

MINOR, HOMER DEAN.
Homer Dean Minor papers, 1942-1945

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Minor, Homer Dean.
Title: Homer Dean Minor papers, 1942-1945
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 766
Extent: 4 linear ft. (8 boxes)
Abstract: Materials relating exclusively to Homer Dean Minor's service in the Army during World War II including correspondence, diaries, photographs, and other memorabilia.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Source

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Citation

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Processing

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Homer Dean Minor attended Oxford College ('38OX) and Emory University ('40C). He and his wife, Louise, were married in January of 1942. Shortly thereafter Minor was shipped out for basic training at Keesler Field in Mississippi as a member of the 304th School Squadron, U.S. Army. After completing his training, he became a member of the 307th Fighter Squadron, 31st Fighter Group, and was sent first to England, then to North Africa, and finally to Sicily during World War II. He returned to the United States in 1945.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Homer Dean Minor from 1942-1945. The papers include correspondence, diaries, photographs, and other memorabilia. Materials relate exclusively to Minor's service in the Army during World War II. The majority of the collection is comprised of correspondence from Homer Dean Minor to Louise Minor (1942-1945). These letters are quite candid about his life in the service (censor permitting) and describe in detail his voyage to England on the QE2; British social life and customs; walking tours of London; tourist attractions; air raids; distractions such as movies and books; ennui; the African Campaign; scenery in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunis; Italian social life and customs; progress of the allied forces; and homesickness. The correspondence also contains a few letters from Louise Minor to Homer Dean Minor (1944-1945). Because of the Army's restriction against keeping letters from home (as a security measure in case of capture), these are the only letters from Louise to Homer that survive. She sent them while Homer was en route home. The collection also includes diaries that Homer Minor maintained while he was in the Army (1942-1945). Army regulations stipulated that diaries had to be destroyed, again, in case of capture, but Homer defied the rules and brought his diaries home. They are written in the form of a letter to his wife. A small collection of related material includes the March 1945 issue of the Emory *Alumnus* and photographs of Minor.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Chart of letters from Homer Dean Minor to Louise Minor, 1942-1943
1	2	1942 February 5-14
1	3	1942 February 15-20
1	4	1942 February 21-26
1	5	1942 March 1-10
1	6	1942 March 11-19
1	7	1942 March 22-31
1	8	1942 April 1-14
1	9	1942 April 15-30
1	10	1942 May 4-10
1	11	1942 May 12-15
1	12	1942 May 16-31
2	1	1942 June
2	2	1942 July 7-12
2	3	1942 July 17-30
2	4	1942 August
2	5	1942 September 2-14
2	6	1942 September 16-29
2	7	1942 October
2	8	1942 November
2	9	1942 December
3	1	1943 January
3	2	1943 February
3	3	1943 March
3	4	1943 April
3	5	1943 May 2-11
3	6	1943 May 14-31
3	7	1943 June
4	1	1943 October 2-18
4	2	1943 October 20-26
4	3	1943 November 3-16
4	4	1943 November 20-26
4	5	1943 December 1-15
4	6	1943 December 17-31
4	7	1944 January
4	8	1944 February

4	9	1944 March 6-14
4	10	1944 March 17-28
4	11	1944 April 5-14
4	12	1944 April 15-30
5	1	1944 May 4-9
5	2	1944 May 11-19
5	3	1944 May 22-31
5	4	1944 June 2-15
5	5	1944 June 17-28
5	6	1944 July
5	7	1944 August 4-15
5	8	1944 August 17-31
6	1	1944 September
6	2	1944 October 7-18
6	3	1944 October 20-30
6	4	1944 November 2-11
6	5	1944 November 13-26
6	6	1944 December 1-15
6	7	1944 December 17-31
7	1	1945 January
7	2	1945 February
7	3	1945 April
7	4	1945 May 9-20
7	5	1945 May 21-31
7	6	1945 June

Correspondence: Louise Minor to Homer Dean Minor, 1944-1945

7	7	1944 December
7	8	1945 January 1-14
7	9	1945 January 15-28
7	10	1945 April

Diaries, 1942-1945

8	1	Diary 1, 1942 June 4 - 1944 February 29
8	2	Diary 2, 1944 March 2 - 1945 February 11

Related material

8	3	Emory <i>Alumnus</i> , 23 (no. 3, March) 1945
8	4	Photographs, Homer Dean Minor, March 1945
