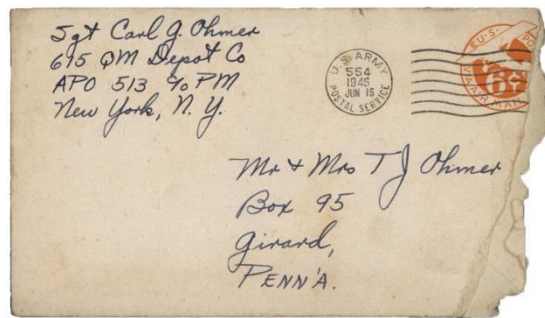


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Guide to MS-260:
World War II Papers of Donald Gallion '48



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Size

3 boxes, 2.5 cubic feet

Location

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Dates

Inclusive: 4 September 1942 - 29 September 1945

Bulk: January 1943 - September 1945

Provenance

This collection is a series of gifts to Special Collections from Donald Gallion '48 and later his wife, Susan E. Gallion. Donald Gallion decided to gift some of the photographs and objects to the college after he did an oral history. The gifts were accessioned on November 7, 2005, August 25, 2008, and June 5, 2019 respectively. Accession #2006-0351, #2009-0728, and #2020-0003, respectively.

Biographical Note

Donald Gallion was from Baltimore, MD. He was originally a member of the Gettysburg College Class of 1946, but due to his military service during WWII, he became a member of the Class of 1948. He began attending Gettysburg College in 1942, but left to serve in the Army in 1943. He was stationed in the U.S. through January 1944. During his time at Gettysburg, he was a brother of Phi Kappa Rho fraternity, an editor for the *Gettysburgian*, part of the Pre-Ministerial Association, and part of the Campus Senate.

Scope and Content Note

This collection features items primarily from Gallion's time in service in American forts and camps between 1943 and January 1944, as well as letters from his service in Europe during WWII between February 1944 and September 1945. These correspondences are mainly what Gallion wrote to his parents while serving between 1943 and 1945. He wrote to his parents on postcards and paper, which can be seen in this collection. While in the U.S., these letters are from Fort Meade, MD, Camp Robinson, AK, Louisiana State University, LA, Camp Berkeley, TX, and Fort Sam Houston, TX. Also included are several packets of souvenir postcards from various places, such as Ozarks, AR and Camp Hood, TX. There are also ephemera from when he was taking classes at Louisiana State University during the summer of 1943, while stationed nearby.

Gallion then served in Europe between February 1944 and the fall of 1945. He wrote from England, France, and Germany. He served in the Third Army, under the command of General George S. Patton. He was a medic for the second half of his time in Europe. There are many letters between him and his parents during this time. There are also two booklets on the war in Europe, entitled "The Americans in Luxembourg" and "The Germans Flight." Several pieces of Nazi ephemera are included in the collection, such as a Nazi flag, armband, and four pins. There are also several photographs during his service, some dated, including a photograph of a painting of Patton.

Additionally, there are a few letters and photographs from the summer before Gallion began at Gettysburg College, as well as a few from the 1942 semester. There is also a photograph of Gallion from the summer 1943, when he was 19 years old, and pictures of the Phi Kappa Rho Fraternity.

Subjects

WWII Correspondences

WWII Photography

WWII United States

WWII Europe

V-Mail

Military Life

Gettysburg College History

Series Description

This collection is divided into three Series. **Series 1:** Correspondences with Gallion's parents, written from Gettysburg College, Fort Meade, MD, Camp Robinson, AK, Louisiana State University, LA, Camp Berkeley, TX, Fort Sam Houston, TX, England, France, and Germany **Series 2:** Photographs **Series 3:** Ephemera

Box List

1-0 Finding Aid and Research Materials

Series I: Correspondences

1-1 Letters from 1942

1-2 Letters from January-April 1943

- 1-3 Letters from May 1943
- 1-4 Letters from June 1943
- 1-5 Letters from July-September 1943
- 1-6 Letters from October-December 1943
- 1-7 Letters from January-March 1944
- 2-1 Letters from April-June 1944
- 2-2 Letters from July-September 1944
- 2-3 Letters from October-December 1944
- 2-4 Letters from January-May 1945
- 2-5 Letters from June-July 1945
- 2-6 Letters from August-September 1945
- 2-7 Postcards with Unknown Dates

Series II: Photographs

- 2-8 Photographs (Some dated)

Series III: Ephemera

- 3-1 Four Nazi Pins
- 3-2 Nazi Arm Band
- 3-3 Nazi Flag

Sources

[1949 Spectrum](#)

Related Collections

Donald Gallion '48 Oral History

[-November 2005 Interview](#)

[-August 2008 Interview](#)

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