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## **World War II collection**

**Title:** World War II collection  
**Collection No:** MSS.502  
**Extent:** 0.76 cubic feet  
**Inclusive Dates:** 1940-1984 and undated.

**Abstract:** The collection comprises items from various sources, and includes contemporary publications, posters and other items written about World War II.

**Processed by:** Gerald Chaudron, 2016-2018  
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## Scope and contents

The collection is an artificial one comprised of items from various sources. It includes some contemporary publications and others written about the war. An item of interest is a cloth map showing topographical, wind and sea current information for the Philippines from 1944.

The collection contains two sets of posters. The first includes 8 posters featuring “Jenny on the Job”, illustrated by Kula Robbins and issued by the U.S. Public Health Service in 1943. The second includes 2 posters from the 1940 presidential campaign of Democratic Party candidates Franklin D. Roosevelt and Henry A. Wallace.

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## Provenance

The group of German, Luxembourg and other war-related publications was donated by Reuben A. Peterson of Memphis, Tennessee.

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## Subject terms

Luxembourg.  
Political posters--American--1930-1940.  
Posters--American--1930-1950.  
Renfro, Lavern W., 1910-1974.  
Women in war--United States.  
World War, 1939-1945.

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## Inventory

### Box 1

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#### **Reuben A. Peterson collection:**

- 1       Ley, Robert, *Roosevelt Verrät Amerika!*, Berlin: Deutschen Arbeitsfront, 1942.  
          United States. Army. European Theater of Operations, *Flaming Bomb: The Story of Ordnance in the ETO*, Paris, France: Printed by Désfossés-néogravure, 1945.
- 2       Carpentier, Phillipe, *Arromanches and the Allied Landings on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 1944*, France, 1979.  
          Benamou, Jean-Pierre, *The Landing Beaches, Bayeux, France*: Heimdal, 1984.

- 3           *Faithful Luxembourg to her Liberators: Letzeburg, 10 September 1944*,  
Luxembourg: Jules Nicolay.  
*Echternach* [Luxembourg], 12 views by E.A. Schaack.  
Postcards: 10 Luxembourg canton coats of arms; Luxembourg map with Grand-  
Duchess Charlotte; Liberation of Luxembourg workman, 10 September  
1944 (possibly reproductions).
- 4           Advertising material: *Calling All Girls* magazine, 1943.
- 5           De Reckzuch vun de preisen aus Letzeburg (The Germans Flight from  
Luxembourg): 15 biller vum Gusty Müller, undated; Letter: Lex Franck-  
Krier, Luxembourg, to R.A. Peterson, Memphis, 2004 December 13.
- unfoldered   Grisbach, Erich, *Hermann Göring: Werf und Mensch*, Munich: NSDAP, 1943.  
Oppelt, Hans, *Würzburger Chronik des Denkwürdigen Jahres 1945*, Würzburg,  
Germany: Ferdinand Schöningh, 1947.  
Mauldin, Bill, *Up Front*, Toronto: Bantam, 1983.
- 6           Booklet: Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead, War Department Office of  
Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., 1946.
- 7           News release: Liaison and Information Branch, American Graves Registration Division,  
Memphis General Depot, "114 Tennessee World War II Dead Returned From  
Italy Aboard USAT Carroll Victory"; "58 Louisiana World War II Dead Returned  
From Italy Aboard USAT Carroll Victory", 1948 July 7.
- 8           Menu: U.S. Naval Convalescent Hospital, Glenwood Springs, Colo.:  
Navy Day, 1944 October 27. Includes list of personnel.  
Thanksgiving Day, 1944 November 23. Includes list of personnel.
- 9           "The Memflite", U.S. Naval Station, Memphis, Tenn., Vol. 4, No. 8, 1945 June 1.
- OS          "Adler von Hellas: Wochenblatt eines Deutschen Fliegerkorps", Vol. 88, No. 174, 1943  
March 6. Donated by Michael McGee, July 2006.
- Map on cloth: Luzon and Taiwan Island, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, N.A.C.I. –  
Hydrographic Office, Washington, D.C., 1944. Topography, wind and sea current  
information, November-March.

## Box 2

- 1           "Jenny on the Job" posters by Kula Robbins, United States Public Health Service, 1943.  
(8)
- 2           Democratic Party presidential campaign posters, 1940. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Henry  
A. Wallace.
- 3           Lavern W. Renfro papers, 1941-1945:  
Lavern Woodson Renfro (1910-1974) was born in Tippah County, Mississippi, to  
William Weeden (1887-1959) and Lettie Pearl Drewry Renfro (1895-1962). He  
had a brother, Hugh Wilson, and four sisters, Emily Elizabeth, Gladys Pearl  
(1921-1988), Serene Juanita, and Mary Jean. Lavern was drafted into the army in  
1942 in Memphis, Tennessee. He trained at Camp Croft, South Carolina, and was  
with Company A, 63rd Quartermaster Battalion at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.  
PFC Renfro was serving in Company L of the 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Germany in 1945.
- Correspondence:  
Postcard: Private Lavern Renfro, 63<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Battalion, Co. A, Camp

Edwards, Mass., to Mrs. W.W. Renfro, Memphis, Tenn., 1942 August 10.  
Image on card is of Main Post Exchange, Camp Croft, S.C.

Card: Lavern Renfro, Co. L, 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry, to Emily Wiggs, Memphis, Tenn.,  
1944 November 21. "Greetings from Overseas. . . A Very Merry  
Christmas and a Victorious New Year," 9th Infantry Division stationery  
with division emblem; "Season's Greetings" card on 60th Infantry  
Regiment stationery with unit emblem.

V-mail letter: Lavern Renfro, Germany, to Emily Wiggs, Memphis, Tenn., 1945  
January 25. "I am glad you and all had a nice xmas for my self I had a  
good diner I was in the hospital...I have never got those boxes you sent...  
we get more cigrett than we can yues. You want to no what we were  
January we are just staying in one place all we haft to do is just pull gard  
now we still have plenty of snow..."

Letter: Lavern Renfro, Ingolstadt, Germany, to Emily Wiggs, Memphis, Tenn.,  
1945 July 21. "...thanks a lot for the Blads we got 5 Blads last week and 2  
this week so I have a nof. We get 7 pack of cigetts & 6 Bar of candy so  
that is a nof for me. Well Sis I am not sure what we are going to [unclear  
word] we got lasts of new men in this week and all new offers all of the  
men witch have 85P Have gone...This week have been having a little  
troble about 7 or 8 GI. We fond ded just out side of town so thay dont  
have a idere of this deds so thay are shooting at all of the house 6 me from  
my compy went out for about 2 ours and got 3 Rifels 2 pistol and showed?  
Big nife so thay are going out a gin to night"

Hand copied certificate allowing Renfro to take home "1 Gearman Rifel", 1945 July 8.

Clipping: Memphis draft board list for May 1942, including Lavern Renfro.

Selective service notice of classification, Shelby County, Tenn.; L.W. Renfro, 1941  
September; Address notice: L.W. Renfro, Camp Croft, S.C. (copy).

- OS** Photograph: 63<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Battalion, Co. A, Camp Edwards, Mass., circa 1942.  
Panoramic image includes members of Company A, images of barracks and  
officers. Photographer: T.H. Merritt, Arlington, Mass. Renfro is the heavysset man  
in the top row slightly to the left of the company flag.
- 4 Map of the Berghof area and bunkers, Germany, undated. Key is in German and English.
- 5 Booklet: *Combat Divisions of World War II (Army of the United States)*, Washington,  
D.C.: Army Times, 1946.
- 6 Program: Mid-South Navy Mothers Club of America, Hotel Peabody, 1941 October 10.
- 7 Ration books: Ration books three and four, Memphis, Tenn. (5). Names include: Douglas  
W. Hammers, 1301 N. Center; Dan P. Thompson, Mary Thompson, Anna Lamey,  
988 New York. Also 3 ration book holders.
- 8 Poem: "The Fusilliers and Anzio". Copy of undated poem by unknown author.  
Photographs: B-25 "Memphis Menace" flown by L.J. Davidson, 1943; 42nd Bomb  
Group (M), 75th Bomber Squadron (copies).
- 9 Eugene Greer papers, 1942-1945:  
Private Eugene Greer was born in Edison, Tennessee, on August 9, 1911. He  
served with the 624<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Ammunition Company from January 5, 1943 until

November 29, 1945.

1. Detachment 1511<sup>th</sup> Service Unit, Medical Examination and Induction Board No. 6, Huntington, W. Va.: Guidelines for Enlisted Reserve Corps; Special Orders No. 226, 1942 December 29, Induction list.
2. Separation Qualification Record.
3. Enlisted Record and Report of Separation.
4. Change of address postcards, 1943. (2)
5. Handwritten copy of "History of the 624<sup>th</sup> Ord. (AM) CO in the E.T.O., 1945.
6. Postcard: Charles Greer, Co. B., Medical Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to Mrs. T.B. Greer, Kingsport, Tenn., 1944 May 12.

10 Riley S. Bringle papers:

Private Riley Bringle of Covington, Tennessee, the son of Mr. and Mrs. N.N. Bringle, joined the U.S. Army on November 19, 1942, and served with the 349<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the 88<sup>th</sup> Infantry, U.S. Fifth Army in Italy.

1. Letter: Private Riley S. Bringle, Italy, to Mrs. Norman Ashe, Brighton, Tenn., 1945 May 8.
2. Clippings (3), photographs (2).
3. Publications:
  - "349<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Italy 1944", Information – Education Section, 349<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army.
  - "Mission Accomplished: Africa, Sicily, Italy", Information and Education Section, MTOUSA (Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army), 1945.
  - "We Were There: From Gruber to the Brenner Pass. With the 88<sup>th</sup> Division, Italy", Information and Education Section, MTOUSA.

11 Walter J. Martin papers:

Second Lieutenant Walter J. Martin, Jr., served with the 436<sup>th</sup> Group Troop Carrier Command, Ninth Air Force, in Europe as a glider pilot from May 15, 1944 to November 2, 1945. Martin was born on March 17, 1919 in Greenwood, Mississippi, and was a cotton classer before his military service. He later served in the Air Force Reserve as a First Lieutenant.

1. Military Record and Report of Separation.
2. Army Air Forces Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card, 1942-1944.
3. Advanced Glider Course completion card, 810<sup>th</sup> AAF BU, L-MAAB, 1944 July 14.
4. European Wing Air Transport Command, Information Guide for Newly Arrived Personnel at Station No. 3.
5. Honorable Discharge certificate, Air Force Reserve, 1958 July 14.

OS Stars and Stripes, Paris Edition, Vol. 1, No. 241, 242, 1945 March.

**Note:** The following maps were separated from the Walter J. Martin papers to the Special Collections Map Collection:

American Red Cross map of Paris, 1944 (MISC. 48)

U.S.A.A.F. Aviation map of Central Europe, Essen sheet, 1944 (MISC. 51)

12 Thirtieth Bombardment Group:

“Brief”, Vol. 2, No. 9, 1945 January 30. Article on M.Sgt. James D. Lance of McMinnville, Tenn., and Liberator “Come Closer”.

Mansfield, Dick, “30<sup>th</sup> BG Flying Box Cars”, 1989.

- 13 “The Huddle”, Vol. 2, No. 3, 1945 October 16. 12-page newsletter “published by and for permanent personnel and patients of the Hospital Ship Jarrett M. Huddleston”. The ship was originally launched as the “Liberty Ship” *SS Samuel F.B. Morse* on September 28, 1942 before being sold to the War Department to be converted a hospital ship between November 1943 and August 1944. Commissioned *USAHS Jarrett M. Huddleston* in August 1944, the ship operated between the east coast of the United States and the Europe-Africa-Middle East Theater of Operations until it was decommissioned in December 1945. Commissioned as *USAT Jarrett M. Huddleston* in 1946, it became surplus in 1949 and was scrapped in 1971.