BROOKLYN COLLEGE STUDENT WAR CORRESPONDENCE

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Dates
Bulk dates: 1942-1944

Extent
1.5 boxes / .75 cubic feet

Creator
Brooklyn College

Access/Use
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Languages
English

Finding Aid
The guide is available in-house and online.

Acquisition
Materials collected by Asa Don Dickinson, 1st Chief Librarian of Brooklyn College, during WWII.

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The Brooklyn College Student War Correspondence is a collection of letters written by Brooklyn College students during World War II while in military service to college faculty members, 1942-1944.
Historical Note

World War II brought a large number of Brooklyn College Students out of the classroom and into the battlefield. From Manila to Normandy, Brooklyn college best carried the Red, White and Blue against forces of tyranny. With the war unfolding, Brooklyn College Chief Librarian Asa Don Dickenson encouraged the writing and Collection of letters from soldiers to a beloved faculty member. As Dickinson expressed to Brooklyn College troops:

“Someday soon when you are feeling particularly energetic or homesick or sentimental or inspired, will you not write an informal letter telling us how things are with you? …. Of impressions and experiences and hopes?” [February 23, 1942]

Scope and Content

The Brooklyn College Student War Correspondence collection, consists of .75 cubic feet of documents pertaining to the challenges, hopes, fears and experiences faced by Brooklyn College soldiers during World War II. Arranged in alphabetical order, there are about 69 students whose correspondence has been preserved. Besides letters, soldiers also mailed back home picture postcards, musical compositions, and dramatized skits and whatever artistic talent they were able to produce during the hour of war. In addition to correspondence which makes up the collection in bulk, there are well preserved recruitment brochures for the Women’s Army division and “Waves” the Women’s Naval Division.

Container List

Box #1

Folder 1 – Adler, Sidney
Folder 2 – Ajamian, Haig (Part I)
Folder 3 – Ajamian, Haig (Part II)
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Folder 5 – Barns, Russ
Folder 6 – Baron, Harry
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Folder 29 – Kamen, Theodore J.
Folder 30 – Kandel, Daniel
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Folder 33 – Kinner, Emmett, Lt.
Folder 34 – Kirschner, Seymour
Folder 35 – Kranz, Frederick D.
Folder 36 – Lentz, Julius
Folder 37 – Levine, Roslyn
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Folder 43 – Mirenda, A.
Folder 44 – Moshman, John, Sgt.
Folder 45 – Petkoff, Leonard
Folder 46 – Pressman, Kenneth
Folder 47 – Pugliese, T., Lt.

Box #2

Folder 1 – Rosen, George P.
Folder 2 – Rosenzweig, Abraham, Lt.
Folder 3 – Sherman, Charles E., Lt.
Folder 4 – Schindler, Milton
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Folder 6 – Schnell, Muriel
Folder 7 – Schwartz, Gabriel B.
Folder 8 – Schwartz, Marvin L.
Folder 9 – Schwartz, Stanley
Folder 10 – Shoultfrain, David M.
Folder 11 – Seligsohn, Isaac
Folder 12 – Spengler, Edwin
Folder 13 – Stember, Jerome
Folder 14 – Thom, Ian, Cpl.
Folder 15 – Topel, Harold
Folder 16 – Treatman, Paul
Folder 17 – Unger, Dan
Folder 18 – Valvano, Bart A.
Folder 19 – Weiner, Jack H.
Folder 20 – Weiner, M., Cpl.
Folder 21 – Wlodinger, Marcus, Pvt.
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