



World War II Veteran's Survey Correspondence (S0761)

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Collection Title: World War II Veteran's Survey Correspondence

Dates: 1943-1945, 1984, 1991-1995

Creator: Levins, Harry

Abstract: This collection contains correspondence between Harry Levin, a writer for the St. Louis Post Dispatch, and World War II veterans. These letters reflect personal accounts of civilian or military personnel during the bombing of Pearl Harbor or the D-Day invasion. The letters provided Mr. Levin with material from which he could write articles commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of these events.

Collection Size: 0.7 cubic foot
(13 folders, 2 photographs, 1 cassette tape)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Harry Levins was a military historian and journalist for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of D-Day landings in Normandy, France on June 6, 1944, the *Post-Dispatch* planned a special section in the newspaper that shared the memories of military personnel involved in D-Day as well as civilians. Harry Levins led the project and received hundreds of letters from people across the nation sharing their experiences and memories of the event.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Harry Levins
Joe Garvin
Photographs

Scope and Content Note:**Harry Levins**

This series contains correspondence to Harry Levin, writer for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. These letters reflect personal accounts of civilian or military personnel during the bombing of Pearl Harbor or the D-Day invasion. The letters provided Mr. Levin with material from which he could write articles commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of these events. The series also includes newspaper clippings regarding Levin's article. The collection includes one cassette of personal recollections of person during the campaign at Iwo Jima in 1945. The materials date from 1991-1994 and are arranged alphabetically.

Joe Garvin

This series consists of correspondence written by Joe Garvin to his family during his time in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Topics of interest include United Service Organizations, Army Air Corps, Fort Leonard Wood, and the California-Arizona Desert Training Center. The letters range from 7 January 1943 to 26 September 1943 and are arranged chronologically.

Photographs

This series contains photographs depicting Dutch Harbor and the Glawson family. The photographs are undated.

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