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**Martin Knottenbelt papers**

1970-1984 (bulk 1978-1982)

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## Summary

**Creator:** Knottenbelt, Martin

**Title:** Martin Knottenbelt papers, 1970-1984 (bulk 1978-1982)

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**Source:** Gift of Martin Knottenbelt.

**Abstract:** Martin (Maarten Jan) Knottenbelt (1920-2004) was a Dutch citizen who served in World War II, and then went on to become an anti-war activist, primarily in Europe and the United States. The Martin Knottenbelt papers consist mainly of correspondence between Knottenbelt and members of the press and politicians, as Knottenbelt campaigned to advance anti-war messages (especially seeking to get these messages in print). The majority of Knottenbelt's correspondence is in English, but some Dutch-language materials are also present. Materials in this collection date from 1970 to 1984, with the bulk falling between 1978 and 1982.

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## Creator history

Martin (Maarten Jan) Knottenbelt (1920-2004) was a Dutch citizen studying at the University of Oxford in England when World War II began. Knottenbelt enlisted in 1942 and served in a Dutch commando unit in Europe and the Pacific until he was relieved from his post in 1946. Knottenbelt was honorably discharged in 1960 from military service, and went on to become an anti-war activist, primarily in Europe and the United States.

## Scope and content note

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**Key terms**

**Subjects**

Pacifists -- Netherlands -- 20th century

Peace movements -- 20th century

World War, 1939-1945 -- Military personnel --  
Netherlands

**Names**

Knottenbelt, Martin

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