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**Joseph Tilford Falloway
Letters, 1942-1945**

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Scope and Content Note

The Joseph T. Falloway letters consist of 20 letters written by Pvt. Joseph Tilford Falloway to his family in Raywick, Kentucky, while serving in the Army in the Station Hospital mess at Camp Fannin, Texas. His letters consistently refer to the weather and crops in Texas and at his home in Raywick and the production and harvest of his father's tobacco crops. The letters also describe particular meals he has cooked, his interactions with the German prisoners of war, occasional comments on the status of the war, and questions about and updates on friends and other family members. He also sends a mess menu from the week of Thanksgiving 1945. There are two brief letters written by his brother, William R. Falloway, who is stationed in Luxembourg and then Germany, as well as a Mother's Day card from an unidentified person, "Pvt. Chalon Falloway."

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Biographical Note

Joseph Tilford Falloway was born in Raywick, Kentucky in 1909 to Milt and Etter Falloway. As reported by Falloway in a letter of 31 January 1943, Falloway is unsure of his true name. He states that his lost birth certificate said Brock, but he is known as Joseph Tilford Falloway. At the end of the letter he writes: "Joseph Brock Tilford Falloway b. May 9, 1909." He was the first of seven children. He served in the Army on kitchen patrol at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Camp Forrest, Tennessee. He spent the majority of his time in the service as a cook at Camp Fannin, Texas during World War II and held the rank of Private.

William Falloway, Joseph's brother, was born in Raywick, Kentucky in 1911. He served in the Army with the rank of Private and was sent abroad to serve in Luxembourg and Germany.

Sources:

Ancestry.com. *1930 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.

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