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Bernard A. Rolfes papers

Title: Bernard A. Rolfes papers
Collection No: MSS.155
Extent: 0.45 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1942-2003

Abstract: The collection comprises materials documenting the career of Bernard A. Rolfes (1914-2009) who served as an officer in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945 in the Pacific theater during World War II.

Donor: Bernard A. Rolfes, Memphis, Tennessee, August 2005.
Processed by: Charles Griffith, February 2016.
Access: Open to all researchers.
Language: English
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Publication date: February 2016

Biographical information

Bernard Alfred Rolfes was born in West Newton Massachusetts on August 26, 1914, the son of Peter Thomas Rolfes and Annie Tedstone Rolfes, and brother of Dorothy. He attended Boston University and in July 1942 enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the Second Army in Memphis, Tennessee, and the Eighth Army in Dutch New Guinea, the Philippines, and Okinawa, Japan, as an engineer supply officer. Rolfes attained the rank of major and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was discharged from the army on September 25, 1945. He married Peggy Nash (1924-2013) of Memphis in 1944 and they had three sons: Bernard, Jr., Peter and Palmer. Mrs. Rolfes was a journalist with the *Commercial Appeal* and WMC-TV. Barney Rolfes retired from the Southern Company in 1985 and died in Memphis on April 5, 2009.

Scope and contents

The collection consists of materials and photographs that relate to Bernard A. Rolfes' career as an officer in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific theater.

Subject terms

Rolfes, Bernard A., 1914-2009.
United States. Army. Army, 8th.
World War, 1939-1945.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 Military service, 1942-1946. Includes citation for Bronze Star, copy of temporary appointment letter.
 - 2 Publications: *Time*, Vol. 46, No.11, 1945 September 10, Colt ed. printed in Tokyo.
 - OS *Yank: The Army Weekly*, Vol. 2, No. 38, 1944 March 10.
 - Yank: South Japan*, Vol. 4, No. 15, 1945 September 28.
 - Map: "Philippine campaign", 1945. (2). Sixth and Eighth Armies operations.
 - 3 Newspaper clippings: 1944-1958.
 - OS *Boston American*, 1945 August 27. Rolfes is mentioned with photograph.
 - 4 Miscellaneous, 1944, 2003 and undated.
- Photographs:

- 5 Training?, 1944 and undated.
6 Dutch New Guinea and The Philippines, 1944.

Separated materials

The following material has been separated from the collection and disposed of as follows:
Bank note: 100 Roepiah, 1944. Issued during Japanese occupation of Netherlands East Indies.
Transferred to Special Collections currency collection.