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## Guide to the Ethel Wohlfert Scrapbook Collection

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**Contributing Institution:** Special Collections & Archives

**Title:** Ethel Wohlfert Scrapbook Collection

**Creator:** Wohlfert, Ethel

**Identifier/Call Number:** SC.EWS

**Extent:** 1.71 linear feet

**Date (inclusive):** 1938-1945

**Abstract:** The *Ethel Wohlfert Scrapbook Collection* consists mostly of correspondence, with some additional news clippings and ephemera from 1938 to 1945. A majority of the correspondence is from Wohlfert's brother-in-law, Albert Wohlfert, who was a sergeant in the United States Air Force stationed at Hickam Field in Honolulu, Hawaii, before being sent to Europe during World War II.

**Language of Material:** English

**Scope and Contents**

The *Ethel Wohlfert Scrapbook Collection* contains a scrapbook created by Ethel Wohlfert. This collection consists of correspondence and ephemera which dates from 1938 to 1945. While materials were originally taped or glued onto pages of the scrapbook, almost all of the items have fallen off of their original pages, and are consequently arranged separately. The collection is divided into two series, **Correspondence** (1938-1945) and **Ephemera** (circa 1938-1943).

Series I, **Correspondence**, consists mostly of letters, v-mail, and telegraphs to Ethel and her husband Emil from his brother Albert (Al) Wohlfert. Al was in the United States Air Force, stationed first at Hickam Field in Honolulu, Hawaii and then overseas in Europe during World War II. His letters discuss the airmen's attitudes about living and working at Hickam Field, advancement opportunities in the military, and his general health and life overseas. Also included are letters to Ethel from various girlfriends of Al's inquiring about his health and whereabouts, letters from family friends, and telegrams between Emil and Ethel after he joined the war effort in 1943. Items in the series are arranged chronologically.

Series II, **Ephemera**, consists of various items saved by Ethel, most of which are related to her family's service in the military. Items in the series include cartoons clippings from newspapers, ticket stubs from travel and money order transactions, Emil Wohlfert's enlisted man's pass to take a month's leave from his post in the army, and currency and stationery from a trip to Chihuahua, Mexico. Items in the series are arranged topically.

**Arrangement of Materials:**

Series I: Correspondence, 1938-1945

Series II: Ephemera, circa 1938-1943

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchased, 09/30/2013

**General**

Other Information:

This collection was purchased with funds generously donated by Gus and Erika Manders.

For information about citing items in this collection consult the appropriate style manual, or see the [Citing Archival Materials](#) guide.

**Processing Information:**

Jessica Geiser, 2013

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Ephemera

Documents

Photographs

Box 1, Folder 1	<b>1938</b>
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>1939</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>1940</b>
Box 1, Folder 4	<b>1941</b>
Box 1, Folder 5	<b>1942</b>
Box 1, Folder 6	<b>1943</b>
Box 1, Folder 7	<b>1944</b>
Box 1, Folder 8	<b>1945</b>
Box 1, Folder 9	<b>Undated Correspondence</b>

**Series II: Ephemera, ca. 1938-1945**

Box 1, Folder 10	<b>Enlisted Man's Pass for Emil Wohlfert, 1943</b>
Box 1, Folder 11	<b>Ticket Stubs - Travel and Financial</b>
Box 1, Folder 12	<b><i>Hickam's Highlights</i> Clippings, ca. 1938-1941</b>
Box 1, Folder 13	<b>Newspaper Clippings, ca. 1941-1942</b>
Box 1, Folder 14	<b>Souvenirs from Chihuahua, Mexico</b>
Box 2, Item 1	<b>"Black Bullets for Hitler" by Roark Bradford, <i>Colliers</i>, 1942 December 12</b>
Box 2, Item 2	<b>Empty Scrapbook</b>