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Evan and Edith Harrison Papers
Collection Number: 1836 THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Processed by Buffy Knappenberger. Last updated December 2023.

ACCESSION NUMBERS: 2023.067 THL

EXTENT: .84 linear feet

CREATOR: Harrison, Evan (1921-2009) and Harrison, Edith (1921-1997).

DATE: 1942 – 1945.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Evan and Edith Harrison Papers Collections contains personal correspondence, including v-mails, between Evan and his wife Edith during his service in World War II. The collection also includes two photographs of Evan Harrison during this period.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Evan Harrison was born on July 4, 1921 in Hagerstown, MD to Roy Harrison and Anna Young. During World War II, he served as a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Forces and was awarded the Purple Heart. He passed away on March 4, 2009, and is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, VA. In his letters, he refers to himself as “Bob.” Edith Hardy was born on April 29, 1921 in Frederick County, VA to Val and Gerturde Hardy. Evan and Edith married on April 3, 1942, only a few months before he was shipped off to Camp Lee, VA for training, then to Orlando, FL, and finally to the European theater of war. She died on April 26, 1997, and is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, VA.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Chuck and Maggie Peterson.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Folder 1 – 1942 Correspondence (4 letters)

Folder 2 – June 20 – 24, 1943 Correspondence (5 letters)

- Folder 3** – June 25 – 29, 1943 Correspondence (4 letters)
- Folder 4** – July 11 – 17, 1943 Correspondence (6 letters)
- Folder 5** – July 18 – 27, 1943 Correspondence (6 letters)
- Folder 6** – July 28 – 31, 1943 Correspondence (6 letters)
- Folder 7** – August 1 – 5, 1943 Correspondence (5 letters)
- Folder 8** – August 6 – 26, 1943 Correspondence (5 letters)
- Folder 9** – January 1943 Correspondence (3 v-mails)
- Folder 10** – September 12 – 21, 1943 Correspondence (7 v-mails)
- Folder 11** – September 22 – 30, 1943 Correspondence (8 v-mails)
- Folder 12** – October 1 – 14, 1943 Correspondence (13 v-mails)
- Folder 13** – October 15 – 31, 1943 Correspondence (13 v-mails)
- Folder 14** – November 1 – 17, 1943 Correspondence (11 v-mails)
- Folder 15** – November 18 – 30, 1943 Correspondence (11 v-mails)
- Folder 16** – December 1 – 17, 1943 Correspondence (10 v-mails)
- Folder 17** – December 22 – 30, 1943 Correspondence (6 v-mails, 3 v-mail envelopes)
- Folder 18** – January 15 – 19, 1944 Correspondence (6 v-mails)
- Folder 19** – January 20 – 31, 1944 Correspondence (7 v-mails)
- Folder 20** – February 2 – 11, 1944 Correspondence (9 v-mails)
- Folder 21** – February 12 – 29, 1944 Correspondence (8 v-mails)
- Folder 22** – March 1 – 15, 1944 Correspondence (12 v-mails)
- Folder 23** – March 16 – 29, 1944 Correspondence (11 v-mails)
- Folder 24** – April 7 – 15, 1944 Correspondence (8 v-mails)
- Folder 25** – April 21 – 29, 1944 Correspondence (7 v-mails)
- Folder 26** – May 5 – 31, 1944 Correspondence (9 v-mails)
- Folder 27** – June 1 – 20, 1944 Correspondence (10 v-mails)

Folder 28 – June 21 – 30, 1944 Correspondence (10 v-mails)

BOX 2

Folder 1 – July 1 – 14, 1944 Correspondence (10 v-mails)

Folder 2 – July 15 – 23, 1944 Correspondence (10 v-mails)

Folder 3 – July 24 – 31, 1944 Correspondence (8 v-mails)

Folder 4 – August 14 – 29, 1944 Correspondence (3 v-mails)

Folder 5 – September 8 – 23, 1944 Correspondence (11 v-mails)

Folder 6 – September 24 – 30, 1944 Correspondence (10 v-mails)

Folder 7 – October 6 – 20, 1944 Correspondence (8 v-mails)

Folder 8 – November 13 – 28, 1944 Correspondence (7 v-mails)

Folder 9 – December 1 – 14, 1944 Correspondence (12 v-mails)

Folder 10 – December 15 – 31, 1944 Correspondence (9 v-mails and 4 envelopes)

Folder 11 – January 3 – 16, 1945 Correspondence (10 v-mails)

Folder 12 – January 17 – 30, 1945 Correspondence (10 v-mails)

Folder 13 – February 1 – 13, 1945 Correspondence (6 v-mails)

Folder 14 – February 15 – 28, 1945 Correspondence (9 v-mails)

Folder 15 – March 1 – 16, 1945 Correspondence (10 v-mails)

Folder 16 – March 17 – 31, 1945 Correspondence (10 v-mails)

BOX 3

Folder 1 – April 2 – 17, 1945 Correspondence (8 v-mails)

Folder 2 – April 18 – 30, 1945 Correspondence (8 v-mails)

Folder 3 – May 1 – 22, 1945 Correspondence (8 v-mails and 3 envelopes)

Folder 4 – June 9 – 25, 1945 Correspondence (7 letters)

Folder 5 – June 26 – July 21, 1945 Correspondence (7 letters)

Folder 6 – July 22 – August 23, 1945 Correspondence (6 letters)

Folder 7 – Remnant of undated letter between Edith and Evan (Bob)

Folder 8 – Photographs (see below)

PHOTOGRAPHS

1836-1a Evan Harrison as civilian

1836-1b Evan Harrison in military uniform