

Guide to MS-290:

WWII Diary of Leslie Wright Jr., U.S. Signal Corps



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Size

1 box, 0.18 cubic feet

Location

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Dates

Inclusive: 1941-1942

Bulk: 1941-1942

Provenance

This diary was purchased from Between the Covers and received on November 20, 2017.

Biographical Note

Leslie Griswold Wright Jr. was born on October 11, 1914, in Malden, Massachusetts, the son of Leslie Gordon Wright Sr. (1887-1961) and Clara Cook Wright (1889-1979). His World War II Draft Card lists him as being six feet tall, 145 pounds, with a dark brown complexion, brown hair, and hazel eyes. At the time, he was employed by the Massachusetts School of Optometry. Wright enlisted in the United States Signal Corps on September 15, 1941, serving as a 2nd Lieutenant, until he was honorably discharged on January 9, 1946. He was first stationed in Richmond-Upon-Thames in Southwest London, before being transferred to Grimsby, in North East Lincolnshire.

In 1945, Wright married Marjorie Hamilton (1915-1998). The couple continued to live in Massachusetts, where Wright died at age sixty-four, on September 9, 1979.

Historical Note

This book covers the second and third years of World War II, and only the first and second years of the United States' involvement.

Scope and Content Note

This diary details a wide array of subjects relevant to Wright's personal life and his service with the United States Signal Corps. References are made to politics and pop culture in the early 1940s.

Subjects

World War II, WWII, Signal Corps, US Army

Series Description

This collection is divided into 1 Series. **Series 1:** WWII Diary of Leslie Griswold Wright Jr.

Box list

There is one single item in this collection, in the only folder inside the only box.

Series I: WWII Diary of Leslie Griswold Wright Jr.

1-0 Finding Aid and Research Materials

1-1 WWII Diary of Leslie Griswold Wright Jr. for 1941-1942

Sources

Family tree profiles for Leslie Griswold Wright Jr., accessed through Ancestry

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010

Related Collections

A time of war: Air Force diaries and Pentagon memos, 1943-1945 by James Gould Cozzens;
processing as of 6/9/22

Additional Information

The Mighty Eighth: The Air War in Europe as Told by the Men Who Fought It by Gerald Astor

U.S. Army Signal Corps Vehicles 1941-1945 by Didier Andres

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