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Guide to the

Gaffney-Ahearn family correspondence

1917-1949

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Summary

Creator: Gaffney family

Title: Gaffney-Ahearn family correspondence

Date: 1917-1949

Size: .8 linear feet (3 boxes)

Source: Gift, Gaffney family, 1952

Abstract: Collection consists of correspondence, 1917-1919, of Joseph F. Gaffney while a member of the 29th Engineers, stationed at Camp Devens, Mass., and later with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, describing camp life, duties, recreation, and other subjects; letters from his sisters, brothers and friends describing conditions at home in New York City; correspondence, 1942-1949, of John and William Ahearn and Robert Tice, nephews of the Gaffneys, while in the Army and Air Force, sent from various Army posts in the United States, describing Army life and training, from New Guinea, Dutch East Indies, Philippine Islands, Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa, and Japan, describing their service in the Air Force and Army Ordnance Dept., living conditions, and the war in the Pacific area, and from Texas, where John Ahearn was stationed after the war.

Access: Advance notice required.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Military bases -- United States
World War, 1914-1918 -- France
World War, 1939-1945 -- Indonesia
World War, 1939-1945 -- Japan
World War, 1939-1945 -- New Guinea
World War, 1939-1945 -- Pacific Area
World War, 1939-1945 -- Participation, American
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives
World War, 1939-1945 -- Philippines

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs

Names

Gaffney family
Ahearn, John
Ahearn, William
Gaffney, Joseph F
Tice, Robert
Ahearn family
United States. Army Air Forces
United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces
United States. Army. Corps of Engineers Regiment, 29th
United States. Army. Ordnance Department