

McLean County Museum of History

World War II Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	4 Boxes (size B)
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Brief History

World War II erupted in September 1939 with the German invasion of Poland and ended with Japan's surrender in September 1945. The US, still recovering from the Great Depression, initially remained in isolation as the war blazed in Western and Eastern Europe and North Africa. The Japanese bombing of the US naval base at Pearl Harbor in December 1941 catapulted the US into war against all the Axis powers in Asia, Europe and Africa. Millions of Americans eventually served in the armed forces during the war.

Citizens at the home front supported the war effort in many ways, including a wide range of volunteer efforts (ex: rail station canteen, scrap drives, civilian defense, victory gardens, war bond campaigns) and submitting to government-managed rationing and price controls.

Scope

Items were donated by community members over several decades and include:

Boxes 1 & 2:

- A **Rolls of honor**, either for service persons who died or became missing in action, or for all service personnel from a community
- B **Military service personnel** including personal correspondence, reminiscences, journals, certificates and id cards, unit histories, unit reunion materials, and more

Box 3:

- C **Military units** including materials related to the Quartermasters unit which trained in Bloomington, and others unit's commemorative booklets.
- D **Publications for military personnel** such as unit newsletters, official War Dept handbooks and pamphlets, a Bill Mauldin book, etc.
- E **Miscellaneous** including an interview and journal from Red Cross members, items from Germany, assorted reminiscences and interview notes from civilians and military personnel, etc.

Box 4: Home Front

- F **Canteen service** provided by locals free for servicemen when their train paused at Bloomington
- G **Civilian defense** such as air raid warden training certificates
- H **Industrial and agricultural production** such as Williams Oil-O-Matic award, tin can salvage, hemp production, milkweed down gathering, victory gardens, etc.
- I **Office of Price Administration (OPA)** including rent controls, rationing of fuel oil & foodstuffs, and more
- J **Wartime food** including nutrition guidelines and recipe books
- K **Miscellaneous** including savings bonds, V-E & V-J Day Celebration organizational papers from the Association of Commerce, and sundry items

Folder Inventory

A **Rolls of Honor, etc.**

Folder A1 Illinois Army Honor Roll

- A1.1 Honor list of Dead and Missing, State of Illinois, June 1946. Prepared by Adjutant General for War Department Bureau of Public Relations, Washington. Pages 69-71 contain about 169 McLean County Army entries.
- A1.2 Press release from War Department for above, 27 June 1946. 3 pp.
- A1.3 War Dept announces that honor roll missed the name of Staff Sgt Raymond E. Kemp, Bloomington, from Associated Press, 29 June.
- A1.4 Letter from Mrs. Emmett F. Wheeler of Lexington to *Daily Pantagraph* advising that her son Chief Radioman Robert E. Wheeler had previously been reported as missing-in-action but was now declared killed in action in the Pacific per the War Department, 18 Dec 1945. 2 pp plus envelope.

- Folder A2 Bloomington Casualties by Marguerite E. Clark**
- A2.1 “Names of Servicemen Either KIA or Died during WWII from Bloomington, Illinois,” last revised Sep 1986. 35 pp. List includes all branches of the military and identifies family members and selected biographical info.
- A2.2 Photocopies of 7 sheets of photos of servicemen, nd.
- Folder A3 Rolls of Honor for Other Communities**
- A3.1 Colfax: Honor Roll booklet by Colfax Service Mothers' Club, nd, 12 pp. Includes list of casualties plus all who served along with branch, rank, service date.
- A3.2 Saybrook: Service Flag Dedication at Saybrook Park, 6 Sep 1942. Roll with rank for each plus the ceremony's program.
- A3.3 Lexington: “How Many of You Remember”: Photocopy of published list originally from *Lexingtonian Unit Journal* in 1944. Lists 330 Lexingtonians who served, women who served, casualties and MIAs. Includes info on veteran Wm. A. Freed. Circa 1990s.
- A3.4 LeRoy: “LeRoy Roll of Honor” published in *LeRoy Journal*, 12 Jul 1946. Identifies service personnel with their branch, indicating overseas service and deceased.
- Folder A4 Normandy American Cemetery, France**
- A4.1 Three email/correspondence items from former Bloomingtonian David Williams regarding visit to Normandy Cemetery at Colleville Sur-Mer where three local servicemen are buried, April-May 2019.
- A4.2 American Battle Monuments Commission certificates plus documentation about the three men: Delburt Lloyd Pierce of 101st Airborne Glider Unit; Bernie M. Underwood and Floyd Wesley Jackson of 9th Infantry Division.
- A4.3 Folder from American Battle Monuments Commission including brochure and general documents, nd.
- Folder A5 Available for expansion**
- A5.1 aa

B Military Service Personnel

Folder B1 Augstin, Lyle

Augstin was from a Carlock farm, worked at Funks Farm before the war, and later lived in Shirley, IL and worked at Illinois State University. See also WWII Interview Papers Collection.

- B1.1 Oral history interview from Yankee Air Museum Veterans History Project, 24 July 2015. 23 pp TS on his experiences as Marine in the Pacific.
- B1.2 Disc with audio of above interview.
- B1.3 Letter from Michigan donating the interview and transcript, 10 Dec 2015.

Folder B2 Ball, Wilbur G.

- B2.1 Letter from soldier Ball in France to young daughter Linda Lee Ball (later Scovill) about French baby doll and its costume that he sends to her, 6 Aug 1944. 2 pp plus card with note from donor in 2016.
- B2.2 Information on doll/costume in the Museum's object collection, 2016. 2 pp
- B2.3 Copy of gift agreement.

Folder B3 Bellas, Ralph A.

After the War, Bellas used the GI Bill to obtain degrees in English and became an ISNU/ISU professor.

- B3.1 Reminiscence, 7 pp TS on home front wartime days in PA plus as an azimuth tracker in 566th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion in Western Europe during and shortly after the war, 22 March 2014.
- B3.2 Poem: "Remembrance" occasioned by a visit to the American Military Cemetery, Cambridge, England, nd.

Folder B4 Brooks, Lee

- B4.1 "My Tour of Duty in WWII," 5 pp TS by Lee Brooks, nd.
- B4.2 Motor Vehicle Permit, Camp Barkley, TX, 1942
- B4.3 Photo card and description of *Mauretania*, liner used as WWII troopship.
- B4.4 Jerusalem map for U.S. Army personnel
- B4.5 "I Served in the Persian Gulf Command" booklet, 1945. Reprint from *New Yorker* article.
- B4.6 "The Persian Gulf Command in World War II 1942-1945" by Joseph A. Hall, 15 pp TS plus maps, nd.
- B4.7 "Persian Gulf Command" pictorial booklet, nd. Tucked inside is mass mailing letter from Brigadier General Donald P. Booth to troops who served there.
- B4.8 Photocopy: "The Persian Corridor," map and pictures, nd
- B4.9 Persian Gulf Veterans Reunion program, nd.
- B4.10 ". . . I Served in the Persian Gulf Command" handout, nd.

Folder B5 Burgess, Gerald

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Burgess was a Military Policeman in Germany and a Hospital Orderly aboard the USS Hope in the Pacific.

- B5.1 "History of the U.S.S. Hope (AH7) – Commissioned 15 August 1944. 7 pp TS. Fragile.
- B5.2 "The History of the 215th Hospital Complement," nd. 95 pp. Fragile.
- B5.3 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 8 Apr 2016. 2 pp. Added by staff.

Folder B6 Claggett

- B6.1 Typed letter from Hazel Claggett to her son George Claggett, 30 Dec 1945 plus mailing envelope and return envelope.
- B6.2 Note from Air Mail Center in Guam about the letter being salvaged from plane crash on Tinian 7 January 1946.
- B6.3 Research on persons mentioned in Hazel's letter and on George's post-service life, 2022.

Folder B7 Clark, Charles

- B7.1** Induction notice, 25 Aug 1943.
- B7.2** Instructions from Selective Service Memo No 11, 7 Nov 1940.
- B7.3** Envelope from Selective Service Board in Bloomington, 14 Jun 1941.

Folder B8 Crout, Nelle

- B8.1 Bulletin of the Presbyterian Hospital of the city of Chicago, April 1942. 4 pp. Includes "Flags Presented to Unit 13 at Nurses' Alumnae Party" featuring photo with First Lt. Nelle Crout and "Miss Crout Seeks Additional Nurses for Military Duty."
- B8.2 "Chicago Captain of Army Nurses Dies in Service," *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 16 Dec

1944.

- B8.3 "Army Hospital Head Dies in New Guinea," *Pantagraph*, nd
- B8.4 "Graveside Services Friday for El Paso Army Nurse," nd or source.
- B8.5 American Legion Gold Star Certificate for surviving kin of Capt. Nelle Crout, 27 Dec 1945. Presented by El Paso post 59.

Folder B9 Cumming, Thomas S.

- B9.1 "Recollections of a Country Doctor" An Eyewitness account from perspective of a Medical Officer stationed in the South Pacific" by Cumming, 17 pp TS, nd.

Folder B10 Curtis, Jack

- B10.1 Soldier's Individual Pay Record for Pfc then Sgt Curtis, 27 Sep 1945. Only descriptive data entered.

Folder B11 Davenport, Irving J.

- B11.1 14 pp MS and 8 p transcription including "Pearl Harbor Dec.7, 1941 as I Remember It." Prepared for talk to Bloomington Rotary Club, 5 Dec 1985.
- B11.2 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 6 Feb 2008. 2pp. Added by staff.

Folder B12 Dean, Virgil

See also B-N Black History Project Collection for his service record & discharge.

- B12.1** *389th Engineer General Service Regiment*, bound commemorative book published by the regiment, nd. Lists S/Sgt Virgil Dean of 1202 McArthur, Bloomington.

Folder B13 Diller, Merle

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Diller served as an aircraft mechanic & flyer in Europe. See also map cases for his 14 scrapbook pages including photos, newspaper articles, War Savings bond, etc., and photo collection.

- B13.1 Army Air Forces Technical School diploma for Airplane Mechanics, Amarillo Army Air Field, 13 May 1943.
- B13.2 Army Air Force Flexible Gunnery School at Kingman AZ, 2 Aug 1943.
- B13.3 Photocopies of 6 magazine articles on WWII aviation.

Folder B14 Dooley, Wilma Anderson

Ms. Dooley was the first woman to join the Navy from McLean County. She worked for Capt. Small in Secretary of Navy Knox's and James Forrestal's office; was present at the dedication of Jefferson Memorial, met Eleanor Roosevelt. She met her husband, Kliffe Dooley, via "free" military mail.

- B14.1 "Andy in Washington": photocopy of photo of her in uniform.
- B14.2 "Housing Project Opened" photocopied captioned newspaper photo, nd. Handwritten "Where I live."

Folder B15 Dolan, Frederick A.

Bloomingtonian Dolan served with 101st Infantry in ETO from Oct 1944-Apr 1945 including in the Battle of the Bulge.

- B15.1 Typed transcription of interview held 29 Nov 2002, 43 pp
- B15.2 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 1 Nov 2009. Added by staff.

Folder B16 Downs, George W.

- B16.1 Letter to Fern Downs in Downs, IL, 7 May 1943 from Africa.

- B16.2 Letter to Fern Downs in Downs, IL, 19 Aug 1943 from Sicily, 1 p plus envelope..
- B16.3 Letter to Fern Downs in Downs, IL, 18 Dec 1943 from Europe, 3 pp plus envelope.

Folder B17 Duncan, Carter

Bloomingtonian Duncan graduated West Point, flew in Europe during WWII, became a US Army Air Force colonel (reportedly the youngest one at that time). Years later he obtained a PhD from Stanford University and taught in Hawaii. Duncan's letters are replies to Miss Margaret Egan (later Mrs. Eiff) in Bloomington.

- B17.1 Lt. Col. Duncan of 36th Air Depot Group to Egan, 29 Mar 1943. See transcript.
- B17.2 Lt. Col. Duncan of 36th Air Depot Group to Egan, 7 Jun 1943. See transcript.
- B17.3 Lt. Col. Duncan of 36th Air Depot Group to Egan, 5 Aug 1943. See transcript.
- B17.4 2 empty envelopes, Nov 1943 & Feb 1946.
- B17.5 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 8 Apr 1997. Added by staff.
- B17.6 "Col. Carter E. Duncan Completes Air School," with photo, *Pantagraph*, Jun 1947.
- B17.7 Transcript of letters, 2 pp.

Folder B18 Ebel, Alice

A government teacher at University High School, Ebel served as a WAVE in Pensacola, FL, during the war and afterwards continued as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserves. Later she earned a PhD, taught at ISU, and was elected to the county board – in a time when few women were such governmental leaders.

- B18.1 U S Navy certificate of satisfactory service for Lt. Alice L. Ebel, from 18 Nov 1943 to 19 Dec 1945. Released to inactive duty.
- B18.2 Identification card for US Naval Reserve, 19 Dec 1945. Handwritten notes about two inactive duty assignments, etc.
- B18.3 Two small photos of Ebel in uniform, nd
- B18.4 "Miss Ebel Receives Commission," from publication related to University High School in Normal where she taught government, nd. Photo noting she is headed to Pensacola as lieutenant in WAVES.
- B18.5 USNR Commissioning: U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center at Decatur, 18 Nov 1949. 2 copies of 8 pp program. Ebel lists as Lt with Organized Surface Division 9-179.
- B18.6 State of Illinois Service Recognition certificate for Ebel, 1947. In original mailing envelope.
- B18.7 "Decatur Wave Rated Amid Top Travelers Attending 9ND Division Drills," in The News Letter and Naval Reserve Bulletin, Sep 10, 1951.
- B18.8 "McLean County honor roll of women," *Pantagraph*, 17 Mar 1983. Includes Ebel as making history as elected member of county board.
- B18.9 Certificate of Retirement for Lt Commander Alice L. Ebel, USNR, 1 Mar 1965.
- B18.10 US Armed Forces identification card for retiree Alice L. Ebel, 3 May 1966.

Folder B19 Eckert, Albert A.

See also Danny Leifel's book *Albert Eckert PFC* in Museum library.

- B19.1 Transcription of recollections written by Eckert in 1997 and transcribed by his son Jim in 2009, 48 pp TS.

Folder B20 Egan, James M. "Mike"

Bloomingtonian Margaret Egan (later Mrs. Eiff) began writing to marine corporal/sergeant "Mike" Egan when she read of him in a Chicago newspaper. They were not related, but she corresponded

with him as he served on the USS San Francisco and while he was in a naval hospital in Oakland, CA, having multiple surgeries to recover from being wounded in action. She also corresponded with his mother in Chicago and even visited with her.

The letters span January 1942 to July 1943 and include one from Margaret to Mike, 7 from Mike's mother to Margaret, and 16 from Mike to Margaret. Staff additions include Margaret's obituary, two articles about Mike being wounded in action aboard the USS San Francisco, etc.

Folder B21 Flener, Deane

Yeoman First Class Flener of Bloomington sent friends this poem telling of landing in Sicily.

- B21.1 Poem: "Sicilian Journal" by H. Deane Flener.
- B21.2 "Sailor Write Poem," *Pantagraph*, 3 Dec 1943.
- B21.3 "Dean Flener Wins V.F.W. Essay Prize," *Pantagraph*, 16 Mar 1939.

Folder B22 Fox, George Lansing

IWU alum and Army Chaplain Fox along with a Jewish rabbi, a Catholic priest and another Protestant chaplain were on a boat torpedoed in the North Atlantic. All four men gave their lifebelts to sailors who were without them. All four were lost.

See also *No Greater Glory: The Four Immortal Chaplains and the Sinking of the Dorchester in World War II* by Dan Kurzman in Museum Library.

- B22.1 "New Postage Stamp honor IWU Graduates, Three Others," *Pantagraph*, 24 May 1948.
- B22.2 "Chaplains Sunday recalls sacrifices in World War II," *Pantagraph*, 31 Jan 1974.
- B22.3 "George L. Fox, a name to be remembered," *Pantagraph*, 20 Feb 2005.
- B22.4 "Alumnus Loses Life in Gallant Action: in IWU Bulletin, Alumni Edition, July 1943, photocopy.
- B22.5 "A Courageous Death," by Elaine Graybill, with photo, *Illinois Wesleyan Magazine*, Spring 1993, p 18-20.
- B22.6 "These Immortal Chaplains, 3 cent US postage stamps (4).
- B22.7 First day of issue postcard of postage stamp, postmarked May 28, 1948, with illustration captioned, "Four Chaplains Memorial ... Unity in Brotherhood ... Three Faiths – One God."
- B22.8 Copy of 105th Congress, 3rd Session, S. Res. 169: To designate February 3, 1998, as "Four Chaplains Day," 3 pp.
- B22.9 Press release: Illinois Wesleyan Holds Veterans' Day Ceremony, 8 Nov 2004.
- B22.10 Website printout: "The Story of the Four Chaplains Stamp" 3 pp
- B22.11 Email from William Luther White, former IWU chaplain on IWU chapel, 6 Dec 2011.
- B22.12 Flyer, Reading of the Four Chaplains, Veterans Day, Illinois Wesleyan University, Evelyn Chapel, November 11, 2024.

Folder B23 Freeman, Marvin W.

Lt Freeman piloted B-17 "Miss Ponca City" from 1943 to 1944.

- B23.1 "Freeman Funeral," *Pantagraph*, 27 May 1949.
- B23.2 Letter from researcher Kirk Appell, nd. 2 pp plus photo scan of crew of "Miss Ponca City" including Freeman, plus 2 sheets of Appell's research.
- B23.3 Reply letter from Museum attaching funeral notice and providing addition information.

Folder B24 Grove, Alonzo

Pfc Grove was KIA in Rosenberg, Germany, while a squad leader in the 359th Infantry.

- B24.1 "A Service of Memorial for Alonzo W. Grove:" at Carlock Mennonite Church, 9 Dec

1945.

B24.2 "Wife Learn Husband Dies in Germany," *Pantagraph*, 11 Jun 1945.

B24.3 "Will Conduct Memorial Rites for Carlock Man," *Pantagraph*, 29 Nov 1945.

Folder B25 Hall Robert Seymour

Hall was a pilot for the Royal Canadian Air Force and a resident of Normal.

B25.1 Letter from Prairie Aviation Museum on opening ceremony for Robert Seymour Hall Exhibition on 11 Nov 2010.

B25.2 Illustrated printout, 8 pp.

Folder B26 Hauptman, Andrew C.

Accession 95-07-22

Bloomington native Anthony Hauptman was a navy gunners mate aboard the submarine Pampanito which rescued 73 Australians and British POWs who had been forced by Japanese captors to build a bridge over the River Kwai. Hauptman's sketches of the 1944 rescue were used in a 1979 book *Return From the River Kwai* by Joan & Clay Blair, available in Museum library.

B26.1 Photocopy of photo of Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1652, Camp Cape San Sebastian at Gold Beach, OR, in 1934.

B26.2 Tenth Armored Division Veterans Association address directory, 1990. Lists Hauptman.

B26.3 "After Action Report Given by Jean Milmeister Foremost Authority on the 'Battle of the Bulge,'" an address to 10th Armored Division Assn 41st Annual Reunion in Louisville, 1992. 3 pp.

B26.4 "Tiger Tales" 1995 Pre-Reunion Issue 1995 for 10th Armored Division.

B26.5 Photocopies of map of battle route and four pages of map of Germany, nd.

B26.6 "Harrowing experiences as POW live on," *Pantagraph*, 9 Sep 1984.

B26.7 Funeral card and *Pantagraph* obituary for Anthony Hauptman, Feb 1984.

B26.8 Photo print from movie *The Bridge Over the River Kwai*, c1957.

Folder B27 Available for expansion

B27.1

Folder B28 Hirst, William E.

Part of Accession 94-11-01

Army serviceman Hirst wrote home from California and various sites in the Pacific. He lived most of his life in Towanda, farming a few years and long owning Bill's Pottery.

B28.1 Eleven letters and 1 telegram from Hirst to his mother Ida Hirst in Towanda (including two addressed to both mother and sister Mildred) from Jun 1944 to Oct 1945.

B28.2 Transcripts of above letters, 4pp.

B28.3 Numerous empty mailing envelopes, mostly from Wm Hirst to his mother Ida.

B28.4 Letter from National Schools in Los Angeles, CA, to Mrs. Hirst advising her son has been enrolled by the Army and begun school, 9 Dec 1942.

B28.5 General letter from Illinois Governor Green to families of service men sending a "silver star of service", nd.

B28.6 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 17 Sep 1991.

Folder B29 Hume, Harold

Navy serviceman Hume served as an ambulance driver in the Philippines.

B29.1 Donor's letter from Helen Hume or LeRoy, 26 Jul 1984

B29.2 Three letters from Harold to his mother Mrs. J.T. Hume in Clinton plus envelopes, Oct 1943-Nov 1945.

B29.3 Transcripts of the above letters.

Folder B30 Johansen, Ewing S.

Johansen served in the Army in the Pacific and was injured in Okinawa.

- B30.1 Two photos of Okinawa Army Engineer post before and after the typhoon, nd. Note his commentary on back of one photo.
- B30.2 Photocopy of 4 pp from the book *The Deadeyes 96th Infantry Division*, 1991.
- B30.3 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 27 Feb 2002.

Folder B31 Lanz, Lyle A.

Pvt Lanz of Normal had lettered in football at IWU and entered the Air Corps where he became a parachute rigger with the 9th Combat Cargo Squadron. His C-47 transport plane crashed into a mountain at Hpa-Lin, Burma, 18 Jan 1945. See rolled documents for his purple heart certificate.

- B31.1 Letter Lanz wrote to his father from N. Burma, 16 Jan 1945 – days before he died.
- B31.2 Gift agreement, 2008.
- B31.3 Poem “High Flight” by John Magee Jr, nd.
- B31.4 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 2 Feb 1945 plus captioned photo.

Folder B32 Mann, Kenneth

Accession 93-11-05

Bloomingtonian Mann worked as Motor Machinist Mate Second Class aboard the LST (Tank Landing Ship) 266, which participated in the invasion of Normandy. He served from Oct 1942 to Dec 1945.

See also photos; WWII Magazines Collection for 2 issues of *LST Scuttlebutt* & 1 issue of *Life*, 17 Apr 1944

- B32.1 Color photo souvenir from US Navy Memorial, Washington, D.C., nd
- B32.2 Business card, nd
- B32.3 Christmas Day dinner program, Flotilla Flagship USS LST No. 266, 25 Dec 1943.
- B32.4 Photo postcard: “Landing Ships Tank Nose Onto a Beach,” nd
- B32.5 “Remembrances of War” by Mann, nd. 9 pp photocopy.
- B32.6 US LST 266 Roster – original and photocopy, 3 pp each, nd
- B32.7 Notice to appear for physical exam, 17 Aug 1943 and classification notice, 4 Sep 1942, photocopies.
- B32.8 Newspaper clippings with photos, nd, and “Just in Case” handwritten “will” by R.M. Vanderpool, leaving Mann his clothing, nd. Photocopies.
- B32.9 Sheet music with lyrics for “Lilli Marlen” nd, 2 pp photocopy.
- B32.10 Declassified Operation Plans and Reports for UGS-36, 1944. 44pp photocopy.
- B32.11 *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships: Volume VII*, pp 569-572 by James L. Mooney, ed. Photocopy.
- B32.12 Honorable discharge certificate, 26 Dec 1945, photocopy.
- B32.13 Pay and allowances info card, 1 Jan -21 Apr 1945.
- B32.14 Unused Navy Pay receipt.
- B32.15 Used stencil for “MANN, K.L.”
- B32.16 Picture postcard to Rudolph Schuster sent from Wissen, 14 May 1944. Message in German.

Folder B33 Maxey, William Harrison

A McLean, IL, native, Maxey served in the Army and returned to McLean after the war.

- B33.1 Individual Score Book for the Rifle, including notations from Jan-Feb 1941.W.D.,

- A.G.O. Form No. 82, 1 Aug 1935.
- B33.2 Five picture postcards, including 2 from Maxey addressed to his mother in 1940.
 - B33.3 2 Christmas v-mails to Maxey from his brother Herbert Maxey who was serving in India while Wm Harrison was at Ft. Meade, 1943 & 1944.
 - B33.4 Service Recognition Board (IL) General Rules for Payment of World War II Bonds, 12 pp booklet, nd.
 - B33.5 Christmas Menu, Station Hospital at Ft Meade in Maryland, 1943.
 - B33.6 Birthday card to Maxey in McLean from his mother, 1957.
 - B33.7 State of Illinois Service Recognition Certificate, 1947.
 - B33.8 Gift agreement, 2016.
 - B33.9 Newspaper articles; obituaries for Maxey, wife, parents from *Pantagraph*, 1940-2003.

Folder B34 McCorkle, David F.

A Bellflower resident, Private McCorkle was KIA on Mindanao with the 41st Infantry Division.

- B34.1 Photo of McCorkle in uniform, nd.
- B34.2 "Dies in Action" news clipping with photo, nd.
- B34.3 Letter from Julia Scott Vrooman to Frank & Nelle McCorkle who were her family's tenant farmers in the Osmon area upon the death of their son, 21 May 1945. Plus envelope & transcript.
- B34.4 Gift agreement plus associated email, 2021.

Folder B35 Meany, John

Flight surgeon Meany was a graduate of Trinity High School and began serving in the army in January 1941. Dr. Meany was KIA during the North African campaign. A large hospital ship was named after him during the war.

- B35.1 "Killed in Action During Campaign in North Africa," *Pantagraph*, 11 May 1943.
- B35.2 "Maj. John Meany Killed in Acton in North Africa," *Pantagraph*, 13 April 1943.
- B35.3 "Parents Visit Ship Named for Dead Son," *Pantagraph*, 8 Jun 1945.
- B35.4 "WWII ship named for local surgeon," *Pantagraph*, 10 Dec 2006.
- B35.5 Excerpt from *Hospital Ships of World War II* by Emory A. Massman, 1999, pp 197-219.

Folder B36 Okinawa Diary

Accession 94-05-36

- B36.1 Pocket sized diary with handwritten entries, Mar-Apr 1945. Author unknown.
- B36.2 Transcript of above, 3pp.

Folder B37 Osman, Eugene L.

Originally from LaSalle County, Osman began a long career working for State Farm Insurance shortly after the war. He lived in Bloomington/Normal during that time.

- B37.1 Email from daughter Marilyn Kraft, 2010. 2 pp.
- B37.2 "The Days of My Army Life," by Eugene L. Osman, May 2006. 44pp TS.

Folder B38 Page, Elmo M.

Page was drafted into the Army and served as a tank commander in the 69th Tank Battalion in Europe. He was deeply engaged in the creation and build of the Lexington Veterans Memorial in 1993.

See also photos of Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

- B38.1 His handwritten & illustrated sheet of medals, etc. with explanations.
- B38.2 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 24 Sep 2004.

Folder B39 Pistole, Frank*Accession 93-11-21*

Pistole was a boxer and Golden Gloves champion who grew up in Bloomington. He enlisted in the Navy in 1940 and served aboard the USS Houston. It sunk in battle and Pistole became a POW. He died in a POW camp in Burma.

- B39.1 Military personnel file, 3 pp photocopies.
- B39.2 POW record, source unknown, photocopy.
- B39.3 "The Family History," 2 pp photocopy of material covering Pistole.
- B39.4 Frank "Butch" Pistole, 1 pp bio plus cover letter from Al Butts, 29 Nov 1993.

Folder B40 Riddle, Carl

Born in Bloomington, Riddle later lived in Iowa and served as a Navy Fire Controlman. He perished in service in 1944.

- B40.1 Snapshot of Riddle in uniform with another older man, nd.
- B40.2 Newspaper article "Carl Riddle Missing in Action," nd or source.
- B40.3 Telegrams: Birthday wishes from Riddle to his mother in Council Bluffs, IA; Navy notice that Riddle is MIA; later notice that Riddle is KIA, Dec 1944. Gift agreement, 2021.
- B40.4 Public records such as census, overseas burial.

Folder B41 Roberts, Ralph E.*Part of Accession 94-11-01*

Towanda resident Roberts served with the 135th Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion in Western Europe as a driver of heavy trucks.

- B41.1 Separation Qualification Record, Sep 1945.
- B41.2 Honorable Discharge, 26 Sept 1945 at Camp Cooke, CA. Includes enlistment records

Folder B42 Shank, Lloyd A., Jr.

- B42.1 email from Linda Lameir of Holland who was tending grave of US veterans including Shank at Margraten. Museum response includes info about Shank's early boyhood in Bloomington and his service record. Jul 2008. 2 pp.
- B42.2 Four photo scans of grave site and cemetery, 2008.

Folder B43 Adams, Henry H.

A Michigan native, Adams served in the Pacific for the US Navy aboard destroyer escort USS Owen. In 1968 he became chair of English department of Illinois State University. Books are fragile.

- B43.1 *Great Smith* by Edison Marshall, 478pp, Armed Services Edition, 1943.
- B43.2 *The Lively Lady*, by Kenneth Robert, 352pp, Armed Services Edition.
- B43.3 Adams Oklahoma City newspaper obituary, Aug 2002. 2pp.
- B43.4 Donor gift agreement, Dec 2023.

Folder B44 Streenz, Gordon H.

- B44.1 Five v-mails from Streenz to his sister Bernadine Streenz Katthoefer & family in Bloomington, Jun-Jul 1944.
- B44.2 Christmas v-mail from Streenz to his parents M/M Louis Streenz in Bloomington, Dec 1944.
- B44.3 Summaries of v mails.
- B44.4 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 20 Sep 1981.

Folder B45 Toepke, Mel

B45.1 Holiday card from Aircraft Carrier USS Princeton to his parents in Normal, Dec 1945.

Folder B46 Wall, Bernard

Navy Lt. Wall served in France & Egypt. He long worked as a lawyer in Bloomington.

- B46.1 Letter from Lt. Wall above SS Royal S. Copeland to Kathryn Koos in Bloomington, 17 Mar 1945. 3 pp plus envelope.
- B46.2 Letter from Lt. Wall above SS Royal S. Copeland to Kathryn Koos in Bloomington, 12 Feb 1945.
- B46.3 Transcripts of above.

Folder B47 Weed, Emery Eugene

Army Sgt. Weed of Padua/Ellsworth was a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. He fought in Holland, France and Belgium. See also Blair Family WWII Letters Collection for two letters from Weed.

- B47.1 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 17 Jan 1948.

Folder B48 Wesley, Wallace

A physical therapist with a B.Ed. degree from Illinois State University and a MS from Univ. Of Oregon, Lt. Wesley served in the Army Medical Corps with the 240th General Hospital mostly in France from 20 Nov 1944. Later she earned a doctorate, taught in multiple places, and lived in LeRoy.

- B48.1 "Veteran's Testimony - Wallace Wesley" 16 pp from unidentified internet website. Plus accompanying email.
- B48.2 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 1 Jul 2009.

Folder B49 Misc. Mail From Service Personnel

- B49.1 Cpl. Darrell L. Forbes to M/M Lyle Rhodes of Stanford, Dec 1944. Greetings from India.
- B49.2 Humorous postcard from Robert Jost to Oscar Edwards at R.G. LeTourneau in Peoria, Oct 1942.
- B49.3 Lt T F Kent to Dale & Ruth Putnam (of Putnam Bookshop) in Bloomington, 11 Apr 1945.
- B49.4 Capt. M.W. Mann of 267th Ord. Maint Co to Earl Mann & Family in Hoopeston with redirect to Bloomington. Christmas greeting.
- B49.5 Lt L.C. Merwin, USNR, to Russel Miller at *Pantagraph*, 10 Jun 1945.
- B49.6 T/S James Olive to Mr. C.R. Baxter in Hoopeston, IL, 11 Sep 1945.
- B49.7 Three v-mails from S/Sgt T.H. Owen to M/M Grover Katthoefer in Bloomington, 22 Oct 1943, 18 Nov 1943, and 1 Nov 1943. Plus summarization.
- B49.8 Sgt Robert H. Vines of Civil Affairs, NAES, to M/M Mark Paulson of Hoopeston, IL, 15 Nov 1943. Christmas greetings.
- B49.9 Frederick A Teubal(?) on USS Clay to M/M Lyle Rhodes of Stanford, 12 Dec 1944. Seasons greetings.
- B49.10 Unidentified photo of US serviceman.
- B49.11 Six unused v-mails

Folder B50 *Pantagraph* news clippings

- B50.1 Various articles on draft numbers, 1941 locations of our local soldiers across the nation, 1945 Loring Merwin article from Germany, etc.
- B50.2 Photocopy of map of US showing Bloomington women in service. Original in oversize.

Folder B51 Miscellaneous

- B51.1 Photocopy of letter from USNR office in Hotel Rogers of Bloomington to Mrs. Puccio trying to recruit her, 13 Jun 1944. Plus info on Helen Edna Millard Puccio. Original of letter is in Hotel Rogers vertical file.
- B51.2 Photocopy of Moving Picture Operators members of Local 193 serving in World War II. Six headshots of named men, nd.
- B51.3 Birthday greeting card for soldier, used and nd. With envelope.

Folder B52 Yoder, Donald Eugene

A native of Danvers, Yoder graduated from Bloomington High School and moved to CA. He served in the Army, stationed in the Aleutian Islands.

- B52.1 Illinois State Service Recognition Certificate, 1947.
- B52.2 Memorial program, 2008. Includes *Pantagraph* obituary.
- B52.3 California death certificate, 2008.

Folder B53 Tyner, Merlin E.

Tyner served with Army 453B, Gp 735 B Squadron

- B53.1 "Aircraft Inspection and Maintenance Guide" for B-24D, RB-24E, B-24G, B-24H and B-24J Aircraft, Issue No., 1 May 1944. 88pp.
- B53.2 "Welcome to the States!" Boston Port of Embarkation, Camp Myles Standish Brochure by Army Service Forces, nd.
- B53.3 "Notes from the Telephone Center," by New England Telephone & Telegram Co., nd. Flier on making calls, including space for individual serial no of call.

Folder B54 North, Lloyd

Corporal North served with 2nd BN 544th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment (EB&SR)

- B54.1 Three v-mails & one letter from North to mother Zelda North in Lexington, May-Jul 1944, at least 3 while stationed in New Guinea. One missive includes comments on local wildlife (kangaroos, "slov," etc.) and Australian food.

Folder B55 Newman, Roy J.

Jim Altemus of Bloomington found Roy's Purple Heart certificate between old layers of wall paper when he was remodeling a Normal house. We tracked Roy to Jefferson City, TN, where he lived before perishing in the war. This documentation and the certificate were sent to Jefferson County where it was ultimately reunited with Newman's family.

- B55.1 Letter from Director of Jefferson County (TN) Archives, March 2023, sharing impact of McLean County Museum of History's donation including newspaper article.
- B55.2 "Purple Heart returns home," (*Jefferson City, TN*) *The Standard Bearer*, 23 March 2023.

Folder B56 Available for expansion

- B56.1 aa

Folder B57 Available for expansion

- B57.1 aa

Folder B58 Available for expansion

- B58.1 aa

- Folder B59 Available for expansion**
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- Folder B60 Available for expansion**
B60.1 aa
- Folder B61 Available for expansion**
B61.1 aa
- Folder B62 Available for expansion**
B62.1 aa

C Military Units

Folder C1 Commercial Trades Institute

3071st Quartermaster Mobile Refrigeration Co trained in Bloomington.

- C1.1 Extensive packet from participant Bob Lowry, 2006. Includes history of unit, copies of photos, newspaper articles, reminiscences, etc.
- C1.2 Letter from Arthur O. Hurwitt of the 3071st to his wife Barbara in CN, plus envelope, Sep 1943. Shares some experiences at the training school as well as in Bloomington. Plus biographical note on Hurwitt.
- C1.3 Brief reminiscence from Bloomington nurse Pat Littlefield, Jun 2013.
- C1.4 Advertisement, *The Danvers Independent* newspaper, September 22, 1944.

Folder C2 Third U.S. Army

- C2.1 Operations summaries covering Aug-Dec 1944 and Dec 1944-Mar 1945 in Western Europe.

Folder C3 372nd Infantry Commemorative Booklet

- C3.1 "On Guard! 372nd Infantry 1944" a pictorial commemoration, Mar 1944. 54 pp.

Folder C4 Italy

- C4.1 "Finito! The Po Valley Campaign, booklet by 14th Army Group- Italy, May 1945. 66pp.
- C4.2 "Road to Rome," commemorative booklet by Fifth Army, nd. 56 pp.

Folder C5 Available for expansion

- C5.1 aa

D Publications for Service Personnel

Folder D1 Mauldin, Bill

- D1.1 "This Damn Tree Leaks," a Collection of War cartoons by Sgt. Bill Mauldin. Reprinted from *The Stars and Stripes Mediterranean*, Italy 1945. 117 pp. Paper bound. Some damage to covers.
- D1.2 Gift agreement, 2007, with commentary about soldier who carried it in Italy.

Folder D2 Seabee News & Publications

- D2.1 CIX Cross-Section, Vol 1 No 6, 1 Dec 1944. 1095th USNCB.
- D2.2 Daily News, Vol II No 15 & 19, Roi Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Island, 10 & 14 Jun 1944.
- D2.3 Roi-Namur Daily News, Vol I No 30 & 36, Roi Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, March 16 & 22, 1944.
- D2.4 Photo print, 4th Special Seabee Camp, Point Cruz, Guadalcanal.

Folder D3 *The Chaser*

- D3.1 *The Chaser*, US Naval Training Center, Miami, FL, Victory Edition, 15 Aug 1945.

Folder D4 China Pocket Guides

- D4.1 Pocket Guide to China from War and Navy Depts for use of Military Personnel. Inscribed "George R. Canning, Jr." 64pp.
- D4.2 Pocket Guide to Shanghai, distributed by San Ho Publishing Co of Shanghai, nd. Inscribed "GR Canning." 36 pp.

Folder D5 Going Back to Civilian Life

- D5.1 "Going Back to Civilian Life" by War and Navy Depts, Aug 1945 edition. 88 pp. 2 copies.
- D5.2 "Going Back to Civilian Life" by War and Navy Depts, Feb 1946 edition. 90 pp.

Folder D6 Miscellaneous Publications

- D6.1 "Women's Army Corps Song Book" by War Dept, 1 Aug 1944. 41pp.
- D6.2 "Army Life" by War Dept. Pamphlet 21-13, 10 Aug 1944. 182pp.
- D6.3 "Handbook of Information." Army Ground Forces Replacement Depot No. 1, Ft Meade, MD. 32pp.
- D6.4 "IRTC Handbook Camp Blanding, FL." Infantry Replacement Training Center. 40pp.
- D6.5 "German Language Guide" by War Dept, 24 Jun 1943. 67pp.
- D6.6 "General Rules for Payment of World War II Bonus," by Service Recognition Board in Springfield, IL, nd. 12pp booklet.
- D6.7 "Amarillo Field Airs," small 28 pp songbook from Amarillo Air Field, TX. Held by Sgt. Nelson Smith during his service with note about Smith's post war employment at ISU.
- D6.8 TIME magazine, May 7, 1945, pony edition with "Maj. Sawyer" handwritten on cover. Note: Pony editions were specially printed for members of the U.S. Armed Forces overseas beginning in November 1942. Editorial content is unchanged from the regular edition.

Folder D7 Available for expansion

- D7.1 aa

E Miscellaneous

Folder E1 Jill Pitts Knappenberger

Pitts was a Red Cross volunteer Clubmobile driver serving in Europe from late 1943 to Aug 1945 including becoming trapped in the Battle of the Bulge. She grew up primarily on a farm in the

McLean, IL, area and later worked a while in Bloomington for State Farm Insurance.

- E1.1 V mail from Pitts with Continental Operations to Mrs. George Curtis in Normal, 1 Sep 1944.
- E1.2 Transcript of phone interview with Jill Pitts Knappenberger of Champaign, IL, 20 Jan 2011. By National Museum of the Pacific War. 23 pp TS.
- E1.3 Photocopies of pages from Luis Alberto Urrea's *Good Night, Irene*, a novel based on the experiences of his mother, Jill Pitts, and a third woman during WWII. Includes photos of the actual women in service. 2023.
- E1.4 "Behind Enemy Lines" University of Illinois Alumni Assn article on Pitts based on interview, Jan 2017. 5 pp.
- E1.5 University of Illinois Archives holdings for Pitts' scrapbooks (1918-2020)

Folder E2 Johnson, Dudley Caleb - Red Cross Diary

Johnson was born in Danvers and grew up on a farm near Bloomington. His Red Cross service included loading onto Omaha Beach, entering Paris, etc. After the war, he became an insurance agent in Bloomington.

- E2.1 Loose sheets of diary from Aug 1944 to Jun 1945 on Red Cross stationery.
- E2.2 Gift agreement with notes, 2016.
- E2.3 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, 13 Aug 1993.

Folder E3 World War II Reminiscences

In preparing for a WWII Exhibit in 1993, the Museum of History solicited "first hand experiences" relevant to McLean County. The file includes reminiscences of varying lengths, notes from a phone interviews, etc.

- E3.1 Notes on interview with Dr. Robert Barnard, Bloomington, about US Field Artillery from Apr 1943-Jan 1946.
- E3.2 Charles Brokaw, Towanda. Brief note from his wife Eleanor Brokaw about his missions over France & Germany as recorded on 8mm film, Nov 1993.
- E3.3 Fighter Pilot Lt. Charles F. Bain of Bloomington reported MIA and liberated. Various clippings from newspaper and newsletters, 1944-1945.
- E3.4 "The Location of My Personal D Day in World War II" by Dale Butz, 2 ppTS mimeographed, nd. Experiences in Normandy.
- E3.5 Joyce Butz. 3 pp TS in 1993 on loss of her brother Lt Guy Ringbloom KIA 5 Apr 1945. Buried at Maargarten, Netherlands.
- E3.6 Loy W. Conley, 1 p TS, 11 Nov 1993. Recounts 7 Dec 1941 and later events while in Rhode Island and when his father left to serve in Pacific.
- E3.7 Dave Davenport: "Ensign Davenport Class of 1940 Tells His Story of Action Aboard the USS Oklahoma, A Battleship Moored at Pearl Harbor, Dec 7, 1941." 1 pp TS – 2nd page AWOL.
- E3.8 Merle Diller: Photocopy of 2 news clippings on Flying Fortress gunner Diller's escape from downed fighter plane and award of Air Medal in England.
- E3.9 Sgt. Wm A. Freed, Lexington: newspaper story about gallant action in 35th Infantry in France and Silver Star award.
- E3.10 Notes on interview with George E. Guinane of Bloomington who had served as Private thru Captain in Army, mostly in US locations.
- E3.11 Notes on interview with W. Douglas Hartley, who previously taught art at ISU. Hartley served as sgt in Army Air Corps. He knew of planned bomb drop on Hiroshima "before anyone else" when he was a teletype operator with 20th Air Force Signal.

- E3.12 Notes on interview with Ruth W. Lawrence (Mrs. Sydney G. Lawrence) of Normal. Home front experiences.
- E3.13 Letter from Bill McKnight, Jr. who served on aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CV-6) as Combat Information Officer. 3pp TS.
- E3.14 Letter from E. Joan Miller of Normal commenting on being a civilian in England. 2 pp TS on “Food, or making a cake in Wartime England, 1939-1945”
- E3.15 Handwritten letter from Rae Mueller of Bloomington including comments on being overseas with Red Cross from 6 June 1944 D-Day to Oct 1945 serving in the communications dept.
- E3.16 Notes on interview with Ray Temple of Towanda who was private thru captain in Ordnance in Italy.
- E3.17 2 pp list of contacts.
- E3.18 44 responses to “Share Your WWII Memories”

Folder E4 German Memorabilia

- E4.1 Article in V-Mail newsletter from the National WWII Museum, Vol 12, No 2, Summer 2011: “Chance Donation Leads to a Connection to Nazi Ace” (pp 5 & 15). McLean County Museum of History donated a Nazi officers jacket that belonged to German Luftwaffe ace Maj. Herbert Huppertz. Originally donated by Roy Nickrent.
- E4.2 James Taylor donations:
 Gift agreement, 2007
 German ration card, 1943.
 2 pieces of currency: 2 Zwei Mark & 50 Pfenning notes
 Six 5x7 German photo cards including five with Hitler
- E4.3 German soldier safe conduct pass, issued by Headquarters 21st Army Group, for German soldier who is surrendering, nd.

Folder E5 Miscellaneous

- E5.1 “A few locals serving in Red Cross overseas” Partial list of individuals with descriptions of service and of research available elsewhere, Dec 2024.
- E5.2 “A Change in Plans: IWU and the war” from Illinois *Wesleyan University Magazine*, fall 1995. 5 sheets.
- E5.3 Email sharing column from Bill Roy for 24 Jul 2013: “Grandpa what did you do during the war?” by a man who failed induction physicals and then entered medical school. 2 pp plus page of biographical notes.
- E5.4 “Navy Planes Use Airport for Refueling” captioned photo from *Pantagraph*, 29 Sep 1942 with handwritten notes from donor Helen Olofson (Accession 93-12-13).
- E5.5 “Japanese-American Family of 4 Gets New Start in Bloomington, *Pantagraph*, 12 Jun 1943. Nakamura family recently arrived from relocation camp in Idaho.
- E5.6 “American Japanese to Come into Midwest,” *Pantagraph*, 31 Mar 1943.
- E5.7 Postcard featuring military Lockheed “Constellation” plane, posted 23 Sep 1944 & addressed to Mrs. L.E. Ruckman of Bloomington.
- E5.8 “Merchant Marine Days” reminiscence by Carl Behr, 3pp typescript, 2023. Plus donor gift agreement, 2023.

Folder E6 Winged Victory

- E6.1 Play program, 32 pp booklet. US Army Air Forces presented play written and directed by Moss Hart.

Folder E7 Available for expansion
E7.1 aa

Folder E8 Available for expansion
E8.1 aa

F Canteen

Folder F1 *Pantagraph* articles and ads

- F1.1 "Tin Cans Should Go Out Tonight," & "Course to Train Aides in Station Canteen Opens," September 13, 1944.
- F1.2 "Let's All Help Supply the Red Cross Canteen," Rolands department store, September 18, 1944.
- F1.3 "Shelter for Canteen," November 20, 1944.
- F1.4 "Canteen Hut Symbol Of Co-Operation," November 20, 1944.
- F1.5 "Canteen Christmas Tree Draws Crowds," December 13, 1944.
- F1.6 "Merry Christmas at Canteen, 1500 GI's Serviced Chicken Dinners," December 26, 1944
- F1.7 "Santa Remembers Boy Who Works At Canteen," December 26, 1944.
- F1.8 "Only 3 Red Stamps, 5 Blues Now Valid," December 26, 1944.
- F1.9 "Rationing Again Restricts *Pantagraph* Subscriptions," December 26, 1944.
- F1.10 "Canteen Chow: Good New Year's Menu Ready," December 31, 1944.
- F1.11 "Canteen Gets Soldiers' Goat," April 20, 1945.
- F1.12 "Our War Record: Local Canteen Workers Serve 300,000 in Year," September 2, 1945.
- F1.13 "Canteen Ends Serving Tonight," December 19, 1945.
- F1.14 "Bloomington canteen served troops on Christmas in 1944" ("Page from Our Past" column), December 23, 2007.

Folder F2 Other Canteen Materials

- F2.1 Menu: Refreshments in Front of the Hut, nd. Presumably referring to the Canteen activity.
- F2.2 Two handwritten letters from Robert L. Williaume who served with 11th Airborne Div in Pacific with recollections of his brief canteen experience in Bloomington in 1944, spring 2007. Attached is an article from his local newspaper on his unit, nd.
- F2.3 email with brief comment on 1945 canteen experience in Bloomington by Maury Medlen of Longview, WA, April 2010.

Folder F3 Available for expansion
F3.1 aa

G Civilian Defense

Folder G1 Snavelly, Lyle

See also oversize for Illinois Air Raid Warden Instructors School certificate for completing training to instruct Air Raid Wardens, 13 Jun 1942.

- G1.1 Certificate of Membership in US Citizens Defense Corps, 6 Jun 1942.
- G1.2 Certificate of Instruction for having completed the OCD course for Instructor of Air Raid Wardens, 13 Jun 1942.
- G1.3 Certificate of Graduation for completing training as Air Raid Warden, 13 Jun 1942.
- G1.4 Citation for service as Volunteer Victory Speaker for Illinois State Council of Defense, 31 Jul 1943.
- G1.5 Letter from Illinois War Council enclosing certificate of membership in staff unit of the Illinois Branch of US Citizens Defense Corps, 8 Feb 1944.
- G1.6 List of Liaison officers for 9 regions.

Folder G2 Erdman, Robert

- G2.1 US Citizens Defense Corps identification card, issued at age 14, nd.
- G2.2 Basic Mileage Ration coupons for Alfred L. Erdman of Bloomington.
- G2.3 Certificate of membership for Robert Erdman upon completing training for Citizens Defense Corps in the Boy Scout Messenger Unit, 23 Aug 1943.
- G2.4 Museum acknowledgment letter for donation, nd. Accession: 2013.27

Folder G3 Miscellaneous Civil Defense

- G3.1 Air Raid Warden identification card for Richard Middleton, Bloomington, nd. Original and photocopy.
- G3.2 Certificate of membership in Air Raid Warden unit of Chicago Metropolitan Area for Arthur J. Fremouw, 22 May 1943.
- G3.3 Air Raid Warden Unit certificate of membership for Earl B. Erion, Bloomington, 12 Jan 1944.
- G3.4 "Air Raid Instructions" card, nd.
- G3.5 Sixth Infantry Illinois Reeves Militia commendation card, 11 May 1944 to Sgt. Harold P. Raymond.
- G3.6 Citation for Merit to Aenid T. Taylor for defense against floods and high waters in May 1943 and Apr-May 1944, 12 Jul 1944.
- G3.7 Citation for Merit to Hudson Burr for defense against floods and high waters in May 1943 and Apr-May 1944, 12 Jul 1944. Plus mailing envelope.
- G3.8 Armband with fabric backing, nd.

Folder G4 Available for expansion

- G4.1 aa

H Industrial and Agricultural Production

Folder H1 Williams Oil-O-Matic

Accession 93-12-11

- H1.1 Letter from War Dept conferring the Army-Navy Production Award, 14 Aug 1942.
- H1.2 Congratulatory letter from Illinois Governor Green, 1 Sep 1942.
- H1.3 Program for presentation of the Army Navy Production Award, 8 Sep 1942.
- H1.4 "Artillery Fire Control Chart," 25 Mar 1945.
- H1.5 Newspaper articles, undated, about Community Chest drive, formal army-navy "E" award presentation ceremony, and opposition to job freeze rule, nd.

Folder H2 Scrap Drives, etc.

- H2.1 Cardboard mounted emblem for War Production Board, nd. (salvage fell under this War

- Production Board)
- H2.2 Photocopies of newspaper articles on tin can (and some silk hosiery) salvaging, nd.
- H2.3 One newspaper announcement of Bloomington Waste Paper Drive pickup dates in neighborhoods.
- H2.4 Two waste paper advertisements, *The Danvers Independent* newspaper, September 15, 1944, and October 6, 1944 (originals and color copies).

Folder H3 Hemp Production

- H3.1 Excerpts from Plant-Finder listing of Government-Owned Industrial Plants, Sep 1946, 5pp. Photocopy. Lists surplus plants available for sale including Hemp Mill at Lexington, Illinois with description of assets available there.
Pantagraph articles:
- H3.2 "A Hemp Enterprise," 29 Nov 1886.
- H3.3 "War Declared on Marijuana in This Area," 30 Aug 1938.
- H3.4 "Horses Made Crazy By Eating Marijuana," 30 Aug 1938.
- H3.5 "Doubts About New Hemp Crop Cleared Up in Wisconsin Tour," 12 Jan 1943.
- H3.6 "Thick and Uniform Planting Is Secret of Good Hemp Crop," 14 Jan 1943.
- H3.7 "Hemp Fiber Is a 'Must Crop' For 13 Districts in Illinois," 16 Jan 1943.
- H3.8 "Dairy Methods in Wisconsin Praised by Hemp Committee," 23 Jan 1943.
- H3.9 "May Cut Plans For Hemp By One-Third," 29 Jan 1943.
- H3.10 "3,141 Acres Hemp Under Contract," 29 Jan 1943.
- H3.11 "Hemp Drive Over the Top, 4,625 Acres," 3 Feb 1943.
- H3.12 "Lexington Gets \$350,000 Hemp Mill Employing 100 Persons," 25 Feb 1943.
- H3.13 "Step No. 1 in Hemp Processing," 5 July 1944.
- H3.14 "Steps No. 2 and 3 in Processing of Hemp Crop," 6 Jul 1944.
- H3.15 "Hemp Processing Step No. 4 At Lexington," 7 July 1944.
- H3.16 "Step 5 At Hemp Mill," 8 July 1944.
- H3.17 "Step 6 At Hemp Mill," 9 Jul 1944.
- H3.18 "Hemp In The Raw," 10 Jul 1944.
- H3.19 "Discusses 'Ifs' In Domestic Hemp Picture," 11 Sep 1944.
- H3.20 "Hemp Mill To Become Corn Drier," 13 Aug 1946.
- H3.21 "Lawmakers join fray over hemp," 12 Feb 2000.
- H3.22 "Hemp produced locally for war effort," 12 Feb 2000.
- H3.23 "Hemp once grown around Lexington to support war" ("Pages from Our Past" column), 24 Jun 2007.

Folder H4 Hemp Production: Fritz, Harry

- H4.1 Mileage Rationing Identification Folder, 22 May to 22 Nov 1944
- H4.2 Mileage Rationing Identification Folder, 15 Jun 1945 for 1942 Chevrolet owned by Harry H. Fritz
- H4.3 Mileage Rationing Record for 1931 Chevrolet owned by Harry H. Fritz
- H4.4 Basic Mileage Ration stamps, 1 sheet
- H4.5 War Ration Book Two Cover for coupons issued to Helen Louise Fritz
- H4.6 Application for War Ration Book 3 for Harry H. Fritz
- H4.7 War Production Program 1943 Farm Plan:
 - 26 Jan 1943 for farm owner Elmon Ogden, farmed by Fritz
 - 26 Jan 1943 for farm owner Dorothy Van Buskirk, farmed by Fritz
- H4.8 Hemp Growers Contract Acreage Waiver 29 Nov 1943 for Harry H. Fritz.

- Contracted 20 acres, abandoned 2 acres, harvested 18 acres.
- H4.9 War Hemp Industries Growers Charge-Credit Memo, 29 Nov 1943 for 18 acres
 - H4.10 United States Internal Revenue Return of Producer of Marijuana:
31 Dec 1944 Harry H. Fritz received 1936 pounds of hemp seed, planted 1672 pounds and returned 264 pounds.
 - H4.11 War Hemp Industries letter to Harry H. Fritz as cover letter for his signature., 28 Feb 1945.
 - H4.12 Weight tickets (13) with a 2pp War Hemp Industries summary sheet:
For Harry Fritz with landowner Elmon Odgen, 23 Nov -27 Nov 1943
 - H4.13 Statement of earnings for Harry H. Fritz, Employee of War Hemp Industries:
Eighteen (18) statements 15 Nov 1943 – 4 Mar 1945.

Folder H5 Milkweed

Pantagraph articles:

- H5.1 "Save Milkweeds Now to Save Lives Later," 5 Jul 1944.
- H5.2 "Collection of Milkweed Floss to Be Handled Via Schools," 16 Jul 1944.
- H5.3 "Their Efforts Give 8 Men a Better Chance," 18 Sep 1944.
- H5.4 "Given Quota of 2 Sacks- Pupils Gather 109," 20 Oct 1944.
- H5.5 "Schools to Start Delivery Of Milkweed Pods to Depots," 6 Nov 1944.
- H5.6 "Towanda Designated as Center for Shipping Milkweed Pods," 25 Nov 1944.
- H5.7 "McLean County Second in Milkweed Collection," 30 Nov 1944.
- H5.8 "Kids gathered milkweed pods for WWII effort," 14 Oct 2007.

Folder H6 Victory Gardens

- H6.1 "An Illinois Garden Guide," by University of Illinois College of Agriculture Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics," c 1944. 32pp.

Folder H7 Available for expansion

- H7.1 aa

I Office of Price Administration

Folder I1 OPA: Miscellaneous

- I1.1 Pledge form "To Do My Part on the Home Front," signed by Opal R. Armstrong of 619 E Mulberry, Bloomington. Concerns honoring top legal pricing and using ration stamps.
- I1.2 Certificate of appreciation for volunteer work at Office of Price Administration for Mrs. Pauline McNab, nd.
- I1.3 Two used envelopes with "I'm in this fight, TOO" images from OPA.
- I1.4 "OPA Ceiling Prices for Sandwiches and Beverages Sold on Railway Day Coaches, 16 Sep 1943. Photocopy. 2pp.
- I1.5 "Corn New Deal Forsakes Morals," by Charles J. Sheppelman, President of United Farmers of Illinois. Colfax, *Pantagraph*, 11 May 1944.
- I1.6 "Price Control is a Racket," by Charles J. Sheppelman, of Normal, *Pantagraph*, 11 May 1945.
- I1.7 "The Road to Ruin," by Charles J. Sheppelman of Normal, *Pantagraph*, 6 May 1947.
- I1.8 Obituary for Sheppelman, *Pantagraph*, 9 Feb 1983.

Folder I2 Rent Control

Speeches, etc:

- I2.1 *Peoria Star* newspaper, editorial page, no date, "Control Yourself, Mr. Bowles
- I2.2 Moore, Hon. E.H., speech
- I2.3 Lucas, Scott, speech, 26 Feb 1946, "Enforcement Methods Employed by OPA Must Be Corrected"
- I2.4 Wherry, Kenneth, "Trend of the CIO Program", 15 Nov 1945.

Laws & Forms:

- I2.5 January 1945 Form D-301r "Questions and Answers on Federal Rent Control" (2 copies)
- I2.6 Public Law 108, 79th Congress, "Joint Resolution"
- I2.7 Public Law 383, 78th Congress, "Title I—Amendments to the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942"
- I2.8 Public Law 421, 77th Congress, "Title I—General Provisions and Authority"
- I2.9 Public Law 729, 77th Congress, "An Act"
- I2.10 Document #50382, Part 1388—Oct. 31, 1945, "Defense-Rental Areas" (2 copies)
- I2.11 Document #58272, Part 1388, Oct. 15, 1946, "Defense-Rental Areas"
- I2.12 Document #44935, Part 1388, Mar. 29, 1945—"Defense-Rental Areas"
- I2.13 Form D-1, "Landlord's Petition for Adjustment of Rent" (2 copies)
- I2.14 Form DD-U, "Registration of Rental Dwellings"
- I2.15 Form D-4, "Petition For Certificate Relating To Eviction" (4 copies)

Correspondence:

- I2.16 16 Sep 1943, Memo # W30-35-43, "OPA Ceiling Prices for Sandwiches and Beverages Sold on Railroad Day Coaches"
- I2.17 20 Dec 1945 to Office of Price Administration, Peoria, IL, from Wayne Townley
- I2.18 27 Dec 1945, from Office of Price Administration to Wayne C. Townley
- I2.19 4 Jan 1946, from Office of Price Administration, Peoria, IL to Wayne C. Townley
- I2.20 7 Aug 1946, from Office of Price Administration, Bloomington, IL to Wayne C. Townley

Folder I3 Rationing

- I3.1 Pocket sized cigarette ration card from Fried's Book Store. Verso has humorous definitions of "isms"
- I3.2 "Long Live the Irish" ½ sheet typescript carbon recognizing "firsts" from Irish American servicemen in WWII and complaining of who (Nathan Goldberg) allegedly got first rationed tires, nd.
- I3.3 Numerous copies of ration books 1-4 from various residents.

Folder I4 Mileage & Fuel Oil Rationing

- I4.1 "B" & "C" mileage ration stickers
- I4.2 Brochure on fuel oil rationing, 1945
- I4.3 Non-Highway Ration mileage books
- I4.4 Basic & supplemental ration stamps and books
- I4.5 Mileage ration identification folder
- I4.6 Fuel oil stamp booklets
- I4.7 Mileage rationing record slip

Folder I5 Available for expansion

I5.1 aa

J Wartime Foodways

Folder J1 Wartime Foodways: General

- J1.1 National Wartime Food Guide from US Dept of Agriculture, Rev. Jul 1945. Fragile.
- J1.2 War Food Administration office of Distribution letterhead
- J1.3 Photocopy of Steak n Shake News (employee newsletter), July 1945 article on sugar rationing. 2 pp. Original in Steak n Shake Collection.

Folder J2 Recipe Books

- J2.1 "70 Ration Recipes for Meat from Marie Gifford's Kitchen" from Armour and Company, Chgo. 30 pp
- J2.2 "Meat Rationing Explained for Locker Patrons," 12 pp. Distributed by Marshall-Putnam Locker Service of Henry, IL
- J2.3 "How to Make a Little Meat go a Long Way," from US Dept of Ag Food Leaflet No. 5, "How to Prepare Finer Fish Dishes" compliments of A&P Fish Dept. 1941, 36pp.
- J2.4 "Recipes for Today," 1943, 40 pp
- J2.5 "A Guide to Wartime Cooking" 1943. from H.J. Heinz Company, Pittsburgh. 46 pp. 2 copies.
- J2.6 "Cold Cooking It's Easy" from Montgomery Ward, 1941. 56 pp.
- J2.7 "Good Things to Eat," from Church & Dwight Co, Inc. 1943. 16pp.
- J2.8 "Recipes to stretch your Sugar Ration," from Church & Dwight Co, Inc. 1942, 8 pp.
- J2.9 "Wartime Recipes From Canned Foods," from American Can Company (Canco), nd.
- J2.10 "Connie Colman's Pickle Recipes for Victory Gardeners," nd, 16pp from Colman's Mustard maker Atlantis Sales Corporation.

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Folder K1 War Bonds

- K1.1 Brochure: "The Time is Now" offering series E F & G bonds
- K1.2 Booklet: "Give 3 . . . Get 4!"
- K1.3 Stamp Albums for 10 cents & copies of 25 cents stamps for series E bonds. (1942 on 25cents albums; nd on 10cents album)
- K1.4 5 stamps, 10 cents US Postal Savings.
- K1.5 Small handout "Keep It UP! Buy War Savings Bonds" for payroll savings plan, nd
- K1.6 Quarter holder for 25cent war savings stamp, nd.
- K1.7 Pamphlet: 4th War Loan, Jan 1944. In four pieces. Fragile
- K1.8 Window sign: 4th War Loan, nd.
- K1.9 Booklet: Sales Manual for Volunteer Workers for 5th War Loan, Jun-Jul 1944.
- K1.10 Star Victory Luncheon flier, for 24 Sep 194. For \$1,000 war bond purchasers with comedians Skeets Gallagher and Buddy Ebsen entertaining.
- K1.11 Reconstruction Finance Corp idle tire program envelope for savings stamps, nd

- K1.12 Stamps featuring “America on Guard” statue image: \$5 US Postal Savings stamp 1941; 10 cents War Savings stamp.
- K1.13 “Wings Over Jordan” fundraising concert program sponsored by The Regular Fellows Club, 26 Oct 1942. Plus *Pantagraph* article on same. (Copy also in BNBHP)

Folder K2 V-Day Celebration Plans

- K2.1 Planning documents for Association of Commerce lead celebrations of VE & VJ Days including minutes, correspondence, newspaper articles, etc. 1945.

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- K3.1 “How to Make Your Present Car and Tires Last Longer and Aid in The Fight for Victory,” from State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co, nd.
- K3.2 “Home Defense Health Course in 3 Lessons,” from makers of Lysol (Lehn & Fin Products Corp), 34pp.
- K3.3 Blue Star/Gold Star flag for First United Methodist Church in LeRoy info email, April 2024, plus three image prints of service personnel and the flag.

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