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#### Finding Aid

➤ William Emerson Hoopes Scrapbook, 1940-1946, 1975-1978 <

MSS-287

Size: .25 lin. feet

**Provenance:** Earl Hoffsis; items were given to Hoffsis from Hoopes, who is deceased and had no relatives

Access: Open

**Collection Summary:** Consists of a scrapbook of items related to William Emerson Hoopes's service in the military during WWII, as well as loose items also related to his service that include photographs, postcards, correspondence, newsletters, and diaries.

**Subject(s):** War, Soldiers, and Veterans

Related Collections: Toledo China-Burma-India Veterans Association Records, MSS-209

**Processing Note:** The organization of this collection is as follows: The scrapbook was left intact, and the loose items were organized chronologically with the undated items at the end.

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### **Biographical Sketch**

William Emerson Hoopes was born in 1908 and passed away in 1993. He was married to Lucy Sousley. He was a member of the 167<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company in the China-Burma-India campaign of World War II. The scrapbook appears to document Hoopes's trip through Calcutta and back to the United States at the conclusion of the war.

#### **Scope and Content Note**

The William Emerson Hoopes scrapbook consists mainly of a scrapbook from Hoopes's year of service in World War II. Some of the documents, such as his registration certificate, date back to 1940. Most items within the scrapbook are from the year 1945, while he was serving in Calcutta, through his honorable discharge on October 27, 1945.

The loose items include correspondence written through the years from friends/other soldiers as well as diary entries, menus from army meals, and photographs. The last dated item is from 1978.

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## **Folder List**

Box	Folder	Item
1	1	Scrapbook, 1940-1945
1	2	4 various menus, 1944-1945
1	2	Company B Third Platoon List, 1944
1	2	Diary entries (written), January 10-February 6, 1945?
1	2	Diary entries (typed), January 10-February 6, 1945?
1	2	Laundry letter, March 31, 1945
1	2	Extract letter, September 8, 1945
1	2	Diary entries (written), September 10-October 21, 1945
1	2	Souvenir Edition "Heading Home," March 18, 1946
1	2	Clipping about Paul Wells (other serviceman), June 1, 1975
1	2	Letter from Paul Wells, July 5, 1976
1	2	Letter from Paul Wells, December 11, 1978
		Undated materials
1	2	Various reunion attendance lists
1	2	Picture of Hoopes (younger in uniform)
1	2	Picture of Hoopes (older in suit)
1	2	Poem/Song, "The toughest of them all"
1	2	Letter from Ted (another serviceman)
1	2	Addresses of CBI Buddies
1	2	Map of Journey of the U.S.S. E.T. Collins
1	2	Stillwell Road Map/Drawing