

The Filson Club Historical Society

Marshall B. Hardy Papers

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Size of Collection

.66 cubic foot

Locator Number: Mss. /A /H268

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Scope and Content Note

The collection, focusing on Marshall Hardy's military service during World War II, is contained in six folders in one box; and a photo album which is wrapped separately. Correspondence begins in 1939 with Marshall Hardy's father requesting help from General Douglas MacArthur to get his son a commission in the Army (Hardy has a bad eye). In a long and informative letter dated 4 September 1940, MacArthur writes back as to why he cannot help. Eventually, Hardy does become an officer and his letters home, dated from 1942-1944, begin with training camp and continue through his overseas duty in Ireland, England, and the North African and Italian campaigns. He describes, in detail, the countryside and the people as well as daily life. He also writes about military operations, life in dugouts, and morale. The collection also contains miscellaneous army souvenirs of festive and military events, a notebook containing "Battle Lessons," and an album of photos, with commentary, taken during his time overseas.

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Biographical Note

Marshall Hardy was born and reared in Louisville, Kentucky. After Army service he returned home, gained a law degree, and practiced in Louisville until his retirement.

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Folder List

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1939 - December 1942

Folder 2: Correspondence, 25 December - 25 October 1943

Folder 3: Correspondence, 13 November 1943 - 18 April 1944

Folder 4: Correspondence, 1 May 1944 - 29 November 1944

Folder 5: Battle Lessons

Folder 6: Miscellaneous

Folder 7: Photo Album