Finding Aid for the Eugene R. Cadieux Second World War correspondence collection 2016.021.w.r

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Abstract: This collection contains letters, photographs and newspaper clippings from Corporal Eugene R. Cadieux, United States Army Corps of Engineers.
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Storage Unit: Cadieux 1
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Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Leontine Keane Cadieux (Mrs. Eugene R. Cadieux), part of the Legacy Collection.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged by material type and date: Series 1: Correspondence from Eugene Cadieux to Nadia Cadieux--Series 2: Correspondence from Eugene Cadieux to Josephine Rogers--Series 3: Correspondence from Eugene Cadieux to Kathleen (Mrs. Roy) Flora--Series 4: Biographical Information--Series 5: Photographs.
Preferred Citation
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Content Description
This collection contains the correspondence of Cpl. Eugene Rogers Cadieux, USA to his mother, Nadia Cadieux and to his grandmother, Josephine Rogers in Detroit, Michigan and to Kathleen (Mrs. Roy) Flora in Elgin, IL. Eugene Cadieux was a private in the United States Army Corps of Engineers and served in the European theater, primarily in France. Cpl. Cadieux trained at Camp Bowie in Texas, Camp Joseph T. Robinson in Arkansas and the Desert Training Center in California. Of interest is a lock of hair sent to his mother Nadia on July 4, 1944.
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Biographical / Historical
Eugene Rene Cadieux was born on February 14, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan. He lived with his mother Nadia and grandmother, Josephine Rogers. The Cadieux name came from early settlers in Grosse Pointe, Michigan and the family name has deep roots in the area. His mother was a descendant of settlers from the Mayflower, with the last name Rogers. Cpl. Cadieux joined the United States Army on March 11, 1943 and served with the Army Corps of Engineers until January 15, 1946. He was a history enthusiast and ran a "rainbow" farm, so named for its thin shape, in Grosse Pointe until his death on March 23, 1988.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
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Josephine Rogers

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Series 1. Correspondence from Eugene Cadieux to Nadia Cadieux 1943-1945

Scope and Contents
This series contains letters from Cpl. Eugene Cadieux, USA to his mother, Nadia Cadieux. A letter dated 03-24-1943 includes three photographs of Cpl. Eugene Cadieux in uniform. Letters dated 10-26-1943 includes Last Will and Testament of Eugene Cadieux. A letter of 10-26-1943 includes Last Will and Testament of Eugene Cadieux. A letter of 06-07-1944 includes a copy of Stars and Stripes newspaper of 06-07-1944 featuring allied troop landings on French coast, Normandy, D-Day. A letter of 03-10-1945 includes 12 color postcards of London, England. A letter of 06-06-1945 includes a copy of 06-06-1945 Stars and Stripes newspapers featuring obituary for Pres. F.D. Delano Roosevelt. A letter of 06-06-1945 includes a copy of 06-06-1945 Stars and Stripes newspaper featuring anniversary remembrance of D-Day invasion in Normandy, France. Cpl. Cadieux writes to his mother, Nadia, several times per week and often writes of the food available and of his health and various ailments. Cadieux is Roman Catholic and often writes of attending Mass and Communion and of various holy days. Early letters are about physical and weapons training, his unsuccessful efforts to get into specialized training and Officer Candidate School, and finally his training as a land surveyor. Cadieux keeps his mother apprised of his assignment locations with the Army Corps of Engineers - Northern Ireland, London, Paris, Brussels, Frankfort - and describes his living quarters/apartments, friends, meals, and his travels while on furlough. He frequently asks for personal grooming items, clothing, and accessories. He mentions his office workplace but does not speak of his work. Cadieux and his mother share a great deal of information about friends' and family's military assignments, marriages and deaths. One letter was added from a separate accession, which includes a lock of his hair sent July 4, 1944. [acc# 2014.077.w]

Series 2. Correspondence from Eugene Cadieux to Josephine Rogers 1943-1945

Scope and Contents
This series contains correspondence from Cpl. Eugene Cadieux, USA to his grandmother Josephine Rogers. Cpl. Cadieux writes to his grandmother approximately twice per week. The content of these letters is much like that which he writes to his mother. He often writes of the food available and of his health. Cadieux is Roman Catholic and often writes of attending Mass and Communion and of various holy days. Early letters are about physical and weapons training and generally about daily life in the training camps. Cadieux writes with some description of the places he is assigned in England, France and Germany, but very little about his work. He describes his living quarters/apartments, friends, meals, and his travels while on furlough. Cadieux and his grandmother share a great deal of information about friends' and family's military assignments, marriages and deaths.
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<td>This series contains correspondence from Cpl.. Eugene Cadieux to Kathleen (Mrs. Roy) Flora. In these nine letters Cadieux writes primarily about his hospitalization in Northern Ireland due to illness. He also writes of spending time with an Irish family named Savage and of visiting a university with a retired instructor named Dr. Rogers. He describes Irish countryside.</td>
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<td>Series 5. Photographs 1943-1945</td>
<td>This series contains photographs and photographic negatives. It includes images of Cpl. Eugene Cadieux, USA posed singly wearing his uniform, images of Cadieux with other service members and of unidentified buildings and landscapes.</td>
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