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**George Seeley Collection
1941-1945**

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title:	George Seeley Collection
Dates:	1941-1945
Media:	Manuscripts; printed material
Quantity:	1.32 cubic feet
Location:	Closed stacks: Manuscript shelving

COLLECTION SUMMARY

The collection includes correspondence sent by George Seeley to his parents, his future wife, Peg Fisher, and other family members during his World War II service, especially with the 105th General Hospital in Australia and New Guinea.

PROVENANCE OF THE COLLECTION

The collection was donated to Miami University Libraries by George Seeley.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

In February 1941, George Allen Seeley left Miami University, where he was finishing his senior year. After being drafted for service in the United States Army in April 1941, he was sent to Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana for maneuvers. Then, he went to California, and was sent to Pennsylvania for officer's training. Next, he went to California as a 2nd Lieutenant, to Washington, and finally back to San Francisco. His next stop was in Australia, where he was an Assistant Detachment Commander and Training Officer with the 105th General Hospital of

the Army. He stayed in Australia for two and a half years, then ended his assignment at Biak, a Dutch Indonesian island north of New Guinea. Seeley was at Biak during the return of American troops to the Philippines, caring for those troops who were liberated from the Bilibid prison.

After five years in the service, Seeley returned to civilian life and studied dentistry at Case Western Reserve University. With the Korean War pending, Seeley was re-commissioned for two years of service as a dentist in Frankfurt, Germany. Following completion of his second round of military service, Seeley practiced dentistry in Akron, Ohio for 35 years.

Seeley married Margaret (Peg) Fisher in May 1945. Mrs. Seeley also attended Miami University. After retirement, the Seeleys moved to Naples, Florida, where they currently reside.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection opens with George Seeley's letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Seeley of Oak Harbor, Ohio. They begin with describing Seeley's entrance into the United States Army and his arrival at Fort Hayes in Columbus, Ohio on April 18, 1941. Subsequent letters describe Army activities such as 14-hour K.P. duty, undergoing intelligence tests and other examinations, and receiving a uniform. Later that month, Seeley leaves for Camp McClellan, Alabama, where he joins the Medical Corps. The following month, Seeley is transferred to Camp Forest, where he participates in a 30-day maneuver in Tennessee.

On May 29, 1941, Seeley informs his parents that he will not be able to attend his commencement exercises at Miami University that June. After writing to the registrar for permission to graduate in absentia, Seeley asks them to send \$10.50 to the university to cover the cost of the diploma and packing and mailing fees.

When Father's Day arrives, Seeley writes that his financial standing and inability to get to a town to make a suitable purchase is prompting him to continue his practice of writing letters in place of sending presents. "...I realize that the sentiment rather than the gift itself is the important thing," Seeley writes on June 11, 1941. "I am well aware of the fact that I have one of the grandest Dads a fellow could ever wish for and if it weren't for your sacrifices and generosity I would never have had the social and educational advantages that I have enjoyed."

On July 31, 1941, Seeley writes that he was made a fifth class specialist-medical technician. "I don't receive any stripes but according to the older fellows a specialist rating is more desirable both in experience and chances of further advancement. I am not up on my duties as yet but I will now get in on the medical lectures and will work with the dispensary. From now on I will receive \$36.00 a month. I never thought I would get so excited about such an insignificant advancement but I really am tickled."

Seeley reflects about the passage of the draft extension bill on August 15, 1941. "I am taking the attitude that it will have little effect on me since I think my chances of getting out at the

end of one year are good. Regardless of that, I think events will have taken a definite turn by next spring when my year of service is up. Either we will be at war which would mean an extension of service regardless of the present bill, or peace will be probable enough to make two and a half years' service unnecessary. We will just have to wait and see what happens. Many (too many) of the fellows have become very bitter and cynical about the whole thing." Later in the letter, Seeley continues, "It gives me a strange feeling when I think of practically all of my college friends as either being in the army or planning to enter it soon. It makes me stop and wonder at just what the outcome of all this interruption of life-plans will mean."

After returning from a furlough at home, Seeley writes on October 28, 1941 that he has learned that he is not going to medical technician school, but instead to officer's training school. Hoping to enter medical or dental school the following fall, Seeley is disappointed to hear from his captain that he thought it would be impossible under the present 18-month extension law.

January 1942 finds Seeley beginning officer's training school in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. His January 25, 1942 letter to his parents describes a typical day of classes. Subjects include a conference on the principles of the electrical system, a demonstration of camouflage in relation to aerial photography, a lecture on the organization of the medical department, a lecture on evacuation of the wounded in war, and a drill.

In the same letter, Seeley describes a practice blackout in which the town and barracks participated. "Due to some mix-up our power went off before supper and since we couldn't study we went up town to see the lights go off there. The streets were lined with parked cars filled with people who wanted to see the fun. Four of us were in a restaurant when the sirens began to wail. Before we could even get our coats sorted out, the management turned out every light in the place – you can imagine the scramble over chairs and other people that ensued. We finally got onto the street just as the last lights were going out – it was certainly an odd feeling to be in the center of a town and not be able to see a thing. We joined arms so as not to get lost and edged our way along the walk, bumping into someone every other step. I can readily see why Londoners make use of black-out accessories."

On February 22, 1942, Seeley reflects about Americans' views toward war. "I sometimes wonder if the American people as a whole will ever awaken to the desperate seriousness of the task we are just beginning. Everywhere I go I am impressed by the remoteness with which people view the war. I think it will take a direct attack on our shores to rouse us out of our lethargy. The fact that newspapers are playing up the words "we can lose this war" should help a lot. We must face the facts."

In June 1942, Seeley is transferred from the Presidio to Australia. Subsequent letters are censored. On October 30, 1942, he writes his parents about his interest in the Australians. "There is no doubt about their being a leisurely people – they love to sit and talk and sip tea or cocktails, very often they have coffee since they take for granted that's what we Americans want. There is no end to their curiosity about the U.S. and they have the idea all Americans are

sophisticated & cosmopolitan. One lady said that she was amazed when she met an American who was a typical 'country boy.'"

On January 31, 1943, Seeley writes that he has not only been given charge of the landscaping and gardening of his post, but also is a unit censor. "That job takes the cake," George writes. "Never again will I criticize the poor censor, his is a thankless lot. What with censoring letters and checking the water sprinklers, my evenings can no longer be called my own."

When Seeley's letter to Miami University faculty member Dr. Sears Crosswell is published in the January 1943 issue of the Miami University Alumni News Letter, he writes to his parents on February 13, 1943, "Ye Gods, I hate to think of that screwy letter of mine being published – I hope the irrelevant parts were cut out."

Reflecting after one year of service, Seeley writes to his parents on March 26, 1943, "I hope and pray it won't be too long before I can come home again....I have no desire to return home to stay. I know there would be no satisfaction in that until the war is over. But I do hope that after several years of foreign duty whole units will be able to return home for several months before being sent elsewhere."

On August 21, 1944, Seeley writes his parents that the ban on revealing geographical locations in Australia has been lifted, so he informs them that he is located in the middle of a race track in Brisbane. Later, he is transferred to the Dutch East Indies.

The collection continues with letters that Seeley wrote his future wife, Peggy Fisher, during the same period of time. In his first letter to her on June 6, 1941, Seeley writes about what it is like to be in the army and how the physical training is indispensable in toughening him up. "There is a feeling of fellowship in the army which is grand – it probably arises from the fact that we are all on the same level in a man's organization; we are all in for the same credit or discredit, for better or worse, and as long as regulations are abided by we all share the same ordeals." Seeley also observes that the greatest disadvantage is the lack of control he has over his destiny. "All of our thinking is done for us by our superiors and whether or not we believe an order to be logical, that order must be carried out. This sacrificing of individuality is one of the necessities of a smoothly operating army and, to me, is one of the most convincing arguments against the desirability of living in a Totalitarian State where everything is for the Government rather than the individual."

Writing from Carlisle, Pennsylvania on March 1, 1942 during his studies at Officer's Training School, Seeley tells Peg, "If and when I receive my assignment I will be on top of the world. All my life, in school and in the army, I have been training and preparing for the future. Now at long last, I will begin to apply something for which I have studied. The training won't cease, but I will be reaping, so to speak, some of the fruits I have always been cultivating."

After sending Peggy a record player for her birthday, George writes on May 1, 1942 of his wish to marry her. "No girl has a right to tie herself to a soldier, so I don't want any kind of promise

from you. If the wait is too long or only half of me returns, you will be free of any promises that might have to be broken. However, that doesn't keep me from making a promise to you, and I do solemnly vow that when this whole business is over the one thought in my mind will be to return to you."

Although his exact location is censored, Seeley describes much about his surroundings and activities in Australia. On August 8, 1942, he writes that he has finally obtained a genuine Aboriginal boomerang. "My skill at tossing the thing is sensational. The first time I gave it a try the darned thing practically sailed into oblivion. The second time it shot straight up and I had to dodge to prevent being knocked senseless. On subsequent throws it made a half-hearted attempt to return to me but never quite made it."

Additional letters to Peggy detail their future plans, including his efforts to buy her an engagement ring, but also record a difficult period in their relationship, during which Peggy breaks their engagement for a time.

Other letters in the collection that Seeley writes to his extended family provide accompanying information about similar topics, including concern among civilians about improving army morale.

Seeley's correspondence also offers interesting insights into popular culture of the 1940s. Seeley writes of purchasing and sending records of popular songs to Peg to play on the record player that he bought for her. He also mentions reading books like Magnificent Obsession by Lloyd Douglas, Good-bye, Mr. Chips by James Hilton, Louis Bromfield's The Green Bay Tree, and Ernie Pyle's Brave Men. "Pride of the Yankees," "Random Harvest," "To Have and Have Not," "Laura," "Mrs. Parkington," "Sun Valley Serenade," "The Little Foxes," and "Mrs. Miniver" are some of the movies that Seeley writes of seeing.

Seeley uses a blank book titled "My Stretch in the Service" to record his experiences in the Army from May 5, 1942 to February 25, 1945. Seeley's account begins with being transferred from the Presidio to Ft. Lewis, Washington and back again, until his transfer to Australia.

"I have often wondered what one's emotions would be at a time like this and found my own to be very unsensational," Seeley writes on May 19, 1942. "I felt nothing but excitement and eagerness for adventure. Everyone was in a mood comparable to that of a group of passengers setting out on a pleasure cruise."

The diary continues with Seeley's descriptions of social activities in downtown Melbourne, including concerts, restaurants, and Australian football games. In his entry dated June 5 to 18, 1942, he also observes that "evenings on the post were often spent at the recreation tent where almost nightly entertainment was held – movies, dance bands, and vaudeville troupes. The biggest treat was a cup of coffee and a piece of fruit cake at the Salvation army hut."

In his entry dated June 23 to July 10, 1942, Seeley describes Brisbane. "Due to the imminence of a Japanese invasion or air raid all windows of downtown stores are taped or entirely boarded over. Entrances to important buildings are protected by heavy brick walls. All but the busiest thoroughfares have rows of concrete air-raid shelters built down the center. Arcades, domes and skylights are reinforced with crude scaffolding. Mirrors, chandeliers and fragile ornaments are surrounded by wire mesh. Looking at the reinforced face of Brisbane one can have no doubt about there being a war on."

When Seeley describes the post where he is stationed at Gatton, Queensland on July 20, 1942, he conveys information about its buildings, which consist of a headquarters, a dining hall, officers' quarters, two nurses' quarters, a recreation hall, one large ward (shelter hall), two small wards and a building for the detachment offices, and registrar. Helping to place some of his fellow men as ward attendants, he writes, "I am still amazed at the variety of duties they must fulfill. We must have clerks and typists, guards, military police, truck and ambulance drivers, mechanics, cooks, butchers, bakers, boiler operators, sign painters, plumbers, carpenters, switchboard operators, surgical, medical, dental and x-ray technicians, janitors, buglers, gardeners, yardbirds, all from our Detachment Medical Department of five hundred men."

On October 20, 1942, Seeley writes about a gruesome experience two days previously, when he had to attend to an American soldier who had been killed by a train. Later that month, Seeley describes social activities at the post, including bicycling, dances for officers and nurses, cocktail parties and movies. Officers gave titles to these routine activities, such as the "Children's Hour," the "After Breakfast Shaving Club," the "Grass and Blanket Club," and the "Saddle and Sprocket."

Despite these clever initiatives, Seeley records on November 26, 1942 that the morale of enlisted men is growing increasingly worse by the day. "I can see no remedy to the situation except the completion of what I hope is a normal cycle. We are beyond the stage of enthusiasm for a new job and haven't yet settled down to the long grind. Many things have contributed to the unrest: monotony, war news which gives little encouragement for the future, lack of recreation, and poor living conditions. The latter is probably the most important. The men live in tents which have no floors, with the result that they are either covered by mud or dust. They have no lights and no place where they can read or write letters in the evening. At night they are hounded by mosquitoes, by day – flies. There is no hot water for showers. And there is no indication of improvement for months. I feel it's a disgrace that those in authority can't realize that for a hospital to function smoothly it must first provide living accommodations for its personnel."

Seeley continues his observations about morale on December 14, 1942, when he writes how "the ceaseless trivialities of which every job has its share" impact his work. "We don't have enough guards; we have difficulty in relieving the men for meals; the prisoners must be marched to their mess en masse and create a potential danger of escape; prisoners come in and out so fast that we must make innumerable checks to see that they have no razor blades or

knives; we must keep unauthorized persons and vehicles out of a post that has numerous unguarded entrances; we must prevent patients from obtaining alcoholic beverages; we must conduct every visitor to the adjutant's office under guard; each prisoner who has an appointment at a clinic must be escorted by a guard; we must keep people off the grass and trucks off the streets; we must keep order in the mess lines; and every little problem that doesn't happen to come under someone else's realm, ends up at the Provost office."

As patients increase and the size of his detachment decreases, Seeley observes that shortage of manpower is terrific. On an inspection of the hospital on January 12, 1943, Seeley writes, "I frequently visit individual wards, but this was the first time that I had seen every single ward in one morning. I received many impressions: efficient care, tender nurses, spotless rooms, over-worked ward boys, ugly wounds, amputated limbs, but by far the most haunting sight, the impression I will longest remember, is the expression on the faces of those wounded soldiers. They had that look which no American should ever have to endure – listless & gaunt, bewildered, unseeing...I stopped to wonder just how many of us here and at home actually appreciate the sacrifice that these boys have made."

On October 14, 1943, Seeley provides information about the Coral Sea Battle (May 4-8, 1942) and its importance in preventing the invasion of Australia. He includes a description of the campaign and statistics on casualties.

By May 30, 1944, Seeley observes that "the lethargy of our two-year stay in Gatton seems finally to have been broken. A sense of change is appreciated but there is the disquieting feeling that things are breaking up, probably because of the altered routine after such a long time. Our patient census has dropped below two hundred – the lowest we have ever been – and the census continues to drop. It appears that a move for the 105th is definitely in the cards." By July 14, 1944, the last of the 105th personnel moved out of Gatton College. "We hated to leave; we knew that in the future we would look back on our Gatton days as the most pleasant of our overseas service," Seeley writes. "We were leaving a lot: two years of memories and hard work; a beautiful post of comfortable buildings, smooth lawns and well-kept flower beds; a spot we had almost come to think of as a second home."

Leaving Brisbane on October 8, 1944, Seeley reflects, "It is seldom that one leaves a place with such a feeling of finality. Usually one believes he will some day be back. I don't believe I shall ever visit Australia again; the distances are too great and the attractions too few."

The diary concludes with some descriptions of Seeley's time in New Guinea, including conditions that Americans endured in internment camps. Furthermore, on November 8, 1944, Seeley writes about the outcome of the presidential election. "As I had feared Roosevelt is in for another four years with Harry Truman as Vice President. I have faith in Roosevelt as a war leader but if the war should end sooner than expected and Roosevelt should have a hand in establishing domestic affairs for a U.S. at peace, it would be a real calamity."

The collection continues with two issues of The Post Record, the publication of the 105th General Hospital, A.P.O. 920. Contents of the issues include notice of parties sponsored by the local Red Cross and the Officers' Club of the 105th General Hospital, news of intra-mural sports events, a report from returned furlougees on the home front, promotions, a wrestling show and a performance by Javanese soldiers, nurses and island natives.

A magazine-style memoir of United States Army 105th General Hospital provides a detailed history and highlights of the 105th activities in Australia. The publication states that the 105th General Hospital was activated on April 20, 1942 and represented Harvard University in the southwest Pacific. It operated a station hospital on the post, and built new wards, huts and tents as a result of a rapid increase in the hospital census from battle casualties, including those from New Guinea campaigns. The magazine provides photographs and text describing commanding officers, buildings, dances for enlisted men, picnics, entertainment for officers and nurses, Christmas parties, athletic competitions, inspections, reviews, and visits by several distinguished individuals. Additional details about United States Army General Hospital 105 are available in "All the Boys Remember Maisie," an article from The Saturday Evening Post.

The collection concludes with a photograph taken of Seeley during his years in the service.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

Series I: Correspondence

Subseries I: Correspondence from George Seeley to Dr. and Mrs. C.M. Seeley

Subseries II: Correspondence from George Seeley to Peg Fisher

Subseries III: Miscellaneous Correspondence

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Subseries I: The Post Record

Subseries II: Diary

Series III: Printed Material

Series IV: Photographs

RELATED MATERIALS

"'Up and Down' Says Seeley," Miami University Alumni News Letter, January 1943, pages 11-12.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the box and folder numbers shown below.

Series I: Correspondence

Subseries I: Correspondence from George Seeley to Dr. and Mrs. C.M. Seeley

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
1	1	Dinner at camp; physical examination the next day; "stood around & had a million contradicting orders" that afternoon	April 18, 1941
1	2	In Columbus; assigned to K.P. duty for 14 hours; physical exam; received uniforms, intelligence tests, questionnaires, and shots; will probably be sent to Camp Grant near Chicago; low class of people there; what Army life is like	April 20, 1941
1	3	Most of group being sent to New Jersey; seven being held longer; addressing mail to him at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio; "I am liking this life better & better, & never felt better in my life"	April 22, 1941
1	4	Daily activities at Fort Hayes; two group members left for Ft. Knox; new group arrived; visit to Ohio State University; clothing and personal articles received	April 24, 1941
1	5	Leaving for Alabama; going with a group for the Medical Corps	April 26, 1941
1	6	Left Columbus; stopped in Chattanooga; arrived at Camp McClellan, Alabama; description of camp in strong contrast to Fort Hayes; Bob Roudebush's epileptic fit; upcoming 30-day maneuver in Tennessee in June	April 28, 1941

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
1	7	Daily activities, including daily hiking distance of five miles with a full pack; went to a show and to church; received foot locker; request to send him several items	May 4, 1941
1	8	News of acquaintances; issued summer outfits; weather; laundry; hiking around reservation; ability to obtain leaves; accomplishments during training	May 9, 1941
1	9	Preparing for maneuvers; leaving reservation and arriving at Camp Forest maneuver area; setting up two-week bivouac area; description of area and activities; impossibility of keeping clean; missing commencement at Miami	May 29, 1941
1	10	Visit to Anniston; description of YMCA and dance hall there; attendance at church for Mother's Day; hike and visit to enlisted men's club; news of acquaintances; upcoming maneuvers	May 1941
1	11	In Camp Forrest hospital because of a bad case of poison ivy; received first paycheck; performance of guard duty; starting of war maneuvers; description of campsite; receiving Ohio newspapers	June 5, 1941
1	12	Poison ivy cured enough to leave the hospital; attended church	June 10, 1941
1	13	Marking Father's Day with correspondence rather than presents; released from hospital; description of guard duty; doesn't pay attention to war news	June 11, 1941
1	14	Waiting for something to happen; taking precautions during airplane fly-overs; activities during drills; rumor about moving out; inquiry about plug-in radios	June 18, 1941
1	15	Weekend activities; visit to Murfreesboro and Nashville; getting in the station platoon, which takes care of the dispensary and offers daily lectures on medicine and first aid; possibility of July furlough	June 24, 1941
1	16	Returning to Ft. McClellan; no July furlough; suggest that parents come to see him during July; news of acquaintances	June 26, 1941
1	17	Being granted a 10-day furlough in July; returning to Ft. McClellan	June 28, 1941
1	18	Seven-day furlough; plans for same; arrival at Ft. McClellan; read <u>Goodbye, Mr. Chips</u>	July 3, 1941
1	19	Return to barracks; leaving for next maneuvers around August 16; radio	July 19, 1941
1	20	Daily activities, including 13-mile hike and obstacle race	July 27, 1941
1	21	In station platoon; being made a fifth class specialist-	July 31, 1941

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		medical technician; 16-mile hike; will be stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas; concern about the National Emergency Act	
1	22	On way to maneuvers; writing from Starkville, Mississippi; description of camp surroundings; plans to move to El Dorado, Arkansas	August 4, 1941
1	23	Left Starkville; arrived in El Dorado; convoy in two accidents; concerns about leadership; difference in current duties	August 10, 1941
1	24	Description of recent activities; passage of draft extension bill and its effect on morale; thoughts about their Western trip	August 15, 1941
1	25	Moved from near Gurdon to Prescott, Arkansas; location of Camp Robinson; saw "Blood and Sand" ; first simulated casualty practice; men's happiness about being out in a year; Life magazine article about army morale	August 22, 1941
1	26	In federal jail on duty in a prophylaxis station; slept in a cell flanked by a "Negro murderess" and a "dope addict"; reading Wuthering Heights; possibility of October furlough; army morale; saw Jack Benny in "Charlie's Aunt"	September 1, 1941
1	27	Moved to Ruston, Louisiana; recent activities, including KP and guard duty; read Louis Bromfield's <u>The Green Bay Tree</u> ; may go to the Carolinas in October for maneuvers	September 8, 1941
1	28	Near Natchitoches, Louisiana; description of journey from Jonesboro to Winnfield; saw "I Wanted Wings"; squadrons of planes flying overhead constantly; being sent to medical technician school; draft extension bill; listening to President Roosevelt's speech; how civilians get excited about the realities of war maneuvers; read <u>Jeeves</u>	September 18, 1941
1	29	War in full swing; recent activities; going on maneuvers in Arizona in February and March; plans to be home for October furlough	September 21, 1941
1	30	Near Shreveport, Louisiana; effects of recent hurricane; listened to Ohio State-Missouri football game on radio	September 28, 1941
1	31	Upcoming trip; attending dances; request to send his detachable collars to the laundry so they will be clean for his furlough	October 5, 1941
1	32	Maneuvers over; moved back to Jonesboro, Louisiana;	October 3, 1941

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		will start for Ft. McClellan on October 6; description of town; saw "Moon over Miami"; hopes for parents to drive to San Antonio for a visit in November	
1	33	Arrived at Ft. McClellan, stopping at Greenwood, Mississippi; dance in armory there	October 8, 1941
1	34	15-day furlough; plans to arrive in Toledo; went to Anniston to attend a street dance, but went to see Sonja Henie in "Sun Valley Serenade" instead	October 10, 1941
1	35	Telegram with details of arrival in Toledo	October 11, 1941
1	36	Future plans; is not going to medical technician school; captain put in his name for officer's training school; hopes to get out of the service to enter medical or dental school next fall, but impossible to do so because of 18-month extension law; being in the army until the war is over; ride back from furlough	October 28, 1941
1	37	May be months before he can get in officer's training school; saw Bob Hope in "Nothing But the Truth" and Ruth Hussey and Melvyn Douglas in "Our Wife"	November 5, 1941
1	38	No news about officer's training school; recent case of poison ivy; saw Laurel and Hardy in "Great Guns," splurged on a \$1.25 steak dinner and stopped at Taxi Dance Hall; apologies about forgetting his mother's birthday	November 9, 1941
1	39	News of Walter Hull's death; news of acquaintances; saw "It Started with Eve," "Birth of the Blues" and "You'll Never Get Rich"	November 13, 1941
1	40	Had physical exam for officer's training school; being issued new equipment; seeing "Honky-tonk"	November 16, 1941
1	41	Passed physical exam for officer's training school; next step is passing a factual exam; waiting to be sent out on strike duty; started attending non-com school; Thanksgiving dinner menu; received lab refund from Miami and sent in \$2 to the alumni fund	November 21, 1941
1	42	Have given up hope of moving due to settlement of strike trouble; recent battalion dance	November 25, 1941
1	43	Thoughts after reading <u>Bright Mexico</u> by Larry Barretto; started Sinclair Lewis' <u>Main Street</u> ; watched demonstration of fire-power by infantry at rifle ranges; thanks for subscription to the Toledo Blade	November 26, 1941
1	44	Mounting dissatisfaction in company; more men leaving for medical and surgical technician school; off cigarettes, with a bigger appetite	November 30, 1941

Box	Folder	Subject	Date
1	45	Finished reading <u>Williamsburg Old and New</u> by Hildegard Hawthorne; starting a biography of Thomas Jefferson by Lisitzky; rumors about number of men being sent to officer's training school; Christmas furlough; saw "All That Money Can Buy," "Unfinished Business," "Hold Back the Dawn," "Arizona," "Honky Tonk," "Navy Blues," and "Shepherd of the Hills"; plans to see "Sergeant York"	December 3, 1941
1	46	Soldiers' attitudes; Christmas furlough; interview for officer's training school; Jefferson biography	December 7, 1941
1	47	Christmas furlough cancelled; uncertainty about future movements; sending personal belongings home	December 13, 1941
1	48	Leaving for California, making the trip by train; sent box; request to send his Mexican billfold to him	December 15, 1941
1	49	Activities since change of plans; plans to go to California; not being able to come home for Christmas; continued thoughts about Thomas Jefferson biography	December 17, 1941
1	50	Written from near El Paso, Texas; trip to California, through Birmingham, Memphis, Texarkana, San Antonio, Del Rio, and El Paso; description of countryside and train; description of duties	December 20, 1941
1	51	Near San Luis Obsisbo; description of train ride from El Paso through Tucson, across Colorado River at Yuma; description of countryside; settled in Fort Ord	December 22, 1941
1	52	Telegram sending Christmas wishes	December 1941
1	53	Going to attend officer's training school	December 28, 1941
1	54	Traveling east to officer's training school, from Fort McQuaide through Oakland and Nevada, with stop in Chicago	December 30, 1941
1	55	Description of activities in officer's training school at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; visit to Harrisburg; saw Bette Davis in "The Little Foxes"; received ½ demerit for not sufficiently polishing his name-plate	January 17, 1942
1	56	Subjects studied in class; new "butch" haircut; practice blackout in the barracks and Carlisle; received Christmas telegram; receiving the Toledo Blade regularly; saw "Who's Laughing Now"	January 25, 1942
1	57	Exams on property records and military art; progress in courses; saw "Babes on Broadway"	February 2, 1942
1	58	Interview with board of training school; saw "Ball of Fire" and "Son of Fury"	February 8, 1942
1	59	Classes and examinations; preparing for inspection;	February 14, 1942

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		purchasing an army uniform; Life photographers there all week	
1	60	Attended a dance at Wilson College for Women in Chambersburg; rumors about cutting class short; army uniform; England allowing German battleships to go through the channel	February 22, 1942
1	61	Slackness in attending church; prospect of graduation; ordered important parts of uniform; examinations; saw "Woman of the Year" and went to a dance at the YMCA	March 1, 1942
1	62	Weekend in Philadelphia, where he attended a concert by the Philadelphia orchestra and saw historic sights; platoon split up and distributed among the other five barracks; graduation scheduled for March 28	March 8, 1942
1	63	Will receive nine days of furlough before reporting to new station; studies; uniforms beginning to arrive; visit to Harrisburg	March 17, 1942
1	64	Signed discharge papers and oath of office as 2 nd Lieutenants; plans for their visit for graduation; talk by English medical officer; new station at Presidio in San Francisco	March 22, 1942
1	65	Traveling by train through Nebraska	April 7, 1942
1	66	Need for a car; has a room in the Presidio's bachelor quarters; description of San Francisco	April 10, 1942
1	67	Taking inventory; cooperation between officers; description of activities at the Presidio; role as fire warden	April 15, 1942
1	68	One year since entering the army; money orders as payment on loan and checking deposit; finishing inventory; saw "The Male Animal" and "To the Shores of Tripoli"	April 18, 1942
1	69	Nighttime activities in San Francisco	April 20, 1942
1	70	Visit to Golden Gate Park; saw "The Fleet's In"; purchasing record player for Peg Fisher's birthday; feelings for Peg; alerts in San Francisco	April 29, 1942
1	71	Left San Francisco; writing from Salem, Oregon; assigned to 105 th General Hospital at Ft. Lewis, Washington	May 6, 1942
1	72	Back in San Francisco leaving for unknown destinations soon; scenery on trip to Tacoma, Washington; job as Detachment Commander and Plans & Training Officer	May 9, 1942
1	73	Enjoys his work; demonstration on shelter-tent pitching; roses for Mother's Day	May 11, 1942

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1	74	Unable to correspond with them for at least two months; relationship with Peggy Fisher; formation for "I am an American Day," with singing by Jeanette McDonald; obtained passport at Ft. Scott	May 15, 1942
1	75	Arrived at new station; written on pre-printed postcard from the American Red Cross	June 10, 1942
1	76	Western Union telegram about safe arrival in Australia	June 1942
1	77	Difficulty in writing letter because everything is restricted; description of being in Australia; how Australians do things; quartered next to city zoo; visit to same; acting as assistant detachment commander	June 1942
1	78	Unit moved by rail recently; dates with Australian girls; luxuries provided for American soldiers	July 4, 1942
1	79	Relationship with Peggy and his interest in their getting acquainted with her; saw two Miami boys there	July 7, 1942
1	80	Getting in touch by cable; reached final destination; description of scenery; officers' dance; reunion with three Miami friends	July 19, 1942
1	81	Daily routine; purchased a bicycle; comparison of Australian radio programs with American broadcasts; financial matters; glad to hear that his mother is corresponding with Peggy	August 19, 1942
1	82	Telegraph that he is receiving letters and is well	September 1, 1942
1	83	Saw a wild duck-billed platypus; description of bird sanctuary; shopping in city; dance for officers and nurses	August 16, 1942
1	84	Receiving letters; work as assistant detachment commander and plans and training officer; bought a camera	August 20, 1942
1	85	YMCA and USO not functioning there; whether they can guess his location; picnic at bird sanctuary; financial matters	September 7, 1942
1	86	Ability to purchase items; no more hikes; explanation of the government bond that they should receive each month	September 18, 1942
1	87	Recent activities; leisure-time activities; so many Miami men in the Navy; misses fall football season	September 23, 1942
1	88	Financial matters; no indication of a change in rank or status; waiting for family pictures	October 3, 1942
1	89	Waiting for family pictures; receiving their letters; had pictures retaken; has an additional new job as provost marshal; Halloween dance	October 5, 1942

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1	90	Read <u>I Heard the Anzacs Singing</u> and <u>Innocents Abroad</u> ; has started a diary; boredom	October 12, 1942
1	91	Letters he has received from them; recent dances; birthday party for officers; steak roast; addressing Christmas cards; financial matters; interest in the Australians	October 30, 1942
1	92	Recent activities; lectures; reading Reader's Digest	November 9, 1942
1	93	Recent activities; saw "Mrs. Miniver"	November 20, 1942
1	94	Christmas greetings; recent activities	December 6, 1942
1	95	Birthday celebrations; lack of Christmas decorations; Christmas celebrations	December 24, 1942
1	96	New Year's Eve celebrations	January 4, 1943
1	97	Telegram for Christmas and New Year's greetings	January 13, 1943
1	98	Receiving additional money for uniform allowance; thoughts about trip to Mexico two years before	January 17, 1943
1	99	Thoughts about their birthday message to him; effect of world chaos on their generation	January 21, 1943
1	100	In charge of landscaping and gardening at the post; is also a unit censor; sending power of attorney so father can pay his income tax; restrictions on mail	January 31, 1943
2	1	Wasp sting; meet bomber pilot Dale Kaufman from Miami; photographs of himself; uncle's interest in his career; publication of his letter in the Miami Bulletin	February 13, 1943
2	2	Major Thorndike; recent activities; news of Miami friends	February 21, 1943
2	3	Sending power of attorney; summary of earnings; other financial matters	February 26, 1943
2	4	Sees <u>Life</u> and <u>Time</u> magazines, as well as <u>Reader's Digest</u> ; news of family and acquaintances; complete clothes rationing in Australia; trip to Mexico two years ago and vacation after Carlisle	March 7, 1943
2	5	Being reviewed for promotion; celebrating the end of his first year as an officer; visit from Joe E. Brown	March 26, 1943
2	6	Promoted to 1 st Lieutenant and Detachment Commander; still is Plans & Training Officer, Officer in Charge of Hospital Police & Personnel, and Member of the PX Council; recent picnic outing and visit to the	April 5, 1943

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		Bosworth home; party on "Carlisle Anniversary"	
2	7	Recent activities; lack of things about which to tell them	May 9, 1943
2	8	Starts on a seven-day leave the next day; new job as adjutant, as assistant to Col. Thorndike	June 17, 1943
2	9	Getting oriented to his new job as adjutant; activities while on leave	June 30, 1943
2	10	Learning what the job of adjutant is about; activities while on leave; celebration of being in present location for a year	July 4, 1943
2	11	Work as adjutant; visits of Little Jack Little, Ray Bolger, Lansing Hatfield and Edwin MacArthur	August 10, 1943
2	12	Will be receiving letter from Mrs. Bosworth; took afternoon off for the first time in two months; financial matters	August 27, 1943
2	13	Visit from Artie Shaw and band; expecting Mrs. Roosevelt to visit; Senator Lodge and General Rankin visiting tomorrow; saw "Human Comedy"	September 13, 1943
2	14	Description of weekend away for camping	September 19, 1943
2	15	Dinner and bridge at Howie house; visit to dental clinic	September 29, 1943
2	16	Hearing radio programs from the United States; description of fruits and vegetables available in Australia; gaining weight; reading <u>Paul Revere and the World He Lived In</u>	October 14, 1943
2	17	Visit to the Bosworths; saw "This Is the Army"	November 7, 1943
2	18	Visit to the beach; family news; Boston officers wives' club sending color movies of wives and children; how he would enjoy receiving movies of family	November 18, 1943
2	19	Thanksgiving celebrations; playing volleyball; beginning of summertime activities	November 26, 1943
2	20	Playing volleyball in evenings; recent work activities; Christmas preparations	December 3, 1943
2	21	Horseback riding; Col. Thorndike's promotion to full colonel; looking forward to making plans for the future	December 9, 1943
2	22	Christmas and birthday activities; ability to save more by being overseas	December 25, 1943
2	23	Christmas celebrations; visit with Bosworths; system being put into effect that will allow individuals who	January 16, 1944

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		have had more than 18 months overseas to return to the United States	
2	24	Recent visit to Red Cross Club near beach; upcoming 36-hour pass	February 18, 1944
2	25	Inspector General inspection; retreat and pass in review; financial matters; their upcoming visit to Potawatomi Inn	March 29, 1944
2	26	Last week's gala events, including a rodeo and a picnic; two years since he has been at home	April 14, 1944
2	27	Leave at beach; saw "The Iron Major" and "The Song of Bernadette"; has ceiling on his room; received group of magazine sections of the Los Angeles Sunday paper	May 1, 1944
2	28	On pass at beach; visit to Officer's Club in the city; going into woolen uniforms; Mother's Day greetings	May 14, 1944
2	29	Fragment of letter including information about Australian gardening references and hospital work; list of items he would like to have sent from home; recent activities at work	May 20, 1944
2	30	Saw "It Happened Tomorrow"; told colonel he wanted a promotion or a different job or a transfer; encloses a copy of "The Chant of the 105 th "	May 20, 1944
2	31	Thoughts about family activities; roommate's upcoming marriage to an Australian; saw "See Here, Pvt. Hargrove"; update on rotation; studying Spanish	May 28, 1944
2	32	Saw the Australian stage version of "Claudia"; roommate's wedding; Paul McKnight, Miami friend, dropping out of the service; other news of acquaintances; fall of Rome, beginning of a second front, and the bombing of Japan	June 21, 1944
2	33	Peggy's breaking their engagement; does not want them to return the ring or record-player that he gave her	June 30, 1944
2	34	Celebration of second anniversary of arrival at post; Fourth of July celebrations; news of family	July 9, 1944
2	35	Recent activities at work; Paul McKnight's resumed lost on a plane that is eight days overdue; relationship with Peggy	July 19, 1944
2	36	Officers' Club outing to celebrate his promotion to Captain; relationship with Peggy and her changing her mind; absentee voting for the November election	July 27, 1944
2	37	Relationship with Peggy; picnic with officers and nurses; news of acquaintances and family	August 11, 1944

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2	38	Ban on revealing geographical locations in Australia lifted; located in the middle of a race-track in Brisbane; Dewey's election chances; attended concert of Eugene Ormandy conducting the Brisbane symphony orchestra; reading James Truslow Adams' <u>The American</u>	August 21, 1944
2	39	Recent activities; relationship with Peggy	August 26, 1944
2	40	Vacation activities at the beach; read <u>Dr. Wassell</u> ; received absentee ballot	September 9, 1944
2	41	Description of tent area; what places he has seen in Australia; better understanding of relationship with Peggy	October 29, 1944
2	42	Birthday greetings; watching movies ; party with nurses	November 12, 1944
2	43	Recent activities; family news	December 6, 1944
2	44	Christmas presents; Special Service department entertainment; saw "Dragon Seed," "Janie," "The Impatient Years" and "Casanova Brown"	January 6, 1945
2	45	Villages in the immediate vicinity of post; when his turn at rotation will come; officers' club dance	January 14, 1945
2	46	Saw "The Man on Half-Moon Street"; saw Scotty Memel from Miami, now in the Navy; Christmas presents	February 4, 1945
2	47	Chances for a leave in the U.S.; visit from Dutch missionary; description of tent life; visit to coral reef; saw "Mrs. Parkington" and "Rhapsody in Blue"	February 15, 1945
2	48	Plans to be home for leave in late April; leaving late March for a rotation detachment in New Guinea	March 8, 1945
2	49	In New Guinea waiting for transportation; will have a 45-day leave instead of a 30-day one; reading Ernie Pyle's <u>Brave Men</u> , <u>Magnificent Obsession</u> , and <u>The Case of the Dangerous Dowager</u>	April 5, 1945

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2	50	Hopes she could visit Miami; thoughts about missing commencement; correspondence with Miami friends; in a medical battalion stationed in Alabama; description of work in first aid; army conditions of life, experiences	June 6, 1941

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		and fellowship	
2	51	Enjoyed hearing about her weekend in Oxford; on maneuvers in Arkansas and Louisiana; left Ft. McClellan; work as a medical technician; assigned to a first aid station in the county jail at El Dorado, Arkansas; satisfaction with army life; army morale; entertainment; reminiscences of Miami and Miamians	September 18, 1941
2	52	Thanksgiving celebrations; completed maneuvers; was at home for Miami homecoming; attending officer's training school instead of medical technician school; army activities; civilian clothes; her difficulties in learning to type; army clothing	November 21, 1941
2	53	Appreciates her efforts on his behalf for Christmas; leaving for a 14-day furlough in Ohio; hopes for a date with her during that time	December 11, 1941
2	54	Furlough cancelled; heading to California; disappointment in not being able to visit with her	December 14, 1941
2	55	Encloses Army Christmas card with letter; arrival at Fort Ord, California; description of trip from Arkansas	December 23, 1941
2	56	Christmas in California; reporting for officer's candidate school in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; description of trip to Pennsylvania; news of Miamian Jim Mautz; thanks for her Christmas package; hopes to see her during next furlough	January 6, 1942
2	57	Pictures of her; courses studied in officer's candidate school; activities in Carlisle; practice black-out	January 31, 1942
2	58	Recent activities at Carlisle; army morale	March 1, 1942
2	59	Description of the Presidio and San Francisco; daily activities	April 10, 1942
2	60	Discussion about whether or not a soldier has the right to ask a girl to marry him; thoughts about her; daily activities; being issued a pistol; visit with his parents	April 13, 1942
2	61	Beginning of second year in the army; activities in San Francisco; story about a woman who had taken a course in first aid; how he looks forward to her letters	April 20, 1942
2	62	Birthday present for her; being transferred from San Francisco	April 21, 1942
2	63	Inventory at the Post Exchange warehouse; fire drill at the Dispensary; her birthday present; encloses sketch of him and his inventory; possibility of a furlough or her visiting California	April 23, 1942
2	64	Description of visit to Golden Gate Park; saw "The	April 27, 1942

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		Fleet's In"	
2	65	How the record player is working; suggestions for presents; several titles of more records that he bought for her	April 28, 1942
2	66	Their relationship and his wish to marry her	May 1, 1942
2	67	Visit with Fran from Miami; being transferred to Ft. Lewis, Washington; saw "Rio Rita"; visit to marina district; her record player	May 3, 1942
2	68	Travel through Oregon; assignment to the 105 th General Hospital	May 6, 1942
2	69	Back in San Francisco; description of scenery on trip to Tacoma, Washington and back	May 9, 1942
2	70	How happy he is to hear that she will be waiting for him when he returns; description of activities at work; musical variety show; thoughts about Miami and the times they are going to have when the war is over	May 14, 1942
2	71	Plans to use code in their letters; duties of a detachment commander	May 16, 1942
2	72	Traveling on the U.S.S. Westpoint; crossing the equator; thoughts about their relationship	May 27, 1942
2	73	Description of where he is in Australia and how the Australians do things; eating at hotel dining room; description of the ideal day spent with her	June 17, 1942
2	74	Telegram that he arrived safely and is feeling fine and happy	June 18, 1942
2	75	Description of recent activities, including move by rail; appreciating luxuries that American soldiers have	June 25, 1942
2	76	Has full responsibility while the detachment commander is away; saw Si Wachsburger and Bud Kersting from Miami; how proud he is of her and her work	July 5, 1942
2	77	Received her pictures; not being in a fraternity at Miami; reunion with Bud Kersting, Si Wachsburger, and Harry Cutter from Miami	July 13, 1942
2	78	Recent activities; homesick for Miami; winter in Australia	July 19, 1942
2	79	Work as training officer and assistant detachment commander; dance for nurses and officers; thoughts about the times they are going to have when they are together again	July 23, 1942
2	80	New bicycle; wanting to hear a good American radio program; people going without more comforts than	July 25, 1942

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		soldiers; read <u>This Above All</u> and <u>The Grapes of Wrath</u> ; daily routine	
2	81	Finding list of records he sent her and other items in his billfold; intention to increase his pay deductions	July 30, 1942
2	82	Writing to her more; obtaining a genuine Aboriginal boomerang; roommate's engagement	August 8, 1942
2	83	Celebration for engagement of second lieutenant and nurse; work activities	August 15, 1942
2	84	Entertaining lieutenants; bicycling; uniform	August 22, 1942
2	85	Dream about their getting married; seeing a wild platypus; receiving Miami geographic directory; unexciting routine	August 28, 1942
2	86	Bought an opal to make into a ring for her; formal retreat; latest tunes in the U.S.	September 3, 1942
2	87	Picnic; listening to symphonic recordings; news of Miami friends	September 6, 1942
2	88	Thinking about starting a diary; reading <u>The Sun Is My Undoing</u> , <u>Defense Won't Win the War</u> , <u>Keys of the Kingdom</u> , <u>Random Harvest</u> , and <u>This Above All</u> ; plans to read <u>Oliver Wiswell</u> ; heard short-wave rebroadcast of U.S. football game	September 11, 1942
2	89	Description of nurses there; how happy his mother is with Peggy and her good judgment	September 16, 1942
2	90	Regrets that they did not have more time together; thoughts about their time at Miami; concert by U.S. Army Swing Band; attended baseball game between their men and M.P. outfit; new roommate	September 20, 1942
2	91	Had picture taken; evening routine; silver set	September 29, 1942
2	92	Australian slang; effect of windstorm on huts; saw "Bedtime Story" and "You Belong To Me"; starting to read Mark Twain's <u>Innocents Abroad</u>	October 6, 1942
2	93	Financial matters regarding record player; her visit to Oak Harbor to see his parents; honesty about their other dates; his feelings for her	October 13, 1942
2	94	Plans to meet him in San Francisco; went to enlisted men's dance in a nearby town; how Australians look up to Americans; birthday party for two officers; advantages of Australian homes; plans to give Oak Harbor again	October 26, 1942
2	95	Provost Marshal duties; what she is sending him for Christmas; photographs of each other; glad troops have	November 9, 1942

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		landed in North Africa	
2	96	Work activities; sent her Christmas present, \$100 to use when she meets him in San Francisco; ordered pictures; Thanksgiving plans	November 24, 1942
2	97	Formal inspection of self and hospital; responsible for detention ward; other work activities	December 5, 1942
2	98	Christmas wishes; glad she likes the family silver pattern; received the October list of Miami men in the service	December 11, 1942
2	99	Work activities; possibility of meeting in San Francisco; discussing important phases in their future, including what he is going to do when he gets back to civilian life	December 18, 1942
2	100	Christmas celebrations; move into new quarters; how he likes Provost Marshal duties; hit records in the United States	December 21, 1942
3	1	Surprise birthday party; Christmas celebrations; Christmas presents from her; Red Cross Christmas program; dance in nurses' lounge; news of Miami acquaintance Lois Ruffner	January 1, 1943
3	2	Picture of her in the paper; letter from Dr. Crowell at Miami; hopes for a furlough; November list of Miami men in the service	January 10, 1943
3	3	Horn for bicycle; receiving records	January 17, 1943
3	4	Thanks for pajamas; book of jokes; work as a unit censor	January 22, 1943
3	5	Bike ride; extra \$100 for uniform allowance; sending father a power of attorney form to pay his income tax	January 24, 1943
3	6	Mail delivery; weather; saw "Between Us Girls"	February 1, 1943
3	7	Her New Year's Eve celebrations; proud of her success in her work; wedding plans; discontinuing monthly cables; not worried about finding annoying traits in each other's personality; savings habits	February 8, 1943
3	8	Conversation with Dale Kaufman from Miami; his letter to Dr. Crowell being published in the Miami Bulletin; marking their first anniversary	February 13, 1943
3	9	Food; how fortunate he is to be stationed in such a beautiful place; bike ride; seeing Dale Kaufman often	February 19, 1943
3	10	Glad to hear she is learning to type; plans to go into the city with Dale Kaufman; roommate's breaking his engagement; Col. Thorndike's promotion	February 23, 1943
3	11	Received his photograph; how fast time is going; plans to go to the show	February 26, 1943

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3	12	Received handkerchiefs and diary; received January Miami Bulletin and saw the "Up & Down Says Seeley" excerpt	March 3, 1943
3	13	Plans to not have air mail service; roommate having a canary; received cigars from her mother	March 7, 1943
3	14	Named as officer in charge of hospital police and personnel; surprise party to celebrate anniversary as commissioned officers; listening to "Serenade in Blue"	March 30, 1943
3	15	What they did a year ago; plans to be made detachment commander	April 1, 1943
3	16	Thoughts about what they did a year ago; saw "Major & Minor," "Pride of the Yankees," "Flying Tigers," and "Random Harvest"	April 2, 1943
3	17	Promotion to First Lieutenant; picnic with Bosworths; increased bond allotment; duties as detachment commander; includes sketch of his room	April 3, 1943
3	18	Resolution not to complain about slow mail service; March Miami Bulletin; buying her an engagement ring;	May 16, 1943
3	19	Preparations for inspection; roommate being transferred to another unit; thoughts of home; engagement ring	June 7, 1943
3	20	Picking out her own engagement ring; enjoyment of the clippings she sent him; her trip to Oak Harbor; roommate's transfer; hoping to take a seven-day leave in late June	June 8, 1943
3	21	In location for one year; having a review and party to celebrate; description of leave activities; enclosing clipping from post paper about being relieved of his duties as detachment commander and taking place of Major Branch	July 4, 1943
3	22	Receiving his pictures; sending her roses; almost six years since they first met	July 7, 1943
3	23	Lost executive officer to a better position; description of his job and what a strong influence she has on him	July 13, 1943
3	24	How being busy and staying there for such a long time has done him a lot of good; learning to get pleasure out of little things	July 22, 1943
3	25	Sent money for ring; visits from Lansing Hatfield, Edwin McArthur, Little Jack Little and Ray Bolger	July 27, 1943
3	26	Whether money has arrived yet; war news improving; new officer's club	August 7, 1943
3	27	Arrival of birthday present (identification bracelet and	September 12,

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		watch bands); visit from Artie Shaw and his band; engagement ring; hopes for a 36-hour pass that week; list of what he would like for Christmas	1943
3	28	Edwin Memel from Miami in the hospital there; ordered her Christmas present	September 27, 1943
3	29	Description of his furlough	September 29, 1943
3	30	Plans for an imaginary date with her; hopes she has been able to visit his parents despite gas rationing	September 30, 1943
3	31	New roommate; officers' club	October 2, 1943
3	32	Address for Dale Kaufman so he can write him a letter; saw "A Night to Remember"	October 3, 1943
3	33	Attended church; social activities during the last week; February list of Miami men in the armed services	April 9, 1944
3	34	Enclosing color negative of photo taken during leave; plans to go to town to see about her sweater	May 6, 1944
3	35	On another beach pass; visit to city; news of Bob Cortis from Miami; hopes for promotion	May 11, 1944
3	36	Received joke book; went into winter uniforms; saw "Standing Room Only"	May 15, 1944
3	37	Studying Spanish; development in the rotation plan; roommate marrying an Australian girl; saw "See Here, Pvt. Hargrove"	May 26, 1944
3	38	Sending snapshot taken during last visit to beach; news of Frazier Hunt; first group of nurses leaving under rotation plan; outing of officers and nurses	June 4, 1944
3	39	Saw "Courageous Women"; sending doilies from Mrs. Bosworth; giving bicycle to Sam Bosworth; recent work activities	June 4, 1944
3	40	Second front in Europe; saw "She Knew All the Answers"	June 8, 1944
3	41	Promotion celebration; speaking with Col. Cave about his promotion; saw "Florian"; progress on learning Spanish	June 10, 1944
3	42	Saw the Australian stage version of "Claudia"; roommate's wedding; visit with Paul McKnight from Miami; working as a censor again	June 20, 1944
3	43	How much he misses her; Life magazine article on the Corsair	June 21, 1944
3	44	Ration day; sending yarn for knitting	June 26, 1944
3	45	Reading in Time that "The Top O' the Mark" is off limits to troops; start of the Republican National Collection;	June 27, 1944

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		WACs in Australia; listening to the radio	
3	46	Had no right to bind her to such a difficult and uncertain promise; congratulations to her new interest	June 30, 1944
3	47	Waiting until he returns to the United States until she does anything drastic; puzzled about her reasons for wanting to break their engagement and deciding it would be best to wait; talking more freely with less chance of misunderstandings; difficulty of separation, but his absence cannot go on much longer	July 21, 1944
3	48	Saw "Gung Ho"; war news; information on Paul McKnight's being missing	August 4, 1944
3	49	Their relationship; trip to city on Sunday	August 6, 1944
3	50	On leave at Southport; attending officers' and nurses' dinner	September 6, 1944
3	51	Need to clarify their relationship; how she feels about Dave	September 10, 1944
3	52	Return from Southport; sergeant major being transferred to a higher headquarters; hearing about Ohio from Lloyd Evans	September 16, 1944
3	53	What he's trying to find out about their relationship and why	September 22, 1944
3	54	Encloses newspaper clipping about paratroop dash at exhibition/first American football game ever played in Queensland; dinner at Chinese restaurant; had enough of living in a city	September 24, 1944
3	55	Relief to hear there is nothing serious with Dave; wishes he could talk over all these problems with her	September 30, 1944
3	56	Starting second year of their engagement with greater hopes and a better chance for their fulfillment; activities in Brisbane	October 1, 1944
3	57	Saw "Over My Dead Body" and "Quiet, Please, Murder"; purchased an Australian hat	October 2, 1944
3	58	Sending Australian hat	October 7, 1944
3	59	Saw "North Star"	October 7, 1944
3	60	Got about a month's worth of mail	October 21, 1944
3	61	New location is referred to as N.E. I.	October 21, 1944
3	62	His new set-up; congratulations on her raise; financial matters; read "Swamp Water," "Storm," "The Sea of Grass," and "Pacific Ocean"	October 23, 1944
3	63	Telegram that she is in his thoughts more than ever	October 25, 1944
3	64	Working long hours; description of tent area; made trip from Australia in a liberty ship; description of stay in	October 29, 1944

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		Brisbane; guesses he will be home by April, based on the Theatre Policy and rate of rotation	
3	65	Recent activities	November 1, 1944
3	66	Attended semi-finals of the Netherlands Indies boxing tournament; arrival of nurses; effect of nightly thunderstorm on tents	November 5, 1944
3	67	Explanation about rotation and choices involved in same; predictions about the date of his return	November 6, 1944
3	68	Thanksgiving celebrations; description of island; Christmas present ideas	November 24, 1944
3	69	Playing bridge; regular swimming routine	December 1, 1944
3	70	Description of hospital; night's activities; saw "Summer Storm"; playing records of Hit Parade; how good it is to have gotten their engagement squared away	December 4, 1944
3	71	Saw "Devotion"; planning opening of officers' club	December 13, 1944
3	72	Recent activities; rotation; Christmas	December 17, 1944
3	73	Recent activities; upcoming parties	December 22, 1944
3	74	Temperature of water; whether they wear shorts	December 23, 1944
3	75	Christmas and birthday celebrations	December 24, 1944
3	76	Christmas celebrations	December 25, 1944
3	77	Visit to the beach; Christmas celebrations; saw "Dragon Seed"	December 26, 1944
3	78	Description of natives; decorating for party at officers' club; New Year's Eve celebrations	January 1, 1945
3	79	Saw "The Impatient Years"; evening swim	January 2, 1945
3	80	How much he enjoys her pictures; not being discouraged about the length of the war; men not talking about what they are fighting for; how mail arrives; what they have to eat; hasn't changed much since leaving the states; leave quota and rotation	January 6, 1945
3	81	Saw "Janie"	January 10, 1945
3	82	Saw "The Princess and the Pirate"; college swing band playing for surgical patients; dance at officers' club; change in daily routine	January 13, 1945
3	83	Family news; saw "To Have and Have Not"; rotation	January 19, 1945
3	84	Talked with officers and nurses who are hospitalized; war news getting better regarding Russian campaign and Luzon invasion	January 20, 1945
3	85	Being home next Christmas; whether there are other Americans on the island	January 22, 1945
3	86	Thinking about coming home; plans to travel from San Francisco by troop train to Ft. Benjamin Harrison at	January 29, 1945

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		Indianapolis to receive leave papers; plans for visit	
3	87	Worrying she may discover that he's not the person she remembers; feels badly for not having given her any presents lately; saw "Laura"; received package from her parents	February 1, 1945
3	88	Saw "The Man on Half Moon Street"; news of acquaintances; war news	February 4, 1945
3	89	Saw "Rhapsody in Blue"; news of acquaintances	February 8, 1945
3	90	How well suited they are to each other; has name in for leave rather than rotation; saw "Mrs. Parkington"; news of Miami acquaintances	February 12, 1945
3	91	Recent activities; plans for things to do during his leave	February 18, 1945
3	92	Saw "And Now Tomorrow"; conversations with several American internees who were freed in Manila	February 25, 1945
3	93	Officers and nurses leaving for rotation and leave; hearing a recorded concert of symphonic music; almost three years since they saw each other	February 28, 1945
3	94	Definite that he will be home for a 30-day leave in late April; plans to call her as soon as he arrives in San Francisco; recent activities; saw "Destiny"	March 8, 1945
3	95	Plans for leave	March 10, 1945
3	96	Plans to leave sooner than expected; saw "Dark Waters"; preparing for leave	March 13, 1945
3	97	Plans for leave	March 18, 1945
3	98	Waiting for orders; news of acquaintances; attended wedding of Red Cross worker and an officer	March 25, 1945
3	99	On his way; anxious to see her	March 29, 1945
3	100	Anniversary greetings; didn't go to church on Easter; plans to see Col. Baker, now chief of medical service with the 54 th General	April 1, 1945
3	101	Still in New Guinea; will have 45 days leave; good war news; reading Ernie Pyle's <u>Brave Men</u> and <u>Magnificent Obsession</u>	April 5, 1945
3	102	Telegram announcing arrival in San Francisco	April 26, 1945

Series I: Correspondence

Subseries III: Miscellaneous Correspondence

Box	Folder	Author	Recipient	Subject	Date
4	1	George Seeley	Fran Bolte	Congratulations on birth of child; Christmas	January 11, 1941

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				celebrations; activities in school; saw "H.M. Pulham, Esq."	
4	2	War Department	Clifton Seeley	George's post office address in Ft. McClelland, Alabama	April 26, 1941
4	3	George Seeley	Fran Bolte	Daily routine at Ft. McClellan; Bruce Waldenga's condition; first group of draftees and National Guardsmen receiving basic training in 13 weeks	May 2, 1941
4	4	George Seeley	Fran Bolte	Theoretical tactical maneuver; new group officially inducted as medical battalion; news of family and acquaintances	May 17, 1941
4	5	George Seeley	Fran Bolte	Upcoming birth of child; trip to Shelbyville; activities involved in moving to a new location; hoping to receive a furlough in July	June 16, 1941
4	6	George Seeley	Fran Bolte and Lib Pierce	Enjoying army life; cases in hospital; recent	August 27, 1941

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				move near Hope, Arkansas; recent activities; concern among civilians about improving army morale	
4	7	Goldie Seeley	Peg Fisher	Recent activities; how welcome she is to visit them; thanks for book	May 15, 1942
4	8	George Seeley	Uncle	Description of part of Australia where he is located; duties as Assistant Detachment Commander	September 25, 1942
4	9	George Seeley	Mr. and Mrs. Fisher	Christmas card	November 20, 1942
4	10	C.M. Seeley	Peg Fisher	Sending newspaper clipping about Corp. Leroy Hurlbrink asking his father to help propose marriage to Pauline Kolloch; whether she would like to come to Oak Harbor to put the engagement ring on her finger	July 15, 1943
4	11	Jan Bosworth	Goldie Seeley	Thanks for stamps; activities during last year at Toowoomba	August 3, 1944

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				Grammar School; glad to hear George was promoted; description of educational system in Australia	
4	12	Mrs. Bosworth	Goldie Seeley	Thanks for seeds; description of family; description of garden; George playing croquet; George giving bicycle to son; George's promotion; description of schools	August 15, 1944
4	13	George Seeley	Margaret Boone	Thanks for box of candy; description of new location	January 21, 1945
4	14	George Seeley	Lib Peirce	10-mile hike; setting up a Collecting Company station; leaving for maneuvers; cannot obtain a leave for commencement; how many college men are in battalion	May 23

Series II: Manuscripts
Subseries I: The Post Record

Box	Folder	Title	Date
4	15	The Post Record	December 8, 1944
4	16	The Post Record	January 13, 1945

Series II: Manuscripts
Subseries II: Diary

Box	Folder	Title	Date
4	17	Diary titled "My Stretch in the Service"	May 5, 1942- February 25, 1945

Series III: Printed Material

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4	18	<u>The 105th General Hospital: Two Years Down Under: A Magazine Prepared by the Staff of The Post Record on Behalf of Personnel, as a Memoir of Their Service in Australia from July 1942 to July 1944, During World War II</u>	ca. 1944
4	19	"All the Boys Remember Maisie," from <u>The Saturday Evening Post</u>	May 27, 1944

Series IV: Photographs

Box	Folder	Title	Date
4	20	Photograph of George Seeley taken while in the service	ca. 1941-1944