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Guide to the

Merchant Seamen's Club records

1943-1945

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Summary

Creator: American Theatre Wing

Title: Merchant Seamen's Club records

Date: 1943-1945

Size: 1 linear foot (4 boxes)

Abstract: Established by the American Theatre Wing during World War II as part of their Stage Door Canteen program, the Merchant Seamen's Club provided services, food, and entertainment to merchant marines passing through the Port of New York. Most significant in the collection are the registers containing miniature facsimiles of sketches and caricatures of merchant seamen which were sent free of charge to the mens' families or friends. The registers also include letters of gratitude from the recipients of the portraits. Also included are visitor's books, scrapbooks, letters, and clippings

Access: Advance notice required.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Caricatures
Sketches
Visitors' books

Subjects

Merchant mariners
World War, 1939-1945 -- War work

Names

American Theatre Wing
American Theatre Wing War Service, Inc

Merchant Seamen's Club