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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: John Fletcher Darley, Jr., papers

Date: 1944-1945 (photocopies)

Extent: 1 box (0.21 Linear feet)

Creator: Darley, John Fletcher, Jr.

Language: English

Repository: Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. specolle@georgiasouthern.edu. 912-478-7819. library.georgiasouthern.edu.

Processing Note: Finding aid revised in 2020.

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ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History: John Fletcher Darley, Jr. was born on July 10, 1924, the son of Mattie (Cannon) and John Fletcher Darley, Sr. After graduating from Statesboro High School in 1942 he attended Georgia Teachers College for one year. He was inducted into the United States Navy in June 1943 and became a medic, assigned to the Marines. He participated in the invasion of Normandy (D-Day) on June 6, 1944. He was sent to the Pacific in the Fall of 1944 and was among the first to land on the beach at Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. He was killed in action while treating the wounded in that battle. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart and buried with full military honors at Eastside Cemetery, Statesboro, Georgia.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of photocopies of the letters of United States Navy Hospital Apprentice First Class John Fletcher Darley, Jr. and his family sent from overseas and Marine bases in the United States in 1944 and 1945. Also included are photocopies of the telegram informing his parents that he had been killed in action and condolence letters from men who served with him.

System of Arrangement: The letters are arranged in three folders according to sender. The contents of each folder are arranged chronologically.

Box 1: 0200105010488

Acquisitions Info: Gift of Evelyn Darley Mabry, 2000.

Access Points:

Darley, John Fletcher

World War (1939-1945)

World War, 1939-1945 -- Medical care -- United States -- Biography

Georgia Teachers College -- Students

Sailors -- United States -- Correspondence

CONTAINER LISTING

Box 1: 0200105010488

Processor's Note: The names in parentheses after some of the addressee names were taken from envelopes. All letters are from John Fletcher Darley, Jr., unless otherwise indicated.

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Telegram, no location given, to Mrs. John Darley, Undated	1	1
March 18, 1944, "Somewhere in England," to "Gannie" & "Hat" (Mrs. J. D. Cannon), 1944 March 18	1	1
June 3, 1944, no location given but first line mentions sailing to France at dawn, no recipient named	1	1
June 18, 1944, no location given, to Dad (John Darley)	1	1
Aug. 24, 1944, John Darley, Jr., Camp LeJeune, NC, to Priscilla Cromartie, Statesboro, GA, postcard of Marines at Camp LeJeune, NC	1	1
September 18, 1944, Camp Lejeune, New River, NC, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
September 19, 1944, Camp LeJeune, New River, NC, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
September 27, 1944, Camp LeJeune, New River, NC, to Hugh	1	1
October 1, 1944, Camp LeJeune, New River, NC, to "Shag"	1	1
October 4, 1944, Camp LeJeune, New River, NC, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
October 11, 1944, Camp LeJeune, New River, NC, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
October 12, 1944, Camp LeJeune, New River, NC, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
Undated, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
October 13, 1944, Camp LeJeune, New River, NC, to Sally and Bedgood	1	1
October 18, 1944, Camp LeJeune, New River, NC, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
October 24, 1944, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
Undated, Camp LeJeune, New River, NC, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
October 29, 1944, 30th Replacement Draft, Camp LeJeune, NC,	1	1

to Mom and Dad (Mr. and Mrs. John Darley)		
November 4, 1944, Camp Pendleton, CA, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
November 8, 1944, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
November 11, 1944, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
November 24, 1944, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley; mentions that he is in a new location; refers to it as "this island" at one point.	1	1
November 26, 1944, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley); mentions that he is in the Pacific.	1	1
November 29, 1944, U.S. Marines, 4th Division, Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
December 8, 1944, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
December 14, 1944, no location given, to Pop (John Darley)	1	1
December 18, 1944, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
December 20, 1944, no location given, to Ray; mentions that he has another address now and thinks it will be permanent.	1	1
December 21, 1944, no location given, to Sis	1	1
Christmas, no location given, Christmas card to all family	1	1
December 25, 1944, no location given, to Hugh	1	1
December 25, 1944, no location given, to "Gannie" (Mrs. J. D. Cannon?)	1	1
January 1, 1945, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
January 4, 1945, no location given, to Dad (John Darley)	1	1
January 10, 1945, no location given, to Sis	1	1
January 18, 1945, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
January 21, 1945, no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
January 22, 1945, no location given, to Dad (John Darley)	1	1
February 9, 1945, no location given, to Dad (John Darley)	1	1

February 12, 1945 (date mailed), no location given, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley); mentions that ship-board life is making him lazy.	1	1
February 12, 1945 (date mailed), to Mom (Mrs. John Darley); mentions that he is on a ship and has been for a month.	1	1
Undated, at sea, to Mom (Mrs. John Darley)	1	1
March 17, 1945, telegram from Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Naval Personnel, to Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher Darley, Sr., informing them that John Fletcher Darley, Jr., had been killed in action (Missing as of January 2020)	1	2
March 26, 1944, Mrs. Carl Custer, Cincinnati, Ohio to Mrs. John Darley	1	3
June 1984, Clipping from <i>Reader's Digest</i> , Lawrence Elliott, "The Legacy of D-Day"	1	3
April 17, 1945, Ferney Train, no location given, to Mr. and Mrs. John Darley and Family	1	3
May 12, 1945, Ferney Train, no location given, to Mr. and Mrs. John Darley and Family	1	3
April 2, 1945, Edgar (J.E.) Castleberry, Northwest Pacific, to Mr. and Mrs. John Darley	1	3
August 31, 1945, (illegible signature) on USS LCT (6) Group 97 Flotilla 33 letterhead to Mrs. John Darley	1	3
July 12, 1945, (illegible signature), no location given, to John Darley	1	3
Undated, Bill Falk, no location given, to John Darley	1	3
Undated typescript of article from <i>Bulloch Times</i> describing visit of Melvin Newman to Darley family. Newman was one of the corpsman serving with John Darley, Jr. when he was killed.	1	3
March 14, 1946, Melvin Newman, no location given, to Ray	1	3
April 14, 1945, Duffy, Camp LeJeune, NC., to Mrs. John Darley		
Aug. 24, 1944, John Darley, Jr., Camp LeJeune, NC, to Priscilla Cromartie, Statesboro, GA, postcard of Marines at Camp LeJeune, NC	1	3