Finding Aid for the Hubert Albert Spurgin Second World War correspondence collection 2016.094.w.r

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Title: Hubert Albert Spurgin Second World War correspondence
creator: Spurgin, Hubert
creator: Mauldin, Bill (William Henry)
source: Baca, Barbara Jean (Barbara Jean Spurgin)
Identifier/Call Number: 2016.094.w.r
Physical Description: .3 Linear feet(5 folders)
Date (inclusive): 1942-1944
Abstract: This collection contains letters, travel materials, ephemera and news clippings from Private Hubert A. Spurgin, United States Army
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Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Barbara Jean Spurgin Baca. Legacy collection from Andrew Carroll.
Arrangement
This collection is arranged by material type and date. -- Series 1: Correspondence -- Series 2: Travel materials -- Series 3: Ephemera -- Series 4: Newspaper clippings -- Series 5: Bill Mauldin materials
Preferred Citation
[Item title], Hubert A. Spurgin World War Two correspondence (2016.094.w.r), Center for American War Letters Archives, Chapman University, CA.
Scope and Contents
This collection contains correspondence written by Private Hubert Albert Spurgin to his wife, Jean B. Spurgin, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Spurgin in Craig, Colorado. Hubert Spurgin was a private in the Army and served at least some of his duty in North Africa. This collection also contains postcards, war ration books, guides to North Africa, pamphlets, and newspaper clippings, especially articles and cartoons by war correspondent and editorial cartoonist William Henry "Bill" Mauldin -- Five V-mail letters -- 5 war ration books -- 1 mileage rationing record -- 1 military receipt for delivery of gasoline -- 1 booklet of 10 postcards of North Africa -- 1 Atlas of World War II 20th Commemorative Edition -- 2 copies of Soldier's Guide to Sicily -- 1 Language Guide to North Africa -- 1 Pocket Guide to North Africa -- 1 booklet by Bill Mauldin titled Mud, Mules and Mountains,1944, with introduction by Ernie Pyle and autographed by some men who served with Spurgin.
Conditions Governing Use
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
World War, 1939-1945 -- Caricatures and Cartoons
World War, 1939-1945
Correspondence -- World War, 1939-1945
Art and war
Spurgin, Hubert
Mauldin, Bill (William Henry)
Baca, Barbara Jean (Barbara Jean Spurgin)
Jean Spurgin
Series 1. Correspondence

Scope and Contents
This series contains correspondence written by Hubert A. Spurgin to his wife, Jean B. Spurgin in Anadarko, Oklahoma and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Spurgin in Craig, Colorado. Pfc. Spurgin's letters are short, a single page. In his letters to his wife he writes of dreaming of being home, of missing his wife, of sailing to North Africa and watching flying fish, of the appearances and clothing of Arab men and women. He also asks about his daughter, Barbra Jean. One letter is written in verse. To his parents he writes of not having much time to write, of changing company from A Co. and a machine gun assignment to the "Br. Rangers" and going on patrols. He writes of receiving the Craig, Co. newspaper, a fruitcake and other boxes from family.

Series 2. Travel materials 1943-1965

Scope and Contents

Series 3. Ephemera

Scope and Contents
This series contains various ephemera such as war ration books, a mileage rationing record, military receipt for delivery of gasoline, postcard booklet souvenir of North Africa.

Series 4. Newspaper clippings 1945

Scope and Contents
This series contains newspaper clippings including a May 2, 1945 page from The Craig Empire-Courier (Colorado) featuring poetry about the war, some from military service personnel; a Dec. 15 (year unknown) article containing poem "A Korean Christmas Carol" by Lt. Col. Darrell Rathbun.

Series 5. Bill Mauldin materials 1943-1944

Physical Description: Original two pages of 45th Division News, August 11, 1943, Palermo, Sicily are torn and fragile. Photocopies in folder can be used instead.

Scope and Contents
This series includes materials authored or created by Bill Mauldin including one copy of paper-bound book by Bill Mauldin titled "Mud, Mules and Mountains" Cartoons of the A.E.F. in Italy." -- photocopies of four pages of the 45th Division News, August 11, 1943, Palermo, Sicily, containing a column and cartoons by Bill Mauldin; -- original copy of the 45th Division News, August 11, 1943, Palermo, Sicily. Cartoons feature Mauldin characters Willie and Joe. -- One page of The Army News, undated.