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Title

Edward H. Gleason Jr. Collection; 1943 – 1945

Date

1943 – 1945

Extent

.5 linear feet, 1 Box

Name of Creator

Gleason, Edward H. Jr.

Biographical Note

Edward Henry Gleason Jr. was born in Wellesley on November 14, 1924 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gleason of 80 Walnut Street. Gleason attended Wellesley public schools, graduating from Wellesley High School in 1942. Following high school, Gleason completed one year of classes at Boston College before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was called into service on April 14, 1942 and began training to be a pilot. Gleason graduated with his wings on June 7, 1944 from Moody Field in Valdosta, Georgia. He was stationed at Bandsdale Field in Louisiana before being deployed to England in May 1944. By mid-summer he was in France, shortly after the Allied Forces invasion of France. There he served as a co-pilot of a B-26 Marauder as part of the Ninth Air Force. Gleason was killed in action in September 1944. Second Lieutenant Edward H. Gleason Jr. was posthumously awarded the Air Medal with One Oak Cluster.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains primarily correspondence written by Edward H. Gleason Jr. to his parents during the time he spent serving in military as part of the Army Air Corps during WWII. A small portion of the collection contains condolences received by Gleason's parents after he was killed in action.

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Index Terms

Correspondence
Gleason, Edward H. Jr.
Massachusetts — Wellesley
Poetry
United States — Army
Wellesley (Mass.)
World War, 1938 – 1945

System of Arrangement

This collection is organized into two series arranged by subject:

- I. War Correspondence; April 1943 – September 1944, & undated
- II. Condolences; 1944 – 1945

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Languages and Scripts of the Material

English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Accruals

The Historical Society may add materials to the collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

Description

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Bibliography

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1944, 1 & 3.

Container List

I. War Correspondence; April 1943 – September 1944, & undated

This series contains correspondence written by Edward H. Gleason Jr. while serving in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

Box 1

Folder 1: Undated
Folder 2: April 1943
Folder 3: May 1943
Folder 4: June 1943
Folder 5: July 1943
Folder 6: August 1943
Folder 7: September 1943
Folder 8: October 1943
Folder 9: November 1943
Folder 10: December 1943
Folder 11: January 1944
Folder 12: February 1944
Folder 13: March 1944
Folder 14: April 1944
Folder 15: May 1944
Folder 16: June 1944
Folder 17: July 1944
Folder 18: August 1944
Folder 19: September 1944

II. Condolences; 1944 – 1945

This series contains condolence correspondence & poems written to the Gleason family after Edward H. Gleason Jr. was killed during WWII.

Box 1

Folder 20: Condolence Correspondence; September 1944
Folder 21: Condolence Correspondence; October 1944
Folder 22: Condolence Correspondence; Undated
Folder 23: Condolence Poems, by Alice W. Curtis; 1944
Folder 24: Official Correspondence; 1945