duration of his tour of duty.

Ch. (Col) Hood's voyage by ship to India had gone around the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa and his voyage home consisted of a stop in Australia and passage through the Pacific, thus allowing the Chaplain Colonel to circumnavigate the globe.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Correspondence -- World War, 1939-1945
World War II
World War, 1939-1945
India -- Description and travel.
China -- History -- 1933-1945
United States. Army. Air Corps.
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United States. Army.
World War, 1939-1945 -- Homefront
Hood, William B., Jr.
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<td>This series contains 885 correspondence from Ch. (Col.) William B. Hood, USAAF to his wife Catherine (Katie) Hood, as well as some to friends, during the Second World War. Of particular note are his descriptions of Indian culture, color, daily life, and there comparison to his time in West Africa. Also of note is the great deal of time spent in the hospital with malaria.</td>
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<td>This series contains 70 correspondence from Ch. (Col.) William B. Hood to his son William B. Hood, Jr. during the Second World War. Included are one V-mail, one newspaper clipping, and three empty envelopes with writing on them.</td>
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## Series 5, Correspondence to Catherine Hood 1942-03-1945-01

**Physical Description:** 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**
This series contains 36 correspondence to Catherine Hood from several authors and banks during the Second World War. Included are bank slips sent to Mrs. Hood. Authors:

- Ralph Hood
- the Leonard Smiths
- Erk Hood
- Reverend George Nicholson
- Reverend Hugh Agnew
- William Hood, Jr.
- J.H. Niolon
- Reverend Edward G. Lilly
- Cy (no last name)
- Staff Sergeant Geo. Fraga,
- First Sergeant W.A. Burnett
- H. Gaylord M. Elverson
- Master Sergeant Edward H. Mooring
- Lieutenant Colonel Delmer J. Rogers
- Lieutenant Emil S. Gavlak
- Staff Sergeant E.J. Malick
- Lieutenant Colonel R.F. Wiseheart
- Lieutenant Colonel Robert S. Spencer
- Wade H. Boggs
- Graham White
- Grace (no last name)
- and Mary (no last name).

Also included are some ephemera and receipts mailed to Mrs. Hood.

## Series 6, Cards and other correspondence

**Physical Description:** 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**
This series contains cards and other correspondence. Inventory:

- 3 cards, for flowers
- 1 card, Merry Christmas, with illustration
- 1 card, A Special Prayer for Someone in the Service
- 1 torn airmail envelope
- 4 empty envelopes
- 1 letter, to Mrs. C.C. Anderson from Smith Transfer and Storage Co.

## Series 7, Postcards

**Physical Description:** 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**
This series consists of one package containing 26 blank postcards with pictures of sightseeing venues from around the United States.

## Series 8, Hood Family Papers 1943-01-1944-09

**Physical Description:** 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

**Scope and Contents**
This series contains papers related to the Hood family during the Second World War.

Inventory:

- 2 paper slips
- 2 cash memos
- 1 report card, Billy Hood, Montreat College
- 6 receipts, Smith Transfer and Storage Co.
- 1 check, $10
- 1 post office return receipt
- 1 receipt, Ministers’ Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.
Series 9, Publications 1942-04-1944-08

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This series contains pamphlets and newspaper clippings. Inventory:
1 catalog, Kellogg's Catalog of Stamps of the World
1 pamphlet, wedding hymns
1 excerpt, "Line O' Day" from President Roosevelt's fireside chat April 28, 1942, dated April 30, 1942
1 photograph, Indian woman, cut from a magazine
1 newspaper page, The Cincinnati Times-Star, December 14, 1942
1 pamphlet, The president's "Message to Policyholders and Financial Statemen," December 31, 1942
1 menu
1 agenda, Evening Service, 30 May 1943
1 pamphlet, in envelope, 50th Meeting of Cape Town Citizens, 6 August, 1944

Series 10, Biographical and historical material

Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)

Scope and Contents
This series contains biographical and historical material relating to Ch. (Col.) William B. Hood, USAF and this collection provided by the donor. Inventory:
1 service note, Tour of Duty in India, Rev. William B. Hood, March 1942-Nov. 1944
1 photograph, photocopied, Ch. (Col.) William B. Hood in uniform
1 biography, short, Rev. William B. Hood
1 collection key, Hood Letters--Packets, including abstracts to some letters
1 collection key, Hood Letters--Chronological, including abstracts to some letters