Finding aid for the California State Military Forces letters, photographs and portfolio 7023

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Abstract: This small collection consists of a ceremonial book documenting the School of the Line and Staff of Camp Hopkins, October Session 1942; letters to and orders for the officers of the 1st Aero Squadron of the California State Militia, headquartered in Griffith Park, regarding a program for enlisting recruits, the operation of an air base at Manzanar, and promotion orders; and photographs, presumably of members of the Squadron. The collections appears to have been assembled by Captain John F. B. Carruthers, who served as chaplain at Camp Hopkins School of the Line and Staff. Camp Harry L. Hopkins, located in the Santa Monica Mountains, was the training center for the California State Guard. The School of the Line and Staff was established in September 1942.

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"Line and Staff/Camp Hopkins/1942/October Session/School of the Line and Staff" 1942

Scope and Content
This graduation portfolio celebrates the School of the Line and Staff, located at Camp Hopkins and operated by the California State Guard. It contains a history of the School, which was founded to provide 30 days of training and study in military tactics and related subjects for 24 commissioned officers of the line, detached from the 12 regiments of the California State Guard; a roster of faculty; photographs of the student corps and faculty; and the names of the graduates. It is inscribed on the front end paper to Polly Carruthers, daughter of Captain John F.B. Carruthers, and dated "Christmas/1942/Pasadena".

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Letters 1942 July-August
Scope and Content
List of names and addresses of non-commissioned officers, dated July 5, 1942. Includes typed and handwritten names; 5 carbon copies of Special Orders, dated July 19, 1942, appointing officers to posts at the First Aero Squadron, California State Militia; carbon copy of letter dated July 31, 1942 from Major William Dunn, California State Guard, to John Lubken, Inyo County Board of Supervisors, regarding the Guard's request to maintain and operate an air base at Manzanar airport; 2 carbon copies of a Special Order, dated August 2, 1942, for a promotion of a non-commissioned officer; and a typed letter from Staff Sargeant Hosler to the Officers of the 1st Aero Squadron, California State Militia, regarding a program for enlisting recruits for the Squadron.

Photographs circa 1942
Scope and Content
Photographs of soldiers, presumably members of the 1st Aero Squadron. Each has penciled notations on the reverse, including some names.