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**Reutlinger, Albert F., 1917-1998  
Papers, 1942-1945**

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Mss. A R447b

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**Scope and Content Note**

Collection consists of personal correspondence from Maj. Albert Reutlinger, U.S. Marine Corps, to his parents living in Louisville, Kentucky and Osprey, Florida, while he was serving in the Pacific Theater with the 1<sup>st</sup> Amphibian Tractor Brigade during World War II. Although he was prevented from providing details of his service due to censorship regulations, the letters often describe various activities of general military life.

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**Biographical Note**

Albert F. Reutlinger (1917-1998) was a lawyer, public official, and veteran of World War II. Reutlinger was born in 1917 to Adolph Reutlinger and Mary Yandell Fox Reutlinger. He was the grandson of Judge Fontaine Fox, and nephew of the cartoonist Fontaine Fox. He graduated from Louisville Male High School and attended the University of Virginia, graduating from its Law School in 1940. While in the university, he joined the United States Marine Corps. In January 1941, he was called to active duty and was sent to Quantico, Virginia and then Dunedin, Florida for amphibian tractor training. After Pearl Harbor, Reutlinger was assigned to the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion, First Marine Division for the duration of World War II. Reutlinger entered the war with the rank of Lieutenant, advancing to become the Battalion's Commanding Officer. His unit fought in the Pacific Theater, especially the Guadalcanal Campaign of 1942-1943 in the Solomon Islands. He also was involved in operations at Cape Gloucester, Peleliu Island, and Okinawa. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserve in 1957 with the rank of Colonel.

After the war, Reutlinger returned to Louisville where he took up the practice of law. In 1947, he was elected to office on Louisville's Board of Aldermen, representing Ward 2. By the time of his retirement, he was the senior partner in a law firm that had been renamed Middleton & Reutlinger.

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**Folder List**

Box 1

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1942
- Folder 2: Correspondence, January-June 1943
- Folder 3: Correspondence, July-August 1943
- Folder 4: Correspondence, September-December 1943
- Folder 5: Correspondence, January-May 1944
- Folder 6: Correspondence, June-December 1944
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**Subject Headings**

Censorship – United States – History – 20th century.

Military currency – United States.

United States. Marine Corps. Armored Amphibian Battalion, 1st.

United States. Marines – Military life.

World War, 1939-1945 – Campaigns – Japan – Okinawa Island.

World War, 1939-1945 – Equipment and supplies.

World War, 1939-1945 – Propaganda.