World War II letters, 1941-1946

Rube Brothers correspondence

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Biographical/Historical note
The Rube brothers--David, Conrad, Scott, William, Henry, John, and Peter--were from Fresno, California and all served in World War II. According to one newspaper clipping found in the collection, the brothers believed they held a national record as the largest group of siblings serving in the same war at the same time. At the war's conclusion, all seven brothers were alive.

Scope and Contents
Includes correspondence from six of the seven Rube brothers and their family members during World War II. They write of their activities and experiences, both from Europe and the South Pacific and the home front. Also included are 8 negatives, 1 set of dog tags, printed ephemera including newscloppings about the brothers, and one uniform jacket. The four Rube sisters, Anne, Katherine, Margie, and Emma, are featured as well as domestic issues the family faced while the brothers were overseas.

Arrangement note
The collection is arranged series by author. Within each series the letters are arranged chronologically.

Access Terms
Charles Apfelbaum Books
United States--History
Series 1: Letters from the family to David Rube

Box 1, Folder 1

[Card]: Infantry replacement training center - Camp Hood, Texas
Letter from John Rube (father) to David (July 6, 1945)

Scope and Content Note
• Received a letter from Henry – wrote on June 27 & Henry saw John June 26, 1945. Henry said: John looks nice and showed Scott’s pictures; Scott and Pete went to the Pacific; Read that one division stays in Germany; The 80th division is assigned to Germany; The week before, found out that Willie is in the Philippines • In the letter, talked about Camp Hood, Texas & its appearance – in good shape • Mentioned a bill they received for $18.81 • Thought they had lost their dog, Fitze, but after 3 days the dog came back

Box 1, Folder 1

Letter from Dad, Mother, and Sister (August 15, 1945)

Physical Description:
Scope and Content Note
• Dave sent a birthday card + $5 to family member [money is not in letter] • Brothers/Boys from the Pacific will come home because the fighting had stopped--Will take months or a year them to come home--The ones that will come home sooner are the ones with high points (Henry- 78pts, John- 53pts) • Mentions difficulties at home & how they long for him to come home. Difficulties include peaches ripe, struggling to eat • Mentions they have not received letters from Scott since July 26, 1945 • Willie [William] got malaria • They wrote a letter to William, John, and Connie [Conrad] • Willie wrote them letters in May and June • Willie wrote to Anne

Box 1, Folder 1

Letter from Dad, Mother, and Sister (September 18, 1945)

Scope and Content Note
• They received a letter from Henry that day mentioning that all they were doing was guard duty • They received a letter from John who mentioned that he is in Luzon, Philippines • Willie is somewhere near Henry & Willie feels better after malaria • Connie is on his way to the U.S. but hasn’t landed yet • Received a letter from Peter on May 16, 1945 • Scott is in Staunton, Virginia • Dad wants to send him grapes • In letter they talk about the pay

Box 1, Folder 1

Letter from Dad, Mother, and Sister to David (Oct. 3, 1945)

Scope and Content Note
• They had barely received letter he wrote them from September 18, 1945 • Mentioned that they are aware he will go overseas soon • Talks about the hot weather • Conrad is there on the ranch – has his discharge now

Box 1, Folder 1

Letter from John Rube - [possibly Connie wrote for him] (Oct. 4, 1945)

Scope and Content Note
• He wants David to get a furlough [vacation/time-off] for 15 - 20 days • He hasn’t seen him since 1941 • John joined the federal armed forces in 1941
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**Box 2, Folder 1**

**Letter to Dave from Anne (September 21, 1945)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Sent him a paper to sign in order to open a bank account for him since she has $100 saved for him
- Willie isn’t sending any money to save—doubts that he’s saving any money
- Willie is headed to Japan
- Connie’s mail is coming back—she doesn’t know if he’s coming home
- John is headed for Japan
- Scott landed in Virginia almost 2 weeks ago

**Letter to Dave from Katherine [Kay, sister] (September 21, 1945)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Thanks him for the birthday card & money
- She wishes that he can get a furlough because she really wants to see him
- Asks him to send a picture
- Says that she wants her man home [her man is not Dave]

**Letter to Dave from Anne (October 12, 1945)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Is mad that Dave hasn’t wrote her in several weeks
- Connie was discharged & is staying at Anne’s place
- Pete sent a telegram saying he coming home very soon
- Katherine told her that John landed in Japan
- Willie was in Japan
- Believes that Hank should be coming home in Dec
- Saw Mary & Dick
- Margie is a baby & can say a couple of words

Series 2: Letters from Conrad Rube

**Box 1, Folder 2**

**Letter from Conrad to Anne Rube (July 8, 1941)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Background: He was at San Luis Obispo, CA Service Company, 185th Infantry (R)
- He writes her that she is wrong about him being on kitchen patrol (K.P). There is no time for him to be in the kitchen or write a letter when he wants to
- He works at night—often until midnight & sometimes later than that
- Went to the camp theater a few times—Sundays if he does
- Talked about the funny experiences he has had – ex: 4th of July
- He sold the car to Manuel—to pick Anne up. Conrad thinks Manuel is the perfect guy for her
- He is not able to write more than one letter every 6 weeks or so, never more
- Talks about the weather
- Talks about the different draftees – coming from Chicago, NY
- In the regiment he was in, John Seib & Carl Wenig were there
- Asks about the crops at home
- Asks if dad needs money
- Talked about Emma – [sister] and that she makes corrections about his punctuation.

**Postcard from Conrad to John G. Rube—Father (Dec. 10, 1941)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Conrad is no longer at Camp San Luis Obispo but is in Southern California
- Talks about how people don’t realize how the army has the right of way at all times
- Cannot give information on locality

**Letter from Conrad to Dave (June 9, 1945)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Questions his brother on why he has to know how many battle scars each brother is entitled to
- Tells him to write slower because there are many mistakes in his letter
- Talks about how he needs relaxation sometimes in order from him going insane—reason for not writing/having time to write letters

Series 3: Letter from G. Scott Rube
Box 1, Folder 3  
**Letter to Dave from Scott (May 9th [no year noted], Location—Austria)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- The war is over  
- Feelings: he felt relieved, he no longer had to hear that army/war talk  
- He’s in Austria waiting to find out where they will go to next  
- He wants to go to the States  
- Near death experience - The Last Big Fight  
- The ammunition shot out of carbine (rifle) by two people waiting for him when he came around the corner of a building. Both shot at him; the first one missing & the second hitting his carbine (rifle) - He was lucky  
- When he was in Nuremberg, Germany he had the chance to observe some of the results of their air forces bombing  
- He went on five or so bombing missions when he was with the air force

Box 1, Folder 3  
**Letter to Dave from Scott (July 19, 1945; location—Paris, France)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Scott has received a stack of mail—first mail he has received since November  
- Scott is no longer with the 80th Division  
- After VE day they were given physicals & Scott did not pass because of a fever, sinus, attack of asthma, & an old wound  
- He went through several hospitals & after was sent to a “Special Service Bn” outside of Paris—only 1 week before he got scarlet fever & was at the hospital for 25 more days  
- They wanted to send him back on duty but he told them he was taken out of his division because he had something wrong  
- He didn’t want to get reassigned—he liked the 80th division because they’ll go back to the US soon  
- He tried talking to his connections to get Dave out of the army or at least from going overseas —The other 6 brothers (including Scott) were already overseas at this point

Box 1, Folder 3  
**Letter to Everyone from Scott (December 1, 1944, location—England)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- He was in England, probably for 3 more weeks.  
- Went to London & visited several historical spots  
- Explained what he learned

**Series 4: Letters from William Rube**

Box 1, Folder 4  
**Letter to Dave from Bill (April 13, 1945)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Dave was possibly the last to join the army  
- Bill mentions how he knows it’s a tough place but knows that he can do it  
- Says that the Army can teach him two things: make him a man and make him appreciate life, learn about life & get along with different people  
- It was hard for Bill to get used to it, but realized that at the end they are all human  
- Bill doesn’t want to tell Dave what to do, but is just giving him advice

Box 1, Folder 4  
**Letter to Dave from Bill (May 20, 1945, Location—Philippines)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Talks about being in the Philippines  
- Talks about the food there, how he trades for cigarettes  
- Bill got a letter from John - He knows that he is close to Connie maybe even on the same island

Box 1, Folder 4  
**Letter to Dave from Bill (Sept 4 1945, Location—Philippines)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Bill didn’t write him sooner because he didn’t know his location  
- Mentions that Dave has finished his training and now knows the life of being a soldier  
- Bill gives Dave advice: that every night he should hurry & dig in so he won’t get hurt. Bill digs in every night and moves & the move never seems to end  
- Talked about fun moments at the camp, getting drunk, etc.  
- Bill tells him to make sure to put full serial number on letters, regulations

**Series 5: Letters from David Rube**
Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (May 26, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
• He talks about how they will not come home any time soon • If Peter is in the "15 Army" he won't come home either -asks if she knows what Army Pete is in • Wrote letters 2-3 weeks

Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (March 2, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Doesn’t know where he is at but he’s up NORTH • Tells her to get rid of all the clothes he left

Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (March 26, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• He’s in the hospital—he broke his wrist watch when he first got there • He had a pretty bad cold & had a temp of 103 degrees

Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (April 2, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Asked her to send Willie’s Basie Field Manual Book • Two men that they knew were killed and 10 were injured • 3 weeks before that a captain was killed • They haven’t had any snow at all

Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (April 15, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Anne sent him a handkerchief and candy & he told her he’ll pay her back for which he gets paid at the end of the month • Talked about how the weeks will be tough • He went to church in the morning & evening on Sunday – goes whenever he has time

Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (April 22, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Assumes that Peter must be in battle again • Anne sends Dave candy & cookies • Dave was at the hospital due to a cold • President died • He gets good food where he’s stationed • He was in rifle range that passed week & scored 161 pts. out of 200 • Made a total of 192 pts. if 200 – meaning those were good shots • Tells her that he will send about $50 to save for when he goes home

Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (April 30 [no year noted])
Scope and Content Note
• Received a package from Anne & liked it • Hot weather • Marched 20 miles • Received letter from Pete & Willie • Sent $2 for Easter to Margie [sister ] [money is not in envelope]

Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (May 6, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Only has 8 weeks of training left • When he finishes, he doesn't know what will happen or where he will go • Received letters from Willie, Henry, and Pete • Told Ann to send him a picture of his brothers • Will send another $50 money order • Received a package she sent • He tells her to write the brothers & to tell him if anyone is located near him

Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (May 10, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Sent her $50 to put in a safe place [physical money not in envelope, but light blue receipt for remitter #12357 is]
Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (May 20, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Was glad she received the money • He received a letter from Henry • Scott doesn’t really write because Dave already sent him 4 letters • They are not allowed to get pictures & he told her to use the camera when she wants • He told her to take pictures & send them to the boys

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (June 25, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Asked to get Fred Priez address • Went to church • Bought a radio but needs to get it fixed Sent her $5 to put in a safe place [physical money not in envelope, but light blue receipt for remitter #710134 is]

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (July 1 [no year noted])
Scope and Content Note
• Dave has been writing all of the boys all the time, but they don’t seem to receive the mail • Doesn’t think Connie will go home until the war is over • Is close to one of this brothers in location & will see him soon • Had two weeks added to their training

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (July 15, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• He finished his training & does not know what is going to happen next

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (August 1, 1945; Location—Camp Hood, Texas)
Scope and Content Note
• Received book and candies • Likes the fog weather • Isn’t sure where he will be stationed next

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (August 22, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Dave is worried about Peter because he hasn’t heard from him in about 3.5 months • Willie got malaria & they had to send him back to the States • Dave will take time & write to Willie so he can feel better • Doesn’t know when he will get a furlough

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (August 22, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Wants her to send him the Fresno Bee [newspaper] • Sent $3 home [money not in envelope]

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (August 22, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• He thanks her for sending him candy and cookies

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (August 27, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• He pays for all the mail • He tells her that he wonders where Peter is

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (September 4, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Sends $50 to save [money not in envelope] • Tells her to use any money if she needs it • Transferred to another place
Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (September 13, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Willie will be in the occupational troops with the forty-first will be in Northern Japan •
Knows that Connie is going home soon.

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (September 28, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• He complains about one of his brothers: Willie • He’s trying to get Willie some T-shirts •
He questions what Willie does with all his money if he doesn’t send any home and makes
about $100 • Scott finally went home • Dave was transferred to D CO. • Asked her to
send him Pete’s address

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (October 16, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Moved to another division & is kept busy • Works on motor pool & trucks that come in
for repair • Asked if Connie got a discharge or furlough? • Sent Willie 3 shirts • Asks
about his brothers

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (November 3, 1945)
Scope and Content Note
• Asks where Scott is and if he is still a First Lieutenant. Asked if Scott wore his medals at
his wedding [Dave had just found out that Scott got married] • Dave hopes they took
pictures • Asks if Scott’s wife likes Fresno

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Everybody from Dave (January 30, 1946)
Scope and Content Note
• Has been training • Asked if they received the pictures he sent

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Everybody from Dave (February 1946)
Scope and Content Note
• Called Scott the night before & met up • Scott’s wife name – Judy • Description of Judy:
good-looking, same height as Scott • Dave’s base [Fort Lawton] is only bout 4 miles away
from where Scott now lives • Weather—rainy, cloudy, no sunlight

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Everybody from Dave (March 21, 1946 (Location—Korea))
Scope and Content Note
• It took 23 days to get to Korea & traveled by boat • Traveling was rough—the water
was real rough that two men were washed overboard and a few were hurt so they had to
drop them off in Hawaii • Close to southern Japan they had the roughest water in the trip,
there was a storm • Everyone was pretty scared & worried • The day they got there the
40th division was just going back to the US • Weather—so cold that even the water
fountains have icicles & wears a lot of clothes to keep him warm • Living in a factory

Box 1, Folder 5  "Semper Primus: The Story of the First Infantry”. Headquarters First Infantry APO 6
Scope and Content Note
[typed up history of the First Infantry sent from Dave to Anne May 15, 1946]
Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Everybody from Dave (June 12, 1946)
Scope and Content Note
• Weather—Rainy & gloomy • He’s been on guard so he doesn’t really have time • Is going to send two money orders that he wants them to deposit ($100 & $27) [money not in envelope] • Sent another home $100 about two weeks ago

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (June 27, 1946)
Scope and Content Note
• Asked if Willie is home yet or still in Japan • Sent a money order of $227 ($100 in first letter & $127 in second) [money is not in envelope] • Won a camera & a 6 tube radio • Is sending pictures he wants saved [pictures not in envelope] • Says if John & Mary ask why he hasn’t written to tell them there isn’t anything to write about

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Everybody from Dave (July 3, 1946)
Scope and Content Note
• Sends a $53 money order home before it can get lost [money order is not in envelope] • There was a riot downtown but broke up once the US soliders got their rifles and arms on. "They were only trying to fight for rice." • Tells them that he wrote Willie but still hasn’t received any reply

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (July 12, 1946)
Scope and Content Note
• Asks for some films & variety of candy • Film—to take pictures of places he has went to • Ask what Emma was doing in town, he thought she was going to stay on the ranch with the boys

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Everybody from Dave (August 12, 1946)
Scope and Content Note
• Asked about Pete & Connie on the ranch • Asked about the crops being ready to get picked • Asked if Hank [Henry] has got a car yet • Asked if they are going to move soon since winter is near • Will not be until next summer that he goes home • Hasn’t had a day off in 21 days • Asked if Willie is home yet • Sending $80 [money is not in envelope]

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Everybody from Dave (August 22, 1946[?])
Scope and Content Note
• Has been busy pulling guard • Had one day off in 30 days • Is sending all his money home because he has no use for it over there • Will send another $80 • He does not gamble • To Anne – he wants her to keep track of the money she is spending on him because he wants to pay her back • Asks that next time she sends a package, could she send some gum, hair oil, candy, radio tube

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (October 9, 1946)
Scope and Content Note
• Anne is saving his money • He has $65 he wants to save • Sent $25 home [money not in envelope]

Box 1, Folder 5  Letter to Bill from Dave (November 18 [no year noted])
Scope and Content Note
• Tells him that he does remember where anything was back home • When he went to home in October, he couldn’t hardly find anything • It has been almost two years that he left home • Asks about the number of tins of raisins they had & some of the work they’ll do on ranch/farm • Talks about driving the tracker that summer • Asks if Peter has his own car yet or if he’s using Connie’s • Christmas & Happy New Year letter

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Box 1, Folder 5  
**Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (December 4, 1946)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- He talks about weather – how it is extremely cold there
- Told her not to expect him for Christmas
- He will be home about February or March if nothing happens
- Talks about how he sees big planes & names different types of planes
- He’s far from the ocean & doesn’t know where they are going
- Sent her a radio so she can get it fixed

Box 1, Folder 5  
**“A Mother's Prayer for Her Soldier Son”. Sent from Dave to Anne, n.d. [envelope stamped December 4, 1946]**

Box 1, Folder 5  
**Letter to Anne Rube from Dave (December 6, 1946 (Location—Yokahoma, Japan))**

*Scope and Content Note*

- He’s in Japan & will be there for the next two months
- He likes it better there: they are cleaner and dress better
- He never wants to go to Korea again
- Issue with writing letters – addresses change & sometimes it takes up to a week to get permanent address for that location

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**Series 6: Letters from Henry Rube**

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Postcard/Letter to Parents (August 8, 1941)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Sent Scott’s new address

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Postcard/Letter to Parents (August 27, 1941)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- The rain has stopped the action
- Will see Scott again

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (December 15, 1941)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Left camp & went to Los Angeles
- Connie is with him & gave him a Christmas card from Mary & Anne

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Willie, Dave & Emma from Henry (March 11, 1942)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Letter lecturing his siblings
- Says that they should listen to Dad, mom, & Kay instead of Mary, Anne, & Pete
- He’s heard that they haven’t been treating their father well
- Said that Dad is doing the best he can for them
- Said that the lady that Dad wants to marry is a good woman & to not believe what Mary, Anne, & Pete are saying about the lady because they don’t know her
- Says that Dad wants a lady that can take care of Willie, Dave, & Emma [the siblings left at home] & the house
- Knows that Anne will soon be old enough to work & marry
- Told them to not listen to what people are saying about Dad; that they are jealous because Dad is better off than them
- Says that if they behave themselves they will give them something

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (July 4, 1943)**

*Scope and Content Note*

- Sorry for the confusion regarding the recent postcard that he sent that made them think he had gone overseas. He just used the only paper he could find to give them his new address
- He is actually located in Louisiana
- Told them to get Willie away from Keliner [no first name] and if they can’t control him, send him to the army
Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (July 16, 1943)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Located in Louisiana  
- Tells his dad that it would be better for Willie to be drafted instead of work on the ranch. That the army will straighten him up where if he works on the ranch he will get worse each time  
- Says that Willie needs to learn the hard way & the Army will teach him. Henry offered to talk to him as well.

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (July 23, 1943)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Said that their clothes do not last where they are at and is asking for them to send him two more coveralls—Army type  
- Sent a specific order to the man that owns the store where they sell coveralls

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (August 3, 1943)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Connie and John went home at the same time  
- He was in the swamps & will be there for a few weeks

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Dave from Henry (August 18, 1943; Location—Camp Polk, Louisiana)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Talk about how Dave is picking grapes  
- Make fun of each other and how their spelling is

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (October 1, 1943)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Promotion came & now he’s a First Lieutenant (silver bars)  
- He has been very busy & hasn’t slept in 10 days

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (October 23, 1943)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Asks how the raisins comings along  
- Tries to think positive—"If it isn’t fine, we’ll make it that way. That is the only way to get along in the Army."

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (December 12, 1943)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Asks for John’s address

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (December 24, 1943)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Says that is another Christmas without them  
- Says that it’s the first time that he’s working on Christmas day  
- Will be sending a footlocker and sleeping bad because he won’t need it there  
- He has the job as the company commander while the company commander gets better for as he became ill

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Dad from Henry (December 28, 1943)**  
Scope and Content Note  
- Asks his Dad to do three things: send him his [Henry’s] will that is in his deposit box—wants to check it for changes  
- Contact Bank of America ("little bank") where he has his savings account and create a checking account on his behalf, but to make sure that his Dad can draw or deposit when necessary  
- Send Henry the bank branch number and street so the government will know the address of the bank for the allotment  
- Doesn’t want to carry a lot of money, and it’s better for the bank to send the money directly to the bank
Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (January 15, 1944)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• Weather—snowed  
• Two packages going home with personal papers to save because a lot of them are his records of being in the army  
• Gives some of his clothes to his family  
• Sent Kay $25 for Christmas [money is not in envelope]  
• Said to use any of his money—for church put his part, for insurance, anything

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (March 27, 1944)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• Emma [sister] sent him a snapshot of herself - she’s growing up [photo is not in envelope]

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Family from Henry (April 16, 1944, Location—New Guinea)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• Uneventful week, working as usual  
• Letters are taking long to arrive  
• Letters the family writes is not censored at all, the only ones that are censored are the ones being sent out from the soldiers  
• They have been spending their recreation time playing volleyball games against the officers and boxing  
• Told Dave to send him film

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (April 30, 1944)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• Learned about Morse Code  
• Radio plays a lot of good music  
• Goes to church about three times a week  
• They make their own fun—will be practicing with Morse Code again

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (May 7, 1944)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• Says that John wrote him thinks they are near each other, but he doesn’t think so. Asks if the censors have taken anything out of his letters. He censors his men's mail and thinks that mail censorship is a good thing.

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (May 14, 1944)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• Has been to Missouri, Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Virginia  
• Sent Willie a shilling with King George VI & King George V on it [shilling not in envelope]

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (June 11, 1944)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• Asked again if any of the letters have "been cut up" [censored] and told them they went through the Panama Canal

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (June 25, 1944)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• The ranch is the best thing the family has  
• There isn’t much to do there except go to church four times a week  
• Sent his Pacific Service Ribbon [not in the archive]

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (July 2, 1944)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• Joked around with Dave saying not to burn the tractor

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (July 7, 1944)**  
Scope and Content Note  
• [there are two letters dated July 7, 1944] Sent more pictures home  
• Had the opportunity to visit Panama city & went through the Panama canal
Box 1, Folder 7  V-mail to Dave from Henry (July 9, 1944 & unknown)
Scope and Content Note
• Told Dave to write better & use a dictionary • Asked if Emma and Anne received a bracelet he sent • Connie is on the New Britain Island • He is in New Guinea – island right above Australia

Box 1, Folder 7  Letter to Parents from Henry (July 21, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
• Saw some Hindus. They eat a lot different: don’t use spoons or forks, they eat with their fingers. Their main dish is rice. They uses cups and plates; sometimes four men eat out of a large plate

Box 1, Folder 7  Letter to Parents from Henry (July 24, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
• Continue seeing a lot of dead Japanese • Told them to put the initials F.LM. so the mail will come faster

Box 1, Folder 7  Letter to Parents from Henry (July 28, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
• Moved to another location • Weather—warm & cool ocean breeze • Asked for a book & razor • Willie will soon see that war is not a picnic

Box 1, Folder 7  Letter to Parents from Henry (August 8, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
Advised parents not worry too much about Willie

Box 1, Folder 7  Letter to Parents from Henry (August 14, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
• Henry’s birthday • Had church services under a bush shack “that the natives made for a chapel.” His Colonel thinks highly of his men and says they are doing a great job in the field. • Sent an Australian shilling worth 16cents [shilling not in letter] • Sent a Japanese coin—worth unknown [coin not in letter]

Box 1, Folder 7  V-mail to Dave from Henry (August 14, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
• Asked how Dave and Emma getting along • Told Dave to get along with their mom

Box 1, Folder 7  Letter to Parents from Henry (August 18, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
• Receives letters regularly from Kay, John, & others • Sent money home $80 ($50 to save & $30 for birthday present) [money not in envelope] • Says that he knows it’s hard to see Willie go, but he will take orders

Box 1, Folder 7  Letter to Parents from Henry (August 27, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
• All of their old friends are passing away & more by the time they come back home • Connie is coming home in September. Hopes the family stays together after the war • Sent home pictures—funny ones: one of the officers got a native grass skirt from a "native" and they had fun taking pictures wearing it. He is living on a coconut plantation right on the beach and their "tent chapel" is only a 100 yards away.
Box 1, Folder 7  
**Letter to Dave from Henry (August 31, 1944)**

Scope and Content Note

- Dave is home & is thinking about joining the service • Henry asked why Emma hasn’t wrote • Asked if dad developed pictures & told them to send some • Told Dave that the best place for him is on the ranch & not in the service • Told Dave that dad is getting old & if all the boys leave for the service they will lose the ranch & the ranch means a lot to them • Says that Dave is still young & doesn’t understand • Says that the Army is not easy. They have to work hard. Only sleep about four hours • Says that Dave has a vacation on the ranch • Pete said that he went through hell when he was in North Africa, & he could have very easily been killed • Willie was crazy because he disobeyed dad & went to the service –said that he should feel ashamed • Tells Dave to get along with mom because he’s young & doesn’t understand how she feels • Makes it clear that the letters Henry & the boys write to Dad intentionally make the Army sound like a picnic. However he does that so they won’t worry. He’s not lying, he does name a few good things, but if he tells him the truth about what they going through he will start sweating. The boys will tell him how they are going through hell & they all can’t wait to go home

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (September 2, 1944)**

Scope and Content Note

- Sent $35 to save for him [money not in letter] • Mentioned that the razor was no hurry, but he didn’t make that clear in his letter • Told them when changing location

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (September 11, 1944)**

Scope and Content Note

- Sent pictures home, asked about the crops, & gave them an update

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (September 25, 1944)**

Scope and Content Note

- He’s in one of the Netherland East Indies Islands • Weather—warm during the day, cool at night • Asks about the crops

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (October 1, 1944)**

Scope and Content Note

- Asks about the raisins & how it turned out • Have had a few air raids and bombing • A fellow & him spent a week building a bomb shelter

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (October 6, 1944)**

Scope and Content Note

- John & Henry are on the same island • They will see each other that day • Asks about the crops

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (October 15, 1944)**

Scope and Content Note

- Asked if the rain affected the crops • Saw John again the day before • Doesn’t want anything for Christmas except letters & film • Tries to get a picture of John & him but hard to at night • Scott is on German soil

Box 1, Folder 7  
**V-mail to Dave from Henry (October 16, 1944)**

Scope and Content Note

- Say John the week before • Asks for the new address of John, Scott, & Willie • Asked why Emma doesn’t write—he likes writing to girls [joke]
Letter to Parents from Henry (October 28, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
- Busy building jungle homes for themselves • Hasn’t seen John for 10 days because they moved and now they are six miles apart

V-mail to Dave from Henry (October 29, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
- There was many clippings of Connie in the Fresno Bee [newspaper] • Asks about the ranch

Letter to Parents from Henry (November 7, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
- Days are short because don’t have any lights a night • Hadn’t seen Johnny in three weeks

Letter to Parents from Henry (November 13, 1944, Location-N.E. Indies)
Scope and Content Note
- Said there’s nothing to do but to keep busy; Helped clean sea salt fish (& eat them); Weather—Rainy; Some soldiers have chickens so they watch for eggs to eat—rare to eat

Letter to Parents from Henry (November 20, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
- Got to see John again. • Kay sent John a package with soups & he gave Henry some • Reminded them to get watch from getting repaired • Keep asking about raisins on the farm • Sent a native piece of kitchenware

V-mail to Dave from Henry (November 24, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
- Saw Johnny a few days ago • Asked for more film

Letter to Parents from Henry (December 3, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
- There isn’t much to do besides the daily chores, write letters, & read • Weather—hot, Fresno July weather • Sent a check so they can buy Christmas presents for Kay, Emma, Dave, mom & dad • Has another gift for Anne • Caught enough fish to feed 200 men by using TNT or dynamite to stun the fish • Will see John again next week • Wants camera film

Letter to Parents from Henry (December 10, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
- Saw John the day before • Razor & pocket book arrived • There’s a Jewish officer that is teaching him how to "talk Jewish" [speak Hebrew] • Moved closer to John • Hopes that Dave doesn’t have to join the Army

Letter to Parents from Henry (December 17, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
- [A Merry Christmas/ Happy New Year Card is enclosed] • Henry seen John three times and saw Walt Berg from Cross Church

Letter to Parents from Henry (December 25, 1944)
Scope and Content Note
- Its Christmas day & he had just came from the evening service • Held a Carol Song Service • Worst season for hearing Christmas carols—says that Southern people just don’t care for those things. "They are really different people than we are"
Box 1, Folder 8

**Letter to Parents from Henry (January 3, 1945)**
Scope and Content Note
- Weather—very hot in the day & nights nice & cool • Saw John again & John was promoted to Staff Sergeant • Willie got a furlough

Box 1, Folder 8

**Letter to Dave from Henry (January 6, 1945)**
Scope and Content Note
- Found out that Dave will be leaving soon for the service • Wants him to keep this letter with his belongings to help him through the changes that lie ahead • Wants to tell him the “Do’s and Don’ts” about life in the service: 1. Forget about being afraid of things that you don’t know about 2. Do the best that you possibly can 3. Try to overcome his shyness and not be so timid 4. Get along with the boys, especially with all the corporals, sergeants & officers (salute them at all times) 5. Try to be interested in everything they tell you about the army 6. Study & Learn fast 7. Don’t volunteer for everything 8. Don’t listen too much to rumors (part of the time they are not true) 9. Stay away from gambling & drinking unless its beer in the PX Stores 10. Learn to quit drinking when he drinks a beer 11. Stay away from the men that are getting in trouble because they’ll get you in trouble too 12. Go to church as often as you can 13. Write to Dad at least once a week & to Kay, John, Henry, Anne 14. If you need anything from home tell dad or Anne

Box 1, Folder 8

**Letter to Parents from Henry (January 21, 1945; Location—N.E. Indies)**
Scope and Content Note
- Saw John & he said to not worry about him

Box 1, Folder 8

**Letter to Parents from Henry (January 28, 1945)**
Scope and Content Note
- John left the island & sent parents the his new address • Said that work on the ranch will be easier with the tractor

Box 1, Folder 8

**Letter to Parents from Henry (February 4, 1945)**
Scope and Content Note
- Sends a bunch of pictures to save • Not working so much—usually doing daily chores, read, play sports, swimming, writing letters • Thinks he’s gaining weight • Has been eating well—ate chicken, beef, steak

Box 1, Folder 8

**Letter to Parents from Henry (February 11, 1945, Location—N.E. Indies)**
Scope and Content Note
- It is rainy & windy – so much that they even had to brace the tents so it wouldn’t fly away

Box 1, Folder 8

**Letter to folks from Henry (February 17, 1945)**
Scope and Content Note
- Talks about how long it takes to receive mail & if speed is necessary to use air mail • He knows where John is located: he’s on the same island but can’t tell them anything more than John is safe • Heard from Connie—his current duties are not working him very hard & is safe • Asks if Dave is still at home or has he left for the service yet • Asked about how their home looks and how the crops are • Weather—rained for 3 days. They are “getting meat quite regularly now.”

Box 1, Folder 8

**Letter to Parents from Henry (February 24, 1945)**
Scope and Content Note
- Sent camera films home for them to save for him • He uses the battery light on his radio for light to write letters
| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Letter to Parents from Henry (March 4, 1945, Location—N.E. Indies)**
| Scope and Content Note |
| • V-mail is very slow • Sent more pictures [photographs not in envelope] |

| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Letter to Parents from Henry (March 12, 1945)**
| Scope and Content Note |
| • It’s been rainy but the tents are strong enough to keep the rain away • The food is always warm |

| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Letter to Parents from Henry (April 6, 1945)**
| Scope and Content Note |
| • Cautions his Dad about his Dad’s efforts to stop Dave from being inducted into the service: “Whatever you do, don’t get into trouble doing it. I know you need him bad but there might not be a thing that you can do to get him out. I don’t know what Gearhart or Roosevelt think of it when you keep writing to them.” • He has “one ribbon, one battle star and nothing else so far.” Emma and Mom are helping on the ranch • Air mail is faster than 3cent mail • [Included with the letter is the Easter Worship Service program for April 1, 1945, 155th Infantry] |

| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Letter to Dave from Henry (April 6, 1945)**
| Scope and Content Note |
| • Difficult to write because the brothers change location and takes a while to get address • Their dad was trying to get Dave out and Henry agrees that he can help on the ranch • Tells Dave to write often to the boys and even more often to Dad |

| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Letter to Parents from Henry (April 15, 1945)**
| Scope and Content Note |
| • Received a letter from Dave a few days ago & he’s doing fine. • Went to morning services –have a choir which sing very well |

| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Letter to Parents from Henry (April 24, 1945)**
| Scope and Content Note |
| • John & Henry have been so close in locations • John & Henry are both in the Philippines, about two miles apart |

| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Letter to Parents from Henry (May 2, 1945, Location—Philippines)**
| Scope and Content Note |
| • Henry saw John four times the week before • Weather—pretty warm, mountains aren’t cool • Finally saw a highway but it was just dirt and two narrow lanes • Feels relieved to be away from “the uncivilized people at the other places. These Filipinos can talk good English.” Remarked on their education and some are well dressed. They are friendly and they are in a part of the island where most people are Christians • Filipinos’ houses are made of straw and poles • Sent 50 cents home for them to save for him—sent a “peca” = 50cents [peca not in letter] |

| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Letter to Dave from Henry (May 3, 1945; Location—Philippines)**
| Scope and Content Note |
| • John is on the same island as Henry • Henry reports he was not scared when tanks went over him because “they are just real experiences” • Told Dave to get into an anti-tank company rather than a rifle outfits because they don’t walk as much • Reminded Dave to write location and date on each letter • Henry has been overseas for over 15 months now – landed in New Guinea then Ora Bay, Buna, Santa Anna Trail (had a big fight there), then Maffin Bay, Wakde island, • Went to another island that he’s not allowed to mention—all the natives were uncivilized, dirty & half naked. The women wore skirts from the waist down & men wore patches • Sent him a peca [peca not in letter] |
Box 1, Folder 8  

Letter to Dave from Henry (May 8, 1945, Location—Philippines)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Asked how Dave liked the Army and if he gets homesick once in a while  
- Church helps a lot—especially if he comes overseas  
- If the church as a choir—join  
- Filipinos are glad that they are there—the Japanese swiped everything they had, including clothes. Getting assistance fighting the Japanese from the Filipino guerrillas  
- First time they met natives that speak English  
- Talked about President Truman being on the radio

Box 1, Folder 8  

Letter to Dave from Henry (May 19, 1945, Location—Philippines)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Henry moved location, but the new location looks like the best he’s seen since he went overseas.  
- There are rolling hills all over & not many jungles

Box 1, Folder 8  

Letter to Parents from Henry (May 26, 1945, Location—Philippines)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Hasn’t had much time to write due to moving so often  
- Sends films home to keep for him  
- Talks about ranch—the grapes must be big

Box 1, Folder 8  

Letter to Dave from Henry (May 28, 1945, Location—Philippines)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Willie is on the same island as Henry & John but missed him  
- Missed Willie because he did not write often enough and so they missed two chances to see him.  
- Sent Anne a necklace and shell bracelet for Emma  
- John’s birthday May 28; Emma’s birthday May 18  
- Asked Dave what he was planning to do with the money he was saving at home. Told him to ask his officer about the Soldier’s Deposit which pays 4%, which is more than a savings account  
- Anne reported that Dave doesn’t get homesick and Henry is glad to hear it. Henry also heard that Fred Priez is now in the service

Box 1, Folder 8  

Letter to Parents from Henry (June 3, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- He’s staying at a native shack made of straw and bamboo  
- John and him were on an island called Morotai—in N.E Indies

Box 1, Folder 8  

Letter to Dave from Henry (June 25, 1945, Location of Henry—Philippines)  
Scope and Content Note  
- John is near Henry  
- Willie was on the same island as Henry but a different part of the island  
- Talked about seeing lots of nice countries. He saw a waterfall which started dropping from a hill about 600ft.  
- Five men went home on the point system  
- Weather—it’s warm, rains every evening, & light breeze during the day  
- Asked if he’s writing regularly to Dad & Kay [sister]

Box 1, Folder 9  

Letter to Dave from Henry (July 4, 1945, Location—Philippines)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Took 20 days to receive Dave’s letter  
- Henry met with John a week ago  
- Henry has met a lot of guerilla officers, had dinner with them & lived with them too. Met one officer who was in “that death march”  
- The markets there are similar to the vegetable markets back at home  
- Women there all dress like the ones at home

Box 1, Folder 9  

Letter to Parents from Henry (July 15, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Sent pictures home [photographs are not in envelope]  
- Explains that they haven’t heard from John because he’s been moving a lot
Box 1, Folder 9  Letter to Dave from Henry (July 23, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Had two Filipinos kill a small pig & roast him over a fire  
  - Asks if Dave can write longer letters

Box 1, Folder 7  Letter to Dave from Henry (August 4, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Give each other updates about the brothers & Henry gets frustrated about the brothers  
  not writing a lot in the letters  
  - Dad birthday - Aug 13, has Kay buy dad a present from Henry

Box 1, Folder 9  Letter to Parents from Henry (August 8, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Sends negatives and pictures to be saved [letter did not include negatives nor pictures]

Box 1, Folder 9  Letter to Parents from Henry (August 15, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- They heard of Japan’s surrender (after hearing false rumors 3 times)  
  - Hasn’t been able to see John because they are some distance apart  
  - Advises them not to send him any Christmas packages unless it is films  
  - Packages take three months or more to get here & doesn’t know if they’ll change location by then  
  - The dangerous period is over for them – he returned without a scratch from the enemy

Box 1, Folder 9  Letter to Dave from Henry (August 23, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Received Scott’s address last week—has a big stack of mail & was trying to respond asap  
  - Connie doesn’t write much – once every 4 months  
  - Willie wrote him & is doing fine  
  - If Dave has to come overseas it won’t be too bad because it will be guard duty

Box 1, Folder 9  Letter to Parents from Henry (August 27, 1945--Location--Mindanao, Philippines)  
Scope and Content Note  
Willie’s letter said he had left the hospital after he had malaria; Henry says that malaria is  
not dangerous and that some of the men get it, but they are never very sick; All men are  
now doing guard duty; A bunch of officers were invited to dinner at the guerilla  
headquarters by the guerilla division commander

Box 1, Folder 9  Letter to Parents from Henry (September 8, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Asked if Emma can drive the tractor yet  
- Weather—raining

Box 1, Folder 9  Letter to Dave from Henry (September 14, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Talk about brothers & what position they were in  
  - Connie had about 100 points if not over that  
  - Henry hopes to be home within 6 months—has 86 points  
  - Dave is tired of being in the South  
  - Henry has paid Kay to buy all presents for the family & has his folks buy presents for her in the same way  
  - Henry had Kay buy a birthday present for his dad  
  - Asked if Dave is going to get a furlough

Box 1, Folder 9  Letter to Parents from Henry (September 14, 1945)  
Scope and Content Note  
- Talked about how Japanese were passing through & how the Americans were treating  
  them better than they were treated
Box 1, Folder 9  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (September 21, 1945)**

Scope and Content Note
• Asked about ranch • According to the radio news his division will return to the US by New Years • Was told that Scott was in India

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Letter to Dave from Henry (October 6, 1945)**

Scope and Content Note
• Says that he gives the impression that he likes the Army but he really doesn’t. The truth is that he doesn’t particularly like it, but is taking advantage of everything that comes along—makes time go faster • Learned how to operate two types of boats, drive all the different sized trucks, and use one type of tank

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (October 14, 1945)**

Scope and Content Note
• Doesn’t trust the rumors that they will leave soon • The letters take really long to arrive • Most of the boys will be home within a couple of months • He flew the plane one trip, but the pilot landed it

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Letter to Dave from Henry (October 26, 1945)**

Scope and Content Note
• John is in Japan • Sent a Japanese souvenir which they tried using in the Philippines but was no good—worth 2 ½ cents in American money

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (November 4, 1945, Location—Mindanao, Philippines)**

Scope and Content Note
• Said that they should be home by Christmas if not New Years • Said that he received roll but will use it on their way to San Francisco—wants to take a picture of the Golden Gate Bridge

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Letter to Parents from Henry (November 10, 1945, Location—Mindanao, Philippines)**

Scope and Content Note
• Weather—Cold nights, warm during the day • Talked about how the Japanese have already left a place before they get to there, so not much fighting. He sends a picture [not included] of a bunch of Japanese who tried to kill them in the bunkers but they were all killed instead.

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Telegram to Dave from Henry (December 18, 1945)**

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**Letter to Parents from Henry (November 19, 1945, Location—Mindanao, Philippines)**

Scope and Content Note
• Will be going home before Christmas • Weather—Dry lately • He has 5 years up to this point, 6 years in April—[Appears to have gone into the Army in 1940]
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**V-mail to Dave from Peter (September 4, 1944; Location—Southern France)**

Scope and Content Note

- Pete is sending Anne money to save for him
- Asks Dave to send him film with the money he has saved
- Told him that he’s better off staying on the farm than joining the army & to help Dad out
- He says that if money was why—to tell Anne to give him some of his money
- Told him to think it over & to not get mad

Box 2, Folder 3  
**V-mail to Dave from Pete (September 17, 1944, Location—Southern France)**

Scope and Content Note

- Says that the women in France are beautiful & know how to dress

Box 2, Folder 3  
**V-mail to Dave from Pete (December 20, 1944, Location—Southern France)**

Scope and Content Note

- Thanks them for the Christmas package and cards

Box 2, Folder 3  
**V-mail to Dave from Pete (May 16, 1945, Location—Southern France)**

Scope and Content Note

- Told Dave that after joinin the military he will not sleep or eat much
- He told Dave that he was going to regret joining the army

Box 2, Folder 3  
**V-mail to Dave from Pete (May 20, 1945)**

Scope and Content Note

- Wishes he could be sent to the Philippines where the other brothers are reportedly serving
- He’s tired of seeing French people; he’s not a very good letter writer so don't expect much from him.

Box 2, Folder 3  
**V-mail to Dave from Pete (June 30, 1945)**

Scope and Content Note

- All he wants is to have 85 points to go home
- Hopes to see Scott

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Box 2, Folder 4  
**Negatives (8)**

Box 2, Folder 5  
**Newspaper Articles**

Scope and Content Note

- The 7 brothers were selected as parade grand marshals for Fresno’s Veterans Day Parade on Friday
- All served WWII at the same time & saw service over seas
- Hold a national record as the largest group of brothers serving in the same war at the same time
- 11/9/1977 – all of the Rubes brothers were still alive
- Katherine Webber is sister of the Rubes
- All of the Rube brothers served in the Army and Navy

Box 2, Folder 6  
**David Rube dog tags**

Box 3  
**military uniform jacket**