Harry Lawrenson papers, 1940s-1950s

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Abstract: Harry Lawrenson was an editor for Movietone News. The collection mostly represents Lawrenson’s military service during WWII and includes scrapbook pages and military service documents. Additionally, there are a small number of photographs that appear related to Movietone News.
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Biography/History
Harry Lawrenson was born in 1901 Liverpool, England and studied commercial advertising at City College of New York. He worked for Fox Film/Movietone News as an editor in various capacities for 19 years before he applied for temporary appointment in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1943, he was assigned as a First Lieutenant to the Signal Corps Photographic Center where he worked as an editor of war films and was promoted to Captain that same year. Lawrenson filed for and was granted relief from active duty in 1945 and returned to Fox Film/Movietone.
Scope and Content
The collection consists of scrapbook pages and military records related to the career of writer, editor, and producer Harry Lawrenson. The bulk of the collection represents Lawrenson’s military service in the Army Pictorial Service during WWII and includes scrapbook pages of forms, photographs, clippings, and telegrams. Additional scrapbook pages contain articles by or about Lawrenson and his career with Movietone News. There is also a small number of photographs that appear to be related to Movietone News and include images of the Hindenburg disaster, the assassination of King Alexander, the Duke of Windsor, Herman Goering, Hitler, and Presidents Roosevelt, Eisenhower, and Truman, among others.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Lawrenson, Harry -- Archives.
Records and documentation of Lawrenson’s military career. 1942-1947.
Scrapbook pages of documents and clippings relating to Lawrenson’s military career. 1942-1943.
Scrapbook pages of documents and clippings relating to Lawrenson’s military career. 1943-1945.
Scrapbook of article clippings written by or about Lawrenson. No date.
Photographs for or by Movietone News and Pictures, Inc. No date.
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