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## Claude W. Harris Collection

**Creator:** Claude William Harris  
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## Biographical Note

Claude William Harris was born May 24, 1912 in Hymera, Indiana to Ira Elmer Harris and Phoebe C. Kensler. After moving to Chicago with his family, Harris worked for four years at Montgomery Ward & Co. as a foreman of a reconditioning department. He joined the Army of the United States on May 21, 1942, just before his 30th birthday.

During Harris's early years in the service, he trained at ordnance school at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland studying bomb disposal methods. He stayed in Aberdeen doing bomb salvage tech for over two years where he was promoted to Private First Class. For the final year of the war he was a Technician Fifth Grade of Ordnance Supply NCO. He took part in battles and campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. During this time he had charge of obtaining all supplies for the 233rd ordnance bomb disposal platoon. He was also in tasked with care of clothing, food, equipment and P.x. supplies; he requisitioned all materials, kept supply books, and records. Harris was honorably discharged on December 19, 1945.

While Harris was training in Aberdeen he became engaged and married to his girlfriend Elizabeth (Betty) A. Bombka.

Claude Harris died in September of 2002 at 80 years of age.

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## **Scope and Content of the Collection**

The Claude W. Harris Collection includes correspondence, gift cards, military documents, certificates, photographs, and memorabilia related to the military service of Claude Harris as a Technician Fifth Grade in a Bomb Disposal Platoon during WWII.

## **Arrangement**

The collection arrived in no discernable order. Staff has arranged the collection. The collection consists of two series:

### **Series One: Military Documents, 1941-1947, 2001, n.d.**

These documents pertain to Claude's service in the United States Army. They include correspondence, certificates, programs and forms. This series also includes military orders and retirement and insurance information.

### **Series Two: Personal Scrapbook, Oversized, 1928, 1941-1943, n.d.**

The items in the scrapbook series pertain to Harris' time in the military. The majority of photographs are taken of Harris at military bases where he was stationed or when he was on furlough. The items remain arranged as presented in the scrapbook. The scrapbooks also include family photos, newspaper clippings, and the covers from both the scrapbooks. This series also includes oversized or realia pertaining to Harris' time in the military.

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## **Separations**

<b>Item ID</b>	<b>Description</b>
800179461	Claude's dog tags with chain.

- 800179462 Pinback button with photo of soldier. (Same photograph as seen in Scrapbook 1 page 27).
- 800179463 Panoramic print of 101st Provisional Company Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.
- 800179464 Panoramic print of 234th Ordnance Company (Bomb Disposal) Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.
- 800179465 J-Feder 504 - German Clockwork Long-Delay Fuze.
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## Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

## Subjects

United States -- Army -- 223rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal.  
 World War, 1939-1945 -- Bomb Reconnaissance.  
 World War, 1939-1945 -- Europe.  
 World War, 1939-1945 -- Illinois -- Chicago.  
 World War, 1939-1945 -- United States.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1	1		<b>Claude &amp; Betty Correspondence</b>	1942
		800179001	To: Claude; Subject: Mrs. Dash funeral and dislike of a mutual acquaintance. Includes Betty's rough sketch of her wedding gown.	6/15/1942
		800179002	To: Claude; Subject: Shopping and Family.	7/11/1942
		800179003	To: Claude; Subject: Drinks with friends and prayers for Claude not being sent out of the country.	7/12/1942

800179004	To: Claude; Subject: Betty's father's health and Betty's want for an army ring and photograph of Claude.	7/23/1942
800179005	To: Claude; Subject: Father's improving health and shopping.	7/27/1942
800179006	To: Claude; Subject: Betty's dentist appointment and hanging out with Pearl and George.	7/28/1942
800179007	To: Claude; Subject: Work fights, Father's health, and letters from a Marine to Betty.	7/29/1942
800179008	To: Claude; Subject: Doctor appointments and general friends and family life.	7/29/1942
800179009	To: Claude; Subject: Father having to quit job and remorse over Claude having to destroy Betty's letters after receiving them.	7/31/1942
800179010	To: Claude; Subject: Work, Father's health and quitting job, plans with friends.	8/1/1942
800179011	To: Claude; Subject: Church and Betty's brother. Friends discussing soldier's loyalty.	8/2/1942
800179012	To: Claude; Subject: Betty's ex, Roy. Dentist appointment and upcoming blackout in Chicago.	8/3/1942
800179013	To: Claude; Subject: Betty's teeth pulled. Includes illustration of Betty's ring size and two newspaper clippings.	8/4/1942
800179014	To: Claude; Subject: Letters being opened/tampered with and Betty's Father's failing health.	8/6/1942

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**Claude & Betty Correspondence**

**1942**

800179015	To: Claude; Subject: Another letter from Roy. Claude going back to school and most likely not leaving the country.	8/7/1942
800179016	To: Claude; Subject: Letter being tampered	8/8/1942

with. Resting to go out to the Club at night.

800179017 To: Claude; Subject: Betty's late night at the clubs and toothache remedies. Hoping Claude can get a furlough for Christmas. 8/9/1942

800179018 To: Claude; Subject: Church and general family life. 8/16/1942

800179019 To: Claude; Subject: Hoping furlough goes through and general Christmas discussions. 12/21/1942

800179020 To: Claude; Subject: Bob Hope television special, Dick Jurgens disbanding his group and Betty upset she didn't get in to see him at the Chicago theater. 12/22/1942

800179021 To: Claude; Subject: Christmas preparations. 12/23/1942

800179022 To: Claude; Subject: Reflecting on the holidays and anticipation for Claude's visit home. 12/25/1942

800179023 To: Claude; Subject: Family and Friends. Betty's work vacation and preparations for Claude's visit. 12/27/1942

800179024 To: Claude; Subject: Claude's upcoming visit. 12/28/1942

800179025 To: Claude; Subject: Claude's visit the next day and phone call earlier in the day. Betty's excitement over being called "Dear" for the first time. 12/29/1942

800179026 To: Claude; Subject: Claude's train being delayed due to floods out East. Hoping for tomorrow. 12/30/1942

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**Claude & Betty Correspondence**

**1943**

800179027 To: Claude; Subject: Reflections on Claude's visit, getting her ring fitted, and Claude's return trip. 1/4/1943

800179028	To: Claude; Subject: Betty's anxiousness to show off her ring and general work topics.	1/5/1943
800179029	To: Claude; Subject: Showing off ring and visits from old friends now in the Army.	1/6/1943
800179030	To: Claude; Subject: Missing Claude since his return and Father's new teeth. Includes newspaper clipping of B.L. Bruce's poem "The Proving Ground."	1/7/1943
800179031	To: Claude; Subject: Still no word from Max, Jimmy out of the hospital, and ice covered streets.	1/8/1943
800179032	To: Claude; Subject: Claude's cold, work, and Karlov Theater.	1/9/1943
800179033	To: Claude; Subject: Movie at State-Lake "Me and My Gal" and sundaes with cousin at the "Oak Room" (Walgreens).	1/10/1943
800179034	To: Claude; Subject: Showing off her ring and Jimmy's improving health. Includes newspaper clipping.	1/10/1943
800179035	To: Claude; Subject: Family, trip to a fortune teller with friends, and work.	1/12/1943
800179036	To: Claude; Subject: Betty received four letters on one day, Support for Claude going to school to be Lieutenant but worried for his safety.	1/13/1943
800179037	To: Claude; Subject: Walkathon, friends, and Claude's weight gain.	1/15/1943
800179038	To: Claude; Subject: Snow and ice, trip downtown for a show later, and another letter from Roy.	1/17/1943
800179039	To: Claude; Subject: Trip downtown to see "Once Upon a Honeymoon" where a soldier got "fresh" with her.	1/18/1943

**Claude & Betty Correspondence****1943**

- 800179040 To: Claude; Subject: Dick Jurgens getting a commission at Glenview, watching Bob Hope, Kay Kayser, and Red Skelton on TV. 1/19/1943
- 800179041 To: Claude; Subject: Betty's sickness and Claude not being able to go out over the weekend. 1/21/1943
- 800179042 To: Claude; Subject: Betty's sickness and leaving work because of it. Believes it to be intestinal flu. 1/22/1943
- 800179043 To: Claude; Subject: Claude's homesickness, Betty's trip shopping downtown and going to see a show at the Woods. 1/24/1943
- 800179044 To: Claude; Subject: Below zero temperatures, printing pictures from New Year's, and family. 1/25/1943
- 800179045 To: Claude; Subject: Claude's family, Betty's fall on the ice, and no word from Max recently. 1/26/1943
- 800179046 To: Claude; Subject: Tax return, dentist appointment, Betty's new role as "food warden" of the block for rationing. 1/27/1943
- 800179047 To: Claude; Subject: Family, work, and checking in on upcoming furlough 1/29/1943
- 800179048 To: Claude; Subject: Betty's trips to see "Arabian Nights" at the Palace and "A Yank at Eton" and "Sleeping Tigers" at the Embassy. Still receiving compliments on her ring. 1/31/1943
- 800179049 To: Claude; Subject: Betty's letter from her "adopted Yank" who wants her to break from Claude. Her father's upcoming civilian defense dance, and normal Chicago winter weather. 2/2/1943

800179050	To: Claude; Subject: Relief that Claude isn't going to school. Max is still among the missing.	2/4/1943
800179051	To: Claude; Subject: Bad rain storm, shoe sale at Kitty Kelly's, and still no word from Max.	2/5/1943
800179052	To: Claude; Subject: Max surprised everyone at the dance. Going to a show downtown with him and friends later. Weather shifted to a snow storm.	2/7/1943
800179053	To: Claude; Subject: Telling of their trip downtown to see "The Pay Off" at the Oriental. Claude's dad went with as a chaperone.	2/7/1943
800179054	To: Claude; Subject: Went to see three shows and spent the day with Max. Commented on the fact that Claude can now save his letters from her.	2/8/1943
800179055	To: Claude; Subject: Betty finding a cousin she hadn't heard from since her Aunt died. Shoe rationing and hearing about a neighbor who got out of service because he didn't like it.	2/9/1943

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**Claude & Betty Correspondence**

**1943**

800179056	To: Claude; Subject: Pay day, seeing three more shows, and having a whole family dinner tomorrow night.	2/10/1943
800179057	To: Claude; Subject: Went to a dance with Max and friends and had a nice family dinner.	2/12/1943
800179058	To: Claude; Subject: Max's party and dancing. Heading to a show later tonight.	2/13/1943
800179059	To: Claude; Subject: Went to see "Casablanca" at the Chicago Theater. Missing Claude worse than usual and might	2/14/1943



to see another show to kill time.

800179060	To: Claude; Subject: General friends, family, and work topics.	2/15/1943
800179061	To: Claude; Subject: Went to see "My Sister Eileen" at the Armitage. Phyllis' love life at work.	2/16/1943
800179062	To: Claude; Subject: Betty's thanks for receiving a card and box of candy. Upset because she has to fire Phyllis tomorrow.	2/17/1943
800179063	To: Claude; Subject: Shopping for stockings, and looking forward to buying new "matched luggage."	2/18/1943
800179064	To: Claude; Subject: Giving thanks for the box Claude sent and commenting on how Max doesn't drink as much.	2/19/1943
800179065	To: Claude; Subject: Work and trip to Club Biograph.	2/21/1943
800179066	To: Claude; Subject: Spring like weather, voting day - "go and vote one bunch of crooks out of office" and filing income tax.	2/22/1943
800179067	To: Claude; Subject: Betty's sickness, Election day, and Claude's subscription to 'Time' magazine running out.	2/23/1943
800179068	To: Claude; Subject: Claude moving, Betty's worried it will be overseas.	2/24/1943

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**Claude & Betty Correspondence**

**1943**

800179069	To: Claude; Subject: Commenting on nylon house rationing, price hike in Rayon, and hoping Claude can hurry home to fix up their home.	2/25/1943
800179070	To: Claude; Subject: Betty went to a show with her brother and father.	2/26/1943

800179071	To: Claude; Subject: Betty made "Babushkas" for girls at work and bought a purse for Easter.	2/27/1943
800179072	To: Claude; Subject: Went to see "Seven Sweethearts" at the Tiffin, excited for work tomorrow to pass the time.	2/28/1943
800179073	To: Claude; Subject: Newspaper renewal, weather, Betty's work running out of cookies so she isn't working tomorrow.	3/1/1943
800179074	To: Claude; Subject: Claude's trip to New York, new Wards catalog, banquet from Curtis tomorrow night, and Betty's mom helping out at the burger joint.	3/2/1943
800179075	To: Claude; Subject: The banquet at Hotel Belmont, Errol Flynn's upcoming film with Shirley Temple "I Did it Again."	3/3/1943
800179076	To: Claude; Subject: Betty worried about lack of mail from Claude, Claude's aunt and cousin, and shopping at Weiboldt's downtown.	3/4/1943
800179077	To: Claude; Subject: Crooked election, Betty's father getting a job.	3/5/1943
800179078	To: Claude; Subject: Snow storm, went to the Tiffin to see "Moon and Sixpence", trip to Gayety Village afterwards.	3/7/1943
800179079	To: Claude; Subject: General family topics, romper suit for Jimmy.	3/8/1943
800179080	To: Claude; Subject: Claude not being able to come home for Easter, Betty and L.B. parting ways, intending to see "Random Harvest."	3/9/1943
800179081	To: Claude; Subject: Betty upset that Claude didn't let her know in advance that he was coming home. Excited to see him, none-the-less.	3/10/1943

800179082	To: Claude; Subject: Joking about the sharp turns on the "L", getting a new telephone, planning for showers.	3/16/1943
800179083	To: Claude; Subject: Wedding plans, gifts, wedding party.	3/17/1943
800179084	To: Claude; Subject: Betty has the flu, announcing the wedding to an Aunt and Uncle, meeting with a friar Saturday.	3/18/1943
800179085	To: Claude; Subject: Betty still sick, wedding plans.	3/19/1943
800179086	To: Claude; Subject: Engagement pictures, wedding paperwork, Betty still sick.	3/20/1943

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**1943**

800179087	To: Claude; Subject: Reminding Claude to write his parents about the wedding plans so she can talk to them about it.	3/22/1943
800179088	To: Claude; Subject: Betty receiving a letter from an ex, George, saying he still loves her. General wedding.	3/23/1943
800179089	To: Claude; Subject: Trying to plan wedding food during a food rationing. Needing to know in advance when Claude will be home for booking a hall.	3/24/1943
800179090	To: Claude; Subject: Wedding plans have been announced to both families now. Ring and picture discussions.	3/25/1943
800179091	To: Claude; Subject: Talked to Claude's parents about the wedding. Comments on Claude's weight gain.	3/26/1943
800179092	To: Claude; Subject: Went to a film at the Karlov with her cousin Gerry. Looking forward to a future furlough.	3/28/1943
800179093	To: Claude; Subject: Wedding red tape, papers, and meetings.	3/29/1943

800179094	To: Claude; Subject: Wedding plans, papers signed, possible locations.	3/30/1943
800179095	To: Claude; Subject: Idea of having wedding in Claude's basement. Claude getting ready to go on a convoy. Wanting to buy a new bed set for the two of them.	3/31/1943
800179096	To: Claude; Subject: Reflecting on Claude being gone almost a year. Set on Ed being the best man, other wedding plans.	4/1/1943

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**1943**

800179097	To: Claude; Subject: Claude's aunts commenting on his weight gain. Betty's mom heading downstairs to work.	4/2/1943
800179098	To: Claude; Subject: Replacement stone for Claude's ring, Betty is reading "See Here Private Hargrove", hoping Claude's furlough comes before summer due to Betty's satin dress.	4/4/1943
800179099	To: Claude; Subject: Another election day, wedding plans.	4/5/1943
800179100	To: Claude; Subject: Signing wedding papers, talk of a guy sent home from the Army because he "wet" the bed.	4/6/1943
800179101	To: Claude; Subject: Going to see "Hitler's Children" at the Marbro theatre tomorrow night.	4/7/1943
800179102	To: Claude; Subject: Went to see "Hitler's Children" and "A Night to Remember" at Marbro, Broke the bracelet on watch.	4/8/1943
800179103	To: Claude; Subject: Wedding food planning, dresses and tuxedos.	4/9/1943
800179104	To: Claude; Subject: Shopping at Weiboldt's and watch and ring repair.	4/11/1943
800179105	To: Claude; Subject: Betty's wedding	4/13/1943



licorice at work. Wedding gifts.

800179118 To: Claude; Subject: Betty sick and taking "Blackberry Brandy" as medicine. New bedroom set. 4/28/1943

800179119 To: Claude; Subject: Throwing a package of cookies at work and yelling at her boss. Circus coming to town. 4/30/1943

800179120 To: Claude; Subject: Went to U.F.H. dance, saw "Cat People" at the Tiffin with Jerry. Betty asking how a bomb got somewhere. 5/2/1943

800179121 To: Claude; Subject: Wedding shopping, ring, spring and mattress. 5/3/1943

800179122 To: Claude; Subject: "After the War" plans. 5/4/1943

800179123 To: Betty; Subject: Talking about the explosion at an ammunition plant in Elkton, Md, 20 miles from Claude's base. Thirteen dead and eighty hurt. Explaining how the bombs are dropped for practice and how it is completely safe. 5/5/1943

800179124 To: Claude; Subject: Hoping Claude can make it home in a week or so. Anxious about making "the final step" in getting married. Wedding plans. 5/5/1943

800179125 To: Claude; Subject: Difficulty finding a wedding cake, buying a new ham, numerous wedding plans. 5/6/1943

800179126 To: Claude; Subject: New bed arrived, moving things to the attic. 5/7/1943

800179127 To: Betty; Subject: Had a visiting Colonel from Washington, clothes inspection, Claude on kitchen patrol tomorrow. 5/7/1943

800179128 To: Betty; Subject: Anxious to find out if he gets the pass home. Wedding jitters, going to see "The Falcon Returns" tonight. 5/8/1943

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- 800179129 To: Claude; Subject: Wedding gift of bedroom lamps from Aunt Marcella, cousin Bob home but fear of him being shipped overseas when he returns. Doctor appointment for test. 5/9/1943
- 800179130 To: Claude; Subject: Frustration over not knowing when Claude will be home. Wedding preparations and invitations. 5/11/1943
- 800179131 To: Claude; Subject: Wedding postponed, hoping for next week. Had to buy a new ring for Claude, jeweler messed up old one. 5/12/1943
- 800179132 To: Claude; Subject: Betty's mom's doctor appointment. 5/14/1943
- 800179133 To: Claude; Subject: Neck ache from new bed, went to "Typhoon Club" near Higgins Rd and Central Ave. Saw three shows at the Karlov. 5/16/1943
- 800179134 To: Claude; Subject: Sadness over Claude's leaving earlier in the afternoon. Proudly signed "your loving wife." 5/28/1943
- 800179135 To: Betty; Subject: Returned back to base from wedding trip home. Missing Betty and wishing he could have stayed. 5/29/1943
- 800179136 To: Claude; Subject: Shopping at Logan Square with Jerry, wrote a letter to Claude's block captain thanking for his leave. 5/29/1943
- 800179137 To: Claude; Subject: Wedding pictures, visiting with Thelma, Mouse fighting with her father. 5/31/1943
- 800179138 To: Claude; Subject: Heat wave in Chicago, honeymoon plans. 6/1/1943
- 800179139 To: Claude; Subject: Missing Claude terribly. Cousin Gerald home from Guadalcanal and looking terrible. Includes a clipping of their wedding announcement which was on the 6/2/1943

front page.

800179140	To: Betty; Subject: Heat in Maryland, rifle range, only other company that was at the base since Claude arrived shipped out.	6/3/1943
800179141	To: Betty; Subject: Painting trucks, cleaning barracks, and heat.	6/4/1943
800179142	To: Claude; Subject: Too many birthdays and weddings in June, money being tight, weddings pictures and family.	6/5/1943

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800179143	To: Betty; Subject: Used .30 caliber Carbine at the rifle range, a friend whose wife is expecting.	6/6/1943
800179144	To: Claude; Subject: Hoping for peace so all the boys can come home, wanting to ask Pearl if she can move Claude's things into the house.	6/7/1943
800179145	To: Betty; Subject: Work, heat, and married life.	6/7/1943
800179146	To: Claude; Subject: Gerald and Marie wedding plans, visit from old friend Paul, no word from Max.	6/8/1943
800179147	To: Betty; Subject: Bayonet training/instruction, maybe going out tonight.	6/8/1943
800179148	To: Claude; Subject: Mouse and her dad over their fight, hoping to visit by labor day, passing out wedding pictures.	6/9/1943
800179149	To: Betty; Subject: Barracks being fumigated, company went to see the show "China" and went out in Aberdeen the night before. Mention of the record Claude recorded for her at the "Service Club" last Saturday afternoon.	6/9/1943



800179150	To: Claude; Subject: General family and friends topics.	6/10/1943
800179151	To: Betty; Subject: No word of Claude having to go overseas, went to see a double feature, annoyed with banjo and guitar playing in barracks.	6/10/1943
800179152	To: Claude; Subject: Commenting on how Claude sounded as if he was talking fast on the record. Paying for insurance.	6/11/1943
800179153	To: Betty; Subject: Sad to be missing Gerald and Marie's wedding, writing to Max, lining up for lunchtime "chow."	6/11/1943
800179154	To: Betty; Subject: Hoping Betty goes out some still, needing more wedding pictures for friends.	6/12/1943
800179155	To: Claude; Subject: Gerald and Marie's wedding was "a flop." Only half the invites showed up. Visited with Phyllis and her kids.	6/13/1943
800179156	To: Betty; Subject: Joking about the "Lady in the big hat", guard duty, staying in tonight but wanting to go to Baltimore to do shopping soon.	6/13/1943
800179157	To: Betty; Subject: Went to Baltimore to get gravel to fix up the walk in front of barracks.	6/14/1943
800179158	To: Betty; Subject: Had a dance with W.A.A.C.s. Upset the newspapers talk so poorly about them. Wishing Betty a Happy Birthday.	6/15/1943

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**1943**

800179159	To: Claude; Subject: Telling to add "Chicago '39' III" to letters for faster delivery. Betty's friends forcing her to go out for her birthday. Claude's dad being transferred to the Jackson Blvd. plant.	6/16/1943
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800179160	To: Betty; Subject: Claude signing up for allotment, guard duty by the airport, new planes.	6/16/1943
800179161	To: Claude; Subject: Income tax forms, not sure about a visit to Maryland because of money.	6/17/1943
800179162	To: Claude; Subject: Thanks for beautiful birthday card, listing birthday gifts, still hoping to save enough for a trip.	6/18/1943
800179163	To: Betty; Subject: Joking about the "Father's Day" card and hoping to be one someday. Went to a show the other night.	6/18/1943
800179164	To: Betty; Subject: Claude has been playing the Mandolin, got sun burned, maybe going to show later.	6/19/1943
800179165	To: Claude; Subject: Reminding Claude to stay away from the W.A.A.C.s, saw "Flight For Freedom" at the Palace, family pet 'Bootsie' sick.	6/20/1943
800179166	To: Betty; Subject: Went to see "Bombardier", sun-burn, war joke.	6/20/1943
800179167	To: Claude; Subject: Marie's 'nasty' comments on Claude and Betty's wedding, rainy weather, Aunt to the dentist.	6/21/1943
800179168	To: Claude; Subject: One month wedding anniversary, saving money for trip, joking about babies.	6/22/1943
800179169	To: Betty; Subject: Been on a convoy since Sunday, getting a vacation to New York for an Ordnance show in the Chrysler Building.	6/24/1943
800179170	To: Claude; Subject: Evening at Marcella's, Lefty got his "invitation from Uncle Sam", Aunt Lou back to the dentist.	6/24/1943
800179171	To: Betty; Subject: Preparing for trip to New York, allotment went through, Claude's company was filmed by a news crew.	6/25/1943

800179172	To: Claude; Subject: Saw "Random Harvest", wanting to go downtown to see "The Human Comedy." General friends news.	6/25/1943
800179173	To: Betty; Subject: Arrived in New York, mentions getting tickets to Major Bowes museum to see his broadcast. Staying at a Y.M.C.A.	6/25/1943
800179174	To: Claude; Subject: Shopping at Wards and the square, saw "It Ain't Hay" at the Tiffin.	6/26/1943
800179175	To: Betty; Subject: Explaining his job at the exhibit of showing the different pieces of war machinery. Stationary of the Y.M.C.A. Claude is staying at, "William Sloane House."	6/27/1943
800179176	To: Claude; Subject: Claude's war policy, hoping they get to live a hundred more years together.	6/28/1943

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**1943**

800179177	To: Betty; Subject: Saw "Stage Door Canteen" at the Capitol theatre last night along with "Hour of Charm." Has a ticket to Major Bowes for Thursday night.	6/29/1943
800179178	To: Claude; Subject: Army showing a similar film of what Claude is doing. Claude's day playing the violin, Lefty might be joining the Navy.	6/29/1943
800179179	To: Claude; Subject: Visited with Phyllis, Lefty might have appendix removed.	6/30/1943
800179180	To: Betty; Subject: Had his picture taken by the newspapers in front of a new Gyro Compass. Major Bowes tonight.	7/1/1943
800179181	To: Claude; Subject: Bought kitchen knives, probably sending Bootsie away tomorrow.	7/1/1943

800179182	To: Betty; Subject: Free tickets from the U.S.O. to a show at the Roxy theatre, starting new schedule at the exhibit.	7/2/1943
800179183	To: Claude; Subject: Friend Betty's birthday party, put family dog Bootsie to sleep, Lefty does not have to join the army, horse-back riding tomorrow.	7/3/1943
800179184	To: Betty; Subject: Visits to Music Hall, dance at the Y, staying for another week or so.	7/3/1943
800179185	To: Claude; Subject: Horse-back riding, kids rented a buckboard and went swimming, Betty didn't see any fireworks.	7/4/1943
800179186	To: Claude; Subject: Saw "Happy Go Lucky" and "Andy Hardy's Double Life" at the Tiffin, wishing war would end so Claude could come home.	7/5/1943
800179187	To: Betty; Subject: Boy Scout week at the exhibit hall, wishing he could have gone to the Ordnance show in Chicago. Went to the Canteen.	7/6/1943
800179188	To: Claude; Subject: Letter sent to Claude in New York, hoping for a souvenir.	7/6/1943
800179189	To: Claude; Subject: Letter sent to Claude in New York, received view cards from Claude, heard from old friend "Oklahoma" Sgt. Collins, can't find birth certificate.	7/7/1943
800179190	To: Betty; Subject: Chrysler building party, N.B.C. Studio singers, only working five hours tomorrow again.	7/8/1943
800179191	To: Claude; Subject: Sent to N.Y. Went to the Ordnance Exhibit at Wrigley Tower, saw the show "China", ice cream at Walgreens, tells Claude she's saving all the cards he sends her to someday put in a book.	7/8/1943
800179192	To: Claude; Subject: Sent to N.Y. Aunt Lou has mouth cancer and has to have	7/9/1943

remaining teeth removed.

800179193 To: Betty; Subject: Happy to have received letters in New York. 7/10/1943

800179194 To: Claude; Subject: Betty's sore wrist, letter from Max, hoping he's getting the mail in New York, back to writing to Maryland. 7/12/1943

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**Claude & Betty Correspondence**

**1943**

800179195 To: Betty; Subject: Packing to head back to camp, will write more when he arrives. 7/13/1943

800179196 To: Claude; Subject: Received a call from a man who met Claude in New York, Doctor said Betty has an ingrown cyst in her wrist. 7/13/1943

800179197 To: Betty; Subject: Received twenty-six letters while away, lots of work and cleaning to do. 7/14/1943

800179198 To: Claude; Subject: Income tax, budget. 7/14/1943

800179199 To: Betty; Subject: Slept in so has to have supper at Aberdeen or Service Club, has wedding certificate but not Betty's birth certificate. 7/15/1943

800179200 To: Betty; Subject: Saw "China Girl" in Aberdeen, might be going on a convoy to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, wants Aunt Marnie to go to the Red Cross about Robert. 7/16/1943

800179201 To: Claude; Subject: Wanting Claude to buy an iron and packages of gun since they can't back home. Lou's operation tomorrow. 7/17/1943

800179202 To: Betty; Subject: Might go to the coast at Asbury Park over the weekend, remembers meeting the man that called about New York. 7/17/1943

800179203 To: Claude; Subject: Went shopping with Mouse and visited Lou at the hospital, family 7/18/1943

got a new dog "Kewcco."

800179204	To: Betty; Subject: Claude's trip to Asbury Park	7/19/1943
800179205	To: Claude; Subject: Went to Phyllis', Sailor that just got back from Algiers was there.	7/19/1943
800179206	To: Betty; Subject: Word from Max who is in Atlantic City, might be a letter hiatus during his two week convoy.	7/20/1943
800179207	To: Claude; Subject: Got a letter from a woman from the Canteen in New York, father has to quit his job, asking to Claude to get an alarm clock for her.	7/20/1943

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**Claude & Betty Correspondence**

**1943**

800179208	To: Betty; Subject: Spent the hot day cutting weeds, leaving for convoy in the morning, went to Aberdeen as rationing of liquor beginning.	7/21/1943
800179209	To: Claude; Subject: Talk of the new dog, Maree's upcoming birthday, buying new fur coat.	7/21/1943
800179210	To: Betty; Subject: Writing from the mountains, going to be doing a lot of night drilling and digging in the coming weeks.	7/22/1943
800179211	To: Claude; Subject: Visit from an ex-boyfriend, picked up new coat from Wards, Lefty goes to the hospital tomorrow.	7/24/1943
800179212	To: Betty; Subject: Trip to nearby York, Pennsylvania, went to church and taken to a hotel for dinner.	7/25/1943
800179213	To: Claude; Subject: Went to Marcella's, Pookie's teeth coming in, Jan and John's new store.	7/25/1943

800179214	To: Betty; Subject: Having to climb a mile long path in the mountain each day, moving camp during the night.	7/26/1943
800179215	To: Claude; Subject: Lefty's surgery, Dad using a cane, Mother getting another gall bladder attack.	7/26/1943
800179216	To: Claude; Subject: Phyllis back from Hymera, Pearl working extra shifts, the ex-boyfriend that visited wants to send a wedding gift.	7/27/1943
800179217	To: Betty; Subject: Difficulties of hiking during the night, wind storm, upcoming dance in York.	7/28/1943
800179218	To: Claude; Subject: Still hasn't received candy Claude sent, talked to his dad on the phone, Lefty doing better.	7/28/1943
800179219	To: Claude; Subject: Mail accidently getting put in the butcher's mailbox, new rug, Lefty still in the hospital.	7/29/1943
800179220	To: Betty; Subject: Walked twenty miles, ate combat rations: three cans of liquid and three of meals, showers at the Salvation Army in York.	7/30/1943
800179221	To: Claude; Subject: Asking Claude advice on whether to buy a discounted China cabinet at Weiboldts, use it on savings, or use it on a trip to visit him.	7/30/1943
800179222	To: Betty; Subject: Not enjoying the woods, had a nice time at the dance in town.	7/31/1943

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**Claude & Betty Correspondence**

**1943**

800179223	To: Claude; Subject: Lefty not doing to well in recovery, Delmar working at the dime store, went to see "Keeper of the Flame" and "Lucky Jordan" at the Embassy.	8/1/1943
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800179224	To: Betty; Subject: Stationed at a Boy Scout camp who are having an Indian dance tonight.	8/1/1943
800179225	To: Claude; Subject: Left doing much better, friends out in Des Plaines, might go see "Stage Door Canteen" Thursday downtown.	8/2/1943
800179226	To: Claude; Subject: Family health, letter from Laura in Arizona, watch broken again.	8/3/1943
800179227	To: Claude; Subject: Friend Al home from a furlough when asked for a divorce, Betty's weight.	8/4/1943
800179228	To: Claude; Subject: Worried because she hasn't received word from him for three days. Went to see "Stage Door Canteen" at the State-Lake, Letter from Jerry who is going to China.	8/6/1943
800179229	To: Betty; Subject: Camped at "White Pines" and Delta, Maryland the last couple of days. Might be leaving again for another tour next week.	8/6/1943
800179230	To: Betty; Subject: Wants Betty to buy the China cabinet, equipment inspection.	8/7/1943
800179231	To: Claude; Subject: Still hasn't received Claude's letters, went out with Pearl to see Arlene, "Skipper" returned home - was a dog that was "sent out there."	8/8/1943
800179232	To: Betty; Subject: Claude has lost four pounds, hopes he can help support Betty, saw "Stormy Weather" last night.	8/8/1943
800179233	To: Claude; Subject: Relieved to hear from him, family health, budgeting.	8/9/1943
800179234	To: Betty; Subject: Letter from Dave Alcorn, saw and didn't like, Deanna Durbin in "Hers to Hold." Mentions including a church verse.	8/9/1943





800179244	To: Claude; Subject: Max's monthly pay, walked Pookie around town, cabinet came - receipt included in letter, "This is where our money goes" written on it.	8/16/1943
800179245	To: Betty; Subject: Did the obstacle course four times today, might go into town with Corporal Freund.	8/17/1943
800179246	To: Claude; Subject: Received card from New York, Betty and Mouse's diet, short work day due to running out of cookies.	8/17/1943
800179247	To: Betty; Subject: Going to see the camp show at the service club tonight, another shot, checked up on missing candy in New York.	8/18/1943
800179248	To: Claude; Subject: Commenting on new stationary with "H" on it. Picking up extra shifts at work, wanting to get a new comforter. Includes Claude's Pious Union of Prayer card.	8/18/1943
800179249	To: Betty; Subject: Helped a Lieutenant draw up a map of the surrounding area, going into Aberdeen for a haircut, might see Olsen and Johnson at the camp show later this week.	8/19/1943
800179250	To: Claude; Subject: Wondering where they'll go for a honeymoon, has to work Saturday as their products mostly get shipped overseas, Marnie's baby.	8/19/1943
800179251	To: Betty; Subject: More map work, using new rifles called the carbine.	8/20/1943
800179252	To: Claude; Subject: Three month wedding anniversary tomorrow, commenting on Russia calling home their Envoy.	8/21/1943

800179253	To: Betty; Subject: Going to see Olsen and Johnston stage show, wants Betty to buy whatever she wants to for the house.	8/21/1943
800179254	To: Claude; Subject: Three month wedding anniversary, visited with friends from Cicero, went to see "Slightly Dangerous" at the Tiffin.	8/22/1943
800179255	To: Betty; Subject: Saw Joan Crawford in "Above Suspicion", dealt with a map reading problem, went on a hike.	8/23/1943
800179256	To: Claude; Subject: Lefty went back to work, had to push seventeen pound boxes of cookies around all day, Gerald has malaria.	8/23/1943
800179257	To: Betty; Subject: Didn't know anything about Russia's envoy, might have an upcoming furlough, taking a trip to Baltimore.	8/24/1943
800179258	To: Claude; Subject: One of Betty's workers, Alice, might have infantile paralysis [polio], worried others in the shop might have it as well now.	8/24/1943
800179259	To: Betty; Subject: Working on getting his furlough, going to the Service Club for show night.	8/25/1943
800179260	To: Claude; Subject: Betty's raise, looking forward to a place of their own, wants to go on a honeymoon out West.	8/25/1943
800179261	To: Claude; Subject: Electric storm in Chicago, no word on Alice's sickness, Christmas cards.	8/26/1943
800179262	To: Betty; Subject: Cleaning barracks, staying in this weekend to save money for future furlough.	8/27/1943
800179263	To: Claude; Subject: Went to supper at Phyllis', Delmar working at Wards, shopping tomorrow.	8/27/1943

800179264 To: Betty; Subject: Might go to Philadelphia to see a baseball game. 8/28/1943

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**Claude & Betty Correspondence**

**1943**

800179265 To: Betty; Subject: Arrived in Philadelphia last night, went to Stage Door Canteen, game today. 8/29/1943

800179266 To: Claude; Subject: Shopping downtown with Pearl, Delmar buying Claude's shirts, went to the woods, played craps and baseball with family and friends. 8/29/1943

800179267 To: Betty; Subject: Hoping to be home in a week or two, had map reading today, went to "Labor Plaza" created by AFL-CIO, going to circus tonight. 8/30/1943

800179268 To: Claude; Subject: Betty didn't go to work due to a touch of Pleurisy, bored at home and cleaned, took Aunt Lou to the jewelers 8/30/1943

800179269 To: Claude; Subject: Neighbor wants to go on a double date with them and Max, saw three pictures at the Karlov. 8/31/1943

800179270 To: Claude; Subject: Went to Thelma's for supper, heard that a lot of men are getting furloughs over Labor Day weekend. 9/1/1943

800179271 To: Betty; Subject: Rigging, dental inspection, and athletics on a hot day, finding out Friday about furlough. 9/1/1943

800179272 To: Claude; Subject: Another supper at Thelma's, Pearl's vacation. 9/2/1943

800179273 To: Betty; Subject: Furlough will be five to seven days if it goes through, went to carnival at Aberdeen, onion and ketchup rationing, obstacle course with machine gun fire. 9/2/1943

800179274 To: Claude; Subject: Wedding gifts, late night clam chowder with her Ma and Mouse. 9/3/1943

800179275	To: Betty; Subject: At Corporal Frank Haynes wedding, packed up letters for trip home.	9/3/1943
800179276	To: Claude; Subject: Shopping around Madison and Crawford, found a cedar chest, went to the Typhoon Club.	9/5/1943
800179277	To: Betty; Subject: Returned back to base from trip home, missing home, beer party tomorrow near Aberdeen.	9/16/1943

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**Claude & Betty Correspondence**

**1943,1945**

800179278	To: Betty; Subject: Beer party, mention of returning platoons from Panama, Joe Lewis on the grounds.	9/17/1943
800179279	To: Betty; Subject: Saw "Headin' For God's Country" with Sergeant Moore, seeing Red Skelton in "I Dood It" later.	9/19/1943
800179280	To: Betty; Subject: Received two letters from Betty today, train ride back, Frank's wedding.	9/20/1943
800179281	To: Betty; Subject: Trained in "booby-trap house", Corporal Freund's brother's trial.	9/22/1943
800179282	To: Betty; Subject: Visited friends in hospital, staying in this weekend.	9/24/1943
800179283	To: Betty; Subject: Reflecting on four months of marriage, might go see Max if he can get a weekend pass.	9/25/1943
800179284	To: Betty; Subject: Ended up going to New York but couldn't get ahold of Max, went out with Corporal Freund, going to see "Best Foot Forward" tonight.	9/27/1943
800179285	To: Betty; Subject: Saw "Best Foot Forward" last night in color, class all day, read the "Articles of War."	9/28/1943

800179286	To: Betty; Subject: Busy day of selling P.X. rations, difficult finding change in marks, beer brought in from Holland, wants sent wash cloths and bars of flea soap for the dog.	3/31/1945
800179287	To: Betty; Subject: Received a letter written April 12, hoping for a radio sent from his father, organization changed to "233rd. Ord. Bomb Disposal Plat."	5/1/1945
800179288	To: Betty; Subject: At Camp Washington, met up with guys from old Bomb Disposal outfit from the States at a Red Cross Club, including Freund, commenting on the Chicago Cubs in the World Series, hoping it will be his last letter from overseas.	10/7/1945

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**Correspondence**

**1943, 1945, n.d.**

800179289	To: Claude; From: Dad and kids; Subject: Measles going around, Betty's surprise wedding party, hoping Max can come home for the wedding, looking for a hall for the reception.	4/14/1943
800179290	To: Betty; From: Bill Higgins; Subject: Thanks for the pictures, advising not to visit North Africa, Twenty-four hour work shifts, bike riding. (V-Mail)	5/1/1943
800179291	To: Betty; From: Gerald; Subject: Thanks for the wedding pictures, got back to camp in California, missing Chicago, wants to go East.	7/18/1943
800179292	To: Betty; From: Gerald; Subject: Says they "Have Italy on the run", goes to China in October, saw Vaughn Monroe and his band.	7/31/1943
800179293	To: Betty; From: Gerald; Subject: Just recovered from malaria, tired of war life, went to Pasadena on weekend pass, saw Frank Sinatra yesterday.	8/16/1943

800179294	To: Betty; From: Gerald; Subject: Letters from family and friends are all that keeps him going, going to send addresses of other soldier's that need letters, seeing Frank Sinatra again tonight.	9/1/1943
800179295	To: Betty; From: Gerald; Subject: Explaining the difference between cat fever and malaria, a souvenir for Diana, had formation flying and landing at night, thinks Frank Sinatra is a jerk.	9/13/1943
800179296	To: Betty; From: Corporal James Fruend; Subject: From "Somewhere in France", assuring Betty that Claude is safe in his new job overseas, thanks for the gift to his sister. (V-Mail)	1/22/1945
800179297	To: Betty; From: Marie and Jerry Czeek; Subject: Thanking Betty for sending photos of their wedding since they did not have many taken.	n.d.

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**Miscellaneous (Postcards, clippings, programs)**

**1942-1947, 2001,**

800179298	To: Claude; From: Betty; One-year subscription to 'The Reader's Digest' Christmas postcard.	12/14/1942
800179299	To: Claude; From: United States Post Office; Informing of held mail.	12/22/1942
800179300	To: Betty; From: Claude; Matchbook with note, from "Army Air Forces Technical Training School, Chicago, IL"	1/25/1943
800179301	To: Claude; From: Marge, Lefty, and Diane; Prewritten letter with military jokes.	2/8/1943
800179302	To: Betty; From: Claude; Postcard from "Stage Door Canteen"	6/30/1943
800179303	To: Betty; From: Claude; Postcard from "Salvation Army Mobile Canteen and Club	7/25/1943

	Car"	
800179304	To: Betty; From: Claude; Postcard from "The Yorktowne Hotel - York, P.A."	7/26/1943
800179305	To: Claude; From: Fr. Anthony Ome and Mom and Dad; Prayer booklet.	n.d.
800179306	Postcard with print "Guess Whom I ran into down here?" blank.	n.d.
800179307	Business card from "Mayflower Restaurant, Aberdeen, Maryland"	n.d.
800179308	Wedding Invitation for Claude and Betty's wedding on May 22, 1943.	n.d.
800179309	Wedding Invitation for Claude and Betty's wedding on May 22, 1943.	n.d.
800179310	Publication of "The Cathedral Bulletin" of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York	07/1942
800179311	Program of Worship Service at New Area Chapel.	8/8/1943
800179312	Ticket pamphlet for "Major Bowes Amateur Hour" at Radio Theatre No. 3 with one ticket stub inside.	7/1/1943
800179313	Ticket for "3-Ring Time with Guy Lombardo" at Radio Theatre No. 3.	7/5/1943
800179314	Ticket stub for " Major Bowes Amateur Hour" at Radio Theatre No. 3.	7/8/1943
800179315	One ticket stub for "Spangles" by the Ringling Brothers Circus at Madison Square Garden.	7/9/1943
800179316	Newspaper clipping with "Loneliness" short poem.	n.d.
800179317	Newspaper clipping of wedding announcement of Charles Frederick Epperson and Lorraine Quinn.	n.d.
800179318	Newspaper clipping of photo of three	12/1945



Chicago GI's during a homecoming.

800179319	Empty envelope from Betty to Claude.	8/6/1942
800179320	Empty envelope from Betty to Claude.	8/12/1942
800179321	Empty envelope from Betty to Claude.	8/14/1942
800179322	Empty envelope from Betty to Claude.	6/7/1943
800179323	Empty envelope from Gerald Kaminski to Claude and Betty.	12/8/2001
800179324	Empty envelope from Reims Cathedral, Reims, France; Maurice Baudet.	n.d.
800179325	32 page booklet titled "His Service Record"	n.d.
800179326	45 rpm vinyl recording of Claude to Betty; "The Voice of Your Man in Service, Courtesy... Pepsi-Cola"	6/7/1943

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**Official Military Documents and  
Certificates**

**1942-1947, n.d.**

800179327	National Service Life Insurance	6/1/1942
800179328	Receipt: Approval of a Monthly Family Allowance from the Office of Dependency Benefits	6/27/1943
800179329	Soldier's Individual Pay Record	8/26/1943
800179330	Page from "FM 5-31 War Department Field Manual - Corps of Engineers: Land Mines and Booby Traps" on German Clockwork Long-Delay Fuze: Disarming.	11/1/1943
800179331	Restricted Special Orders Number 178 (Two pages)	9/7/1945
800179332	Certificate: Honorable Discharge	12/19/1945
800179333	Certificate: Honorable Discharge (Negative)	12/19/1945
800179334	Separation Qualification Record	12/19/1945
800179335	Application for Veterans Compensation	n.d.

	800179336	Claim for Settlement - Unused Leave	n.d.
	800179337	Letter from Harry Truman to discharged soldiers after the war	n.d.
	800179338	Booklet: Going Back to Civilian Life	08/1945
	800179339	Booklet: Continuance of National Service Life Insurance	10/1945
	800179340	Booklet: It's All Yours, Veteran: What Illinois Veterans Can Get From the Nation, State and Community	n.d.
	800179341	Booklet: General Rules for Payment of World War II Bonus	n.d.
	800179342	Notice of Classification: Chicago City Local Board No. 48	1/9/1946
	800179343	Receipt: Veterans Report publication; \$4.00 for 52 issues	2/28/1947
	800179344	Receipt: Service Recognition Board	3/29/1947
	800179345	Certificate: State of Illinois Service Recognition	1947
	800179346	Certificate: Presidential Memorial, signed by George W. Bush	n.d.
	800179347	Order form for additional or replacement Presidential Memorial Certificates	n.d.
<b>8</b>	800179348	Claude's 1942 New Testament and Psalms - Servicemen's Bible. National Publishing Company - 5 x 3, softcover.	5/24/1942

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**Greeting Cards**

**1941-1942**

	800179349	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Merry Christmas Sweetheart"	12/23/1941
	800179350	To: Claude; From: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bombka; "A Little Birthday Puzzle" with note	5/29/1942

on the back.

800179351	To: Claude; From: James or Diane Bombka; "Best Birthday Wish to Uncle"	5/29/1942
800179352	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To a Swell Guy in the Service" includes two newspaper clippings. Note on the back.	7/17/1942
800179353	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To my Sweetheart in the Service" with note on the back.	7/24/1942
800179354	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Missing You" with note on the back.	7/27/1942
800179355	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Missing You While you're in the Service" with note on the back.	8/2/1942
800179356	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Congratulations on your Promotion"	10/1942
800179357	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Birthday Greetings to my Sweetheart"	1942
800179358	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Christmas Greetings to my Sweetheart in the Service"	1942
800179359	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Birthday Greetings to my Sweetheart"	1942
800179360	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Valentine Greetings Sweetheart Dear"	1942
800179361	To: Claude; From: Betty; "A Prayer for You in the Service"	6/27/1942
800179362	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Sweetheart in the Service"	8/9/1942
800179363	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To my Sweetheart in the Service"	7/26/1942
800179364	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To my Sweetheart in the Service"	8/17/1942

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800179365	To: Claude; From: Betty; "I Miss You!" with note on the back.	1/4/1943
800179366	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Sweetheart in the Service"	1/18/1943
800179367	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Greetings to You in the Service"	2/8/1943
800179368	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To You in the Service"	2/24/1943
800179369	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To a Swell Guy in the Service"	3/1/1943
800179370	To: Claude; From: Betty; "The Top O' the Mornin' to You"	3/17/1943
800179371	To: Claude; From: Betty; "An Army Manual for You"	3/29/1943
800179372	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To my Soldier Sweetheart"	4/5/1943
800179373	To: Claude; From: Betty; "An Easter Greeting to You in the Service"	4/20/1943
800179374	To: Claude; From: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bombka; "To a Dear Son at Easter"	4/22/1943
800179375	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Boyfriend in the Service"	4/23/1943
800179376	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Hi, There, Soldier!"	5/3/1943
800179377	To: Claude; From: Betty; "You're in the Army Now!"	5/17/1943
800179378	To: Claude; From: Dad; "A Gift from all of us on Valentine's Day"	2/12/1943
800179379	To: Claude; From: Betty; "I'm with you in Thought, Just where you are"	5/30/1943

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800179380	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Husband in the Service"	6/7/1943
800179381	To: Claude; From: Pookie; "Father's Day Greetings: To my Uncle in the Service"	6/16/1943
800179382	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Hello There, Soldier!"	6/23/1943
800179383	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Thinking of you and sending Best Wishes" with note on the back.	7/6/1943
800179384	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Thinking of You"	7/10/1943
800179385	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Husband on Our Anniversary"	7/23/1943
800179386	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To 'My Guy' in the Service"	8/18/1943
800179387	To: Claude; From: Betty; "A Little 'Hello' Just to keep us in touch"	10/2/1943
800179388	To: Claude; From: Joseph Bombka; "Christmas Greetings to you, Son, in the Service"	11/5/1943
800179389	To: Claude; From: Esther Dunn; "To Brother at Easter"	4/20/1943
800179390	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To One in the Service"	6/14/1943
800179391	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Hello, Ever feel so lonesome?"	7/11/1943
800179392	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Just a little Go-Between"	7/17/1943
800179393	To: Claude; From: Pookie, Mouse, and Lefty; "Valentine Greetings to You in the Service"	11/9/1943
800179394	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To You in the Service, A Word from Home"	11/9/1943

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1944

800179395	To: Claude; From: Mrs. Bombka; "A Valentine for You, Son, as You Serve Our Country"	1/15/1944
800179396	To: Claude; From: Betty; "I'm Hungerin' to See You on St. Patrick's Day"	2/26/1944
800179397	To: Betty; From: Corporal James Fruend; "The Best of Luck and all Good Wishes for Your Birthday"	3/10/1944
800179398	To: Claude; From: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bombka; "Dear Son in the Service"	3/16/1944
800179399	To: Claude; From: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bombka; "To My Boy in the Service at Easter"	3/22/1944
800179400	To: Betty; From: Claude; "With Every Good Wish for Your Birthday"	6/16/1944
800179401	To: Betty; From: Claude; "The Peace of Christmas"	11/20/1944
800179402	To: Betty; From: Claude; " A Merry X-mas"	12/10/1944
800179403	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Husband in the Service, A Birthday Wish"	1944
800179404	To: Claude; From: Betty; "A Valentine for My Husband"	1/11/1944
800179405	To: Claude; From: Betty; "In the Service, Easter Greetings to the One I Love"	3/13/1944
800179406	To: Claude; From: Lefty, Marge, and Diane; "Easter Greetings to my Brother in the Service"	3/23/1944
800179407	To: Claude; From: Betty; "A Greeting For My Husband on His Birthday"	1944

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800179408	To: Claude; From: Mom; I'm So Excited, Son! You'll soon be Home!"	n.d.
800179409	To: Claude; From: Kaminski's; "Welcome Home"	n.d.
800179410	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Father's Day Greetings to my Husband in the Service"	n.d.
800179411	To: Claude; From: Betty; "What's Cookin', Soldier?"	n.d.
800179412	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Why Don't You Write?"	n.d.
800179413	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Thinking of You"	n.d.
800179414	To: Claude; From: Betty; "A Christmas Wish for My Husband in the Service"	n.d.
800179415	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Sweetheart in the Service"	n.d.
800179416	To: Claude; From: Betty; "I'm With You in Thought, Just Where You Are"	n.d.
800179417	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Sweetheart in the Service"	n.d.
800179418	To: Claude; From: Betty; "A Prayer for You in the Service"	n.d.
800179419	To: Claude; From: Betty; "I've Missed You So"	n.d.
800179420	To: Betty; From: Claude; "Easter Greetings"	n.d.
800179421	To: Claude; From: Betty; "You're Doin' Your Duty Soldier"	n.d.
800179422	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Sweetheart in the Service" with note on the back.	n.d.
800179423	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Sweetheart in the Service"	n.d.
800179424	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Good Luck to My Sweetheart in the Service"	n.d.

800179425	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Thanksgiving Greetings to my Sweetheart in the Service"	n.d.
800179426	To: Claude; From: Betty; "Snap Out of it Soldier"	n.d.
800179427	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To You in the Service"	n.d.
800179428	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To Greet You on Valentine's Day"	n.d.
800179429	To: Claude; From: Betty; "We've Won, Hubby!"	n.d.
800179430	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To A Boy Friend in the Service"	n.d.
800179431	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To My Sweetheart in the Service"	n.d.
800179432	To: Claude; From: Betty; "To One in the Service"	n.d.
800179433	To: Claude; From: Betty; "A Prayer for You in the Service"	n.d.

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**Photographs**

**n.d.**

800179434	Claude hanging laundry.	n.d.
800179435	Soldier in Battle Dress.	n.d.
800179436	Soldier in Battle Dress. (DUP)	n.d.
800179437	Claude with three other soldiers in Battle Dress.	n.d.
800179438	Betty and soldier holding flags.	n.d.
800179439	Claude and Betty wedding photo.	n.d.
800179440	Claude and two other men; collage.	n.d.
800179441	Claude; attached to board.	n.d.
800179442	Claude; attached to board. (DUP)	n.d.



800179443	Claude; attached to board. (DUP)	n.d.
800179444	Claude and Betty.	n.d.
800179445	Claude and Betty. (DUP but larger)	n.d.
800179446	Claude in uniform.	n.d.
800179447	Claude and Betty in old age.	n.d.
800179448	Claude and Betty in old age. (DUP)	n.d.
800179449	Claude in uniform. (large)	n.d.
800179450	Claude in uniform smiling. (large)	n.d.
800179451	Claude and Betty. (attached to Gold-Tone Studios board)	n.d.
800179452	Claude and Betty smiling. (attached to Gold-Stone Studios board)	n.d.
800179453	Claude and Betty smiling. (attached to Gold-Stone Studios board) (DUP)	n.d.
800179454	Claude and Betty smiling. (attached to Gold-Stone Studios board) (DUP)	n.d.

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800179455	Certificate: Chicago Board of Education: Talcott School diploma		01/1928
800179456	Report: Headquarters OISE Intermediate Section; Shaef War Room at Reims, France		n.d.
800179457	Newsletter: "Sea Ration" - Souvenir Edition Volume 2 Number 15		12/15/1945
800179458	Official Records envelope, held Claude's Separation papers		08/1945
800179459	<b>Scrapbook 1</b>		<b>1941-1943, n.d.</b>

Cover: "Scrap Book" House drawn wagon.

Cover Verso: Military wedding illustration.

Page 1: Three greeting cards from Claude to Betty.

Page 2: One greeting card from Claude to Betty; "One of the Hardships of War" cartoon illustration.

Page 3: One newspaper clipping of sheet music.

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Page 5: Three greeting cards.

Page 6: [blank]

Page 7: Six photos of Claude and Betty from Cedar Lake - July 1941

Page 8: [blank]

Page 9: Seven photos of Claude and Betty from Cedar Lake - September 1941

Page 10: Two newspaper clippings.

Page 11: Three newspaper clippings and army stickers with caption "Entered Arm'd Forces - May 21, 1942."

Page 12: [blank]

Page 13: Nine photos of Claude and family with caption "First Furlough - September 21, 1941."

Page 14: [blank]

Page 15: Six photos of Claude and family.

Page 16: [blank]

Page 17: Five photos of Claude and family.

Page 18: [blank]

Page 19: Five photos of Claude in uniform with caption "First Pictures from Camp -

November 1942."

Page 20: [blank]

Page 21: Eight photos of Claude and fellow soldiers.

Page 22: [blank]

Page 23: One newspaper clipping and five placeholders for photographs with caption "To Bud - February 1942."

Page 24: Placeholder for one photograph with caption "Bob Doyle. Air Corps - 1942."

Page 25: One newspaper clipping and two placeholders for photographs with caption "To Gil 'Sugar' Gusland."

Page 26: [blank]

Page 27: Two photos with captions "To Roy Nesterguard" and "Air Corps."

Page 28: One of photo of group of soldiers.

Page 29: Two photos of groups of soldiers and girls.

Page 30: Placeholder for one photograph.

Page 31: One photograph and one card titled "Robert Trotter."

Page 32: [blank]

Page 33: Three photos of service club lawn with caption "Corp. Fruend & Arthur Mohr - Feb. 1943."

Page 34: [blank]

Page 35: Placeholder for one photograph.

Page 36: [blank]

Cover: Combat vehicles and eagle.

Cover verso: [blank]

Page 1: One photo of soldier holding sports trophies.

Page 2: [blank]

Page 3: One photo of Claude and his whole company.

Page 4: [blank]

Page 5: One photo of Claude and fellow soldiers with trophies.

Page 6: [blank]

Page 7: Five photos of Claude, Betty, and family.

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Page 9: Nine photos of Claude, Betty, family, and kids.

Page 10: [blank]

Page 11: Six photos of soldiers with captions "Service club lounge - Feb. 1943."

Page 12: [blank]

Page 13: Nine photos of Claude, Betty, family, friends, and kids.

Page 14: [blank]

Page 15: Five photos of Claude and Betty on New Years and with family.

Page 16: [blank]

Page 17: Seven photos of Claude, family, and soldiers.

Page 18: [blank]

Page 19: One photo of Claude and his whole company.

Page 20: [blank]

Page 21: Welcome Home banner.

Page 22: [blank]