Finding Aid for the Joseph DeHaan Korean War correspondence 2015.084.w.r

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Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet (1 document box)
Date (inclusive): 1950-04-1951-06
Abstract: This collection contains correspondence between Private First Class Joseph DeHaan, United States Army, and Dorothy Page during the Korean War as well as photographs and other documents.
Storage Unit: DeHaan 1
Storage Unit: 1-7
Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Dorothy M. Grover.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged by material type and date: Series 1: Correspondence to Dorothy Page--Series 2: Correspondence from Dorothy Page--Series 3: Photographs--Series 4: Postwar Documents--Series 5: Clippings
Biographical / Historical
PFC Joseph DeHaan was part of D Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, 75MM Recoilless Rifle Platoon in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was captured by the enemy on May 18, 1951. After falling ill, he died as a prisoner of war in a make-shift hospital in Chong Song from intestinal tuberculosis on February 19, 1952. Corporal DeHaan was awarded the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, the Prisoner of War Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.
In the letter dated April 22, 1951, Joseph De Haan mentions that he received the news of his father's death.
Preferred Citation
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Content Description
This collection contains correspondence between PFC Joseph DeHaan, USA and Dorothy Page during the Korean War. A majority of the collection was written by PFC Joseph DeHaan. Inventory:
138 correspondence, personal
7 photographs
1 program, memorial service
1 statement of death
2 correspondence, photocopy, postwar
2 biographical/historical documents
15 newspaper clippings
3 newspaper clippings, photocopy
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.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Correspondence -- Korean War -- 1950-1953
United States. Army.
Prisoner of war
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Series 1, Correspondence to Dorothy Page 1950-04-1953-08
Physical Description: 0.25 Linear Feet (3 folders)
Scope and Contents
This series contains correspondence from PFC Joseph DeHaan, USA to Dorothy Page during the Korean War. The last correspondence in the series is a Western Union telegram notifying Dorothy of PFC DeHaan's death, dated August 16, 1953.
104 correspondence, personal

Series 2, Correspondence from Dorothy Page 1950-12-1951-06
Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains correspondence written to PFC Joseph DeHaan, USA from Dorothy Page during the Korean War.
34 correspondence, personal

Series 3, Photographs
Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet
Scope and Contents
This series contains eight photographs pertaining to PFC Joseph DeHaan, USA during and after the Korean War. Inventory:
1 photo, headstone of Joseph DeHaan
1 photo, copy, PFC DeHaan getting a haircut, April 3, 1951
1 photo, framed medals
1 photo, Warren D. Duncan
1 photo, b/w, Joseph DeHaan and Dorothy Page, December 1950
1 photo, b/w, three men in uniform
1 photo, technicolor, Joseph DeHaan and Dorothy Page, Summer 1950
1 photo, color, portrait, PFC Joseph DeHaan in uniform, 1950

Series 4, Postwar Documents
Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet (1 folder)
Scope and Contents
This series contains documents and photocopied correspondence created after the Korean War pertaining to PFC Joseph DeHaan's service during the war. Inventory:
1 program, memorial service for Joseph DeHaan
1 statement of death, Joseph Nicholas DeHaan
1 map, Battle Below the Soyang, 16-20 May 1951
1 narrative, Warren Duncan's experience finding out about PFC DeHaan's death in 1995
1 list, casualties during the Korean War from D Company, 38th Infantry, 2nd Div., Recollis Rifle Platoon, 1951
1 letter, photocopy, to Gerard DeHaan (brother) from Warren Duncan, 6/24/1998
1 letter, photocopy, to Mrs. DeHaan (mother) from Mike Zimomra (same Company as PFC DeHaan)
Series 5, Clippings 1951-1998 bulk

Scope and Contents

This series contains 15 newspaper clippings from the time PFC Joseph DeHaan, USA spent in captivity during the Korean War and following his death. There are also two photocopies of newspaper articles remembering PFC DeHaan years later thanks to the work of fellow soldier and friend, Warren Duncan.