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## Inventory of the Marie Adams papers

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**Title:** Marie Adams papers

**Date (inclusive):** 1887-1950

**Collection Number:** 78076

**Contributing Institution:** Hoover Institution Archives

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 5 manuscript boxes, 2 oversize boxes(3.8 linear feet)

**Abstract:** The collection includes materials relating to Santo Tomás Internment Camp and the Japanese occupation of the Philippines during World War II, in the form of correspondence, propaganda leaflets, printed matter, and memorabilia.

**Physical Location:** Hoover Institution Archives

**Creator:** Adams, Marie, 1891-1976

**Access**

The collection is open for research; materials must be requested at least two business days in advance of intended use.

**Publication Rights**

For copyright status, please contact the Hoover Institution Archives.

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item], Marie Adams papers, [Box no., Folder no. or title], Hoover Institution Archives.

**Acquisition Information**

Acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 1978.

**Accruals**

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. To determine if this has occurred, find the collection in Stanford University's online catalog at <http://searchworks.stanford.edu/>. Materials have been added to the collection if the number of boxes listed in the catalog is larger than the number of boxes listed in this finding aid.

**Related Materials**

*Life without Lipstick* by Marie Adams, Hoover Institution Library

Myrene Cassel papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Roger Mansell collection, Hoover Institution Archives

Ann Miller Depew papers, Hoover Institution Archives

William Henry Hastings papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Santo Tomás Internment Camp (Manila, Philippines) Internee Executive Committee issuances, Hoover Institution Archives

Santo Tomás Internment Camp, January 4, 1942-September 27, 1943: typescript, Hoover Institution Archives

Katherine Ream Sobeck papers, Hoover Institution Archives

1891 Born, Aberdeen, Washington

1936-1941 Executive Secretary of Milwaukee-Downer College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1941 Arrives in Manila, Philippines, to work as Field Director of Hospital Services for the American Red Cross

1942-1945 Interned, Santo Tomás Internment Camp (STIC), Philippines

1945 Author, *Life Without Lipstick*

June 1945 Submits report to the U.S. Office of the Surgeon General on living conditions at STIC following the takeover by the Japanese military authority in 1944

circa 1945 Awarded Bronze Star Medal for service with sick and wounded while interned at STIC

1976 Died

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Having been sent to the Philippines by the American Red Cross in 1941 to work as Field Director for Hospital Services in Manila, Marie Adams found herself among the thousands of American and Allied civilians to be held as prisoners of war at Santo Tomás Internment Camp (STIC). As one of the head nurses at STIC, Adams witnessed first-hand the physical and psychological toll of internment, with circumstances worsening in 1944 after the Japanese military assumed control of operations. The collection is primarily comprised of materials from Adams' time as a prisoner of war and immediately following her release.

Of particular note in the **Philippines file** is a set of meal tickets and a log of daily meals served at STIC from 1944 to 1945. These materials supplement newsletters and announcements distributed at STIC around this period, providing insight into daily life at the camp. In addition, the series includes printed matter about the Philippine front of World War II, in the form of newspapers, clippings, reports, and studies on the destruction of Manila and the liberation of prisoners of war.

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In her time at STIC, Adams wrote a number of poems reflecting on life in the camp, hunger, sickness, and the hope of liberation. These poems were self-published under the title *Life Without Lipstick* and distributed to friends and family as Christmas presents in 1945. Letters written in response to this book are included in the **Letters received** series along with letters received by Adams at STIC and congratulatory letters received upon her return home, written by family, close friends, and colleagues from different chapters of the American Red Cross.

**Arrangement**

The collection is organized into 3 series: Philippines file, Letters received, and Memorabilia

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Philippines--History--Japanese occupation, 1942-1945.

Prisoners of war.

Santo Tomas Interment Camp (Manila, Philippines).

World War, 1939-1945--Philippines.

World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons.

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**Philippines file 1942-1950**

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes materials collected from STIC, Japanese and American propaganda materials, and clippings, maps, reports, and studies pertaining to the Philippine front of WWII and the liberation of American prisoners of war.

**Arrangement note**

Arranged by physical format, then chronologically.

**Santo Tomás Internment Camp (STIC) materials 1942-1945**

Box 1, Folder 1-2

**Internal newsletters and publications 1942-1944**

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes issues of *STIC Gazette*, *Internitis*, *Cavalier*, and *The Liberator*

Box 1, Folder 3

**Meal tickets of Otto Joseph Tuschka 1942-1944**

Box 1, Folder 4

**Notice issued by Japanese commandant 1943 January**

Box 1, Folder 5

**Summary of camp activities and resources 1943**

Box 1, Folder 6

**Daily log of meals served 1944-1945**

**Scope and Contents note**

Probably written by Otto or Yetta Tuschka

Box 1, Folder 7

**Poems circa 1944**

**Clippings 1942-1949**

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes clippings from *Liberty*, *Life*, *Readers Digest*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *San Francisco Examiner*, *Saturday Evening Post*, and *Woman's Home Companion*, relating to the liberation of Manila and returning American soldiers and civilians.

Box 5, Folder 1

**1942**

Box 5, Folder 2

**1943**

Box 5, Folder 3

**1945**

Box 5, Folder 4

**1946**

Box 5, Folder 5

**1949**

Box 5, Folder 6

**Map of Manila 1942**

**Newspapers 1942-1945**

Box 5, Folder 7

***The Tribune* 1942 April - 1943 January**

**Scope and Contents note**

Japanese propaganda newspaper

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Box 5, Folder 8	<p><b>Free Philippines 1945 February-March</b>  <b>Scope and Contents note</b>                      Newspaper of the U.S. Army published after the liberation of Santo Tomás</p>
Box 1, Folder 8 Box 1, Folder 9 Box 1, Folder 10	<p><b>Program flyer for "Dr. Jay's Medicine Show," Los Baños 1943 June</b>  <b>Propaganda flyers, Japanese and American circa 1942</b>  <b>Propaganda magazine, <i>Shin Seiki</i>, <i>Bagong Araw</i>, <i>New Era</i>, Manila: Philippine Publications 1942</b>  <b>Scope and Contents note</b>                      In English and Tagalog</p>
Box 1, Folder 11  Box 1, Folder 12	<p><b>Reports, studies, and other publications 1944-1950</b>  <b>"Historical Background of International Agreements Relating to Prisoners of War," American National Red Cross 1944</b>  <b>Geographical study of Manila issued by U.S. commanders in the Pacific 1944</b>  <b>Scope and Contents note</b>                      Includes printed aerial photographs</p>
Box 1, Folder 13  Box 1, Folder 14  Box 1, Folder 15	<p><b>"Report on the Destruction of Manila and Japanese Atrocities," Office of Resident Commissioner of the Philippines to the U.S. 1945</b>  <b><i>The End of the War in the Pacific: Surrender Documents in Facsimile</i>, Washington: United States Government Printing Office 1945</b>  <b>War Claims Commission review and directory of paid POWs 1950</b>  <b>Letters received 1921-1946</b>  <b>Scope and Contents note</b>                      Includes letters received by Adams from financial institutions, friends, and family.  <b>Arrangement note</b>                      Grouped by topic or event, then chronologically.</p>
Box 1, Folder 16-18	<p><b>Letters received from banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions 1921-1945</b>  <b>Scope and Contents note</b>                      Includes related statements and receipts</p>
Box 1, Folder 19	<p><b>Letters of recommendation for employment with American Red Cross 1937-1941</b>  <b>Letters received at Santo Tomás 1941-1944</b>  <b>Scope and Contents note</b>                      Some letters are postmarked 1943; however, were not actually received by Adams until 1944. Folder titles reflect the date received, as indicated by the creator.</p>
Box 2, Folder 1-3	<p><b>1941-1943</b>  <b>1944</b></p>
Box 2, Folder 4-5	<p><b>March-April</b></p>
Box 2, Folder 6	<p><b>June</b></p>
Box 2, Folder 7-8	<p><b>August-September</b></p>
Box 2, Folder 9	<p><b>November-December</b></p>
Box 2, Folder 10-11	<p><b>Christmas cards 1945</b></p>
Box 2, Folder 12	<p><b>Other greeting cards 1945</b>  <b>Letters received upon liberation 1945-1946</b></p>
Box 2, Folder 13	<p><b>Undated</b>  <b>1945</b></p>
Box 2, Folder 14	<p><b>January</b></p>
Box 2, Folder 15	<p><b>February</b></p>
Box 3, Folder 1-2	<p><b>February (continued)</b></p>

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Box 3, Folder 3-5           **March**  
Box 3, Folder 6           **April**  
Box 3, Folder 7           **May**  
Box 3, Folder 8           **June-July**  
Box 3, Folder 9           **August-September**  
Box 3, Folder 10          **October**  
Box 3, Folder 11          **November-December**  
Box 3, Folder 12          **1946 January-October**

**Letters received regarding *Life Without Lipstick* 1945-1946**

Box 4, Folder 1           **Undated**  
                                  **1945**  
Box 4, Folder 2           **March**  
Box 4, Folder 3-4          **September-December**  
                                  **1946**  
Box 4, Folder 5-8          **January**  
Box 5, Folder 9           **February**  
Box 5, Folder 10          **March-June**

**Memorabilia 1887-1940s**

**Scope and Contents note**

Philippine identity papers with metal containers, Japanese Red Cross flag, and wooden sandals.

**Arrangement note**

Arranged chronologically.

Box 6                       **Philippine identity papers and metal containers 1887-1898**  
Box 6                       **Wooden sandals 1940s**

**Scope and Contents note**

Hand-carved sandals with rubber straps, probably worn by an internee at Santo Tomás

Box 6                       **Description of Japanese Red Cross flag 1940s**  
Box 7                       **Silk Japanese Red Cross flag probably 1940s**

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes photocopy of description from Box 6.