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Arthur Larson Collection

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Biographical Note

Arthur Larson was born October 1, 1927. Larson spent one year of college at Virginia Polytechnical School Institute in Blacksburg, VA studying basic engineering.

Larson left school in 1946 and joined the Army Air Force on January 14th, 1946. While in the military, Larson spent two months in basic training as a private then was promoted to Platoon Sergeant as a Duty non-commissioned officer. During his service, Larson spent time at Camp Lee, Virginia and Hamilton Air Force Base.

Larson left active duty on May 1, 1947.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Arthur Larson Collection consists of official military documents, military correspondence, Veterans Administration information, and photographs related to

Arthur Larson's service in the Army Air Force. The collection spans from 1946-1949. The collection also includes a personal letter and memorabilia.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in discernible order and was arranged in to chronological series by PMML staff. The collection is contained within 1 legal size box with to items separated. The collection is arranged into 3 series, military documents, photographs, and personal papers.

Series One: Military Documents, 1946-1948, n.d.

These documents pertain to Larson's service in the Army Air Force. They include orders, correspondence, and records from the Veterans Administration.

Series Two: Photographs, n.d.

The items present in the photograph series are relevant to Larson's military units. The majority of photos are portraits taken of the Third Platoon, of which Larson was a member. There are also photos taken of an unidentified man, inside military lodging.

Series Three: Personal Papers, 1942, 1946, 1949, n.d.

This series pertains to Larson's civilian life. These items include a personal letter to Larson and memorabilia.

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Access

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Separations

| Item ID | Description |
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| 800156028 | Name Plate: "Platoon Sergeant Sgt A.W. Larson |
| 800156029 | Portion of AP Hill Military Reservation, Caroline County, Virginia |

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings

Names

Larson, Arthur W.

Subjects

Air bases, American.

Fort Lee (Va.)

United States. – Army Air Forces.

Container List

| Box | Folder | Item ID # | Title | Dates |
|--|----------|-----------|---|-----------------------------|
| Series 1: Military Documents, 1946-1948, n.d. | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | Official Military Documents | 1946- 1947, n.d. |
| | | 800156001 | Special Orders No 247 Temporary Appointment to Sergeant | 12/12/1946 |
| | | 800156002 | Special Orders No 251 Appointed Base Fire Marshall | 12/13/1946 |
| | | 800156003 | Transfer List No. 217 | 1/22/1947 |
| | | 800156004 | Special Orders No. 75 Leave of Absence | 5/1/1947 |
| | | 800156005 | Separation Qualification Record | n.d. |
| | 2 | | Correspondence | 1947, n.d. |
| | | 800156006 | Correspondence regarding separation detachment | 4/17/1947 |
| | | 800156007 | Subject: Mustering out payment, To: Arthur Larson | 4/17/1947 |

800156008 Recognition certificate, From: Harry Truman n.d.

3 Veterans Administration 1948, n.d.

800156009 Correspondence and envelope, From: Veterans Administration 3/9/1948

800156010 To: Mr. Larson, From: A.R. Thompson, Adjudication Officer 5/17/1948

800156011 To: Mr. Larson, From: Patrick J. McFadden, Medical Officer 5/19/1948

800156012 To: Arthur W. Larson, From: E.I. Burns, Director Insurance Service 7/22/1948

800156013 Envelope Addressed To: Mr. A.W. Larson, From: Fort Monmouth, NJ n.d.

Series 2: Photographs, n.d.

4 Military Photographs n.d.

800156014 Unidentified Platoon portrait n.d.

800156015 Officers portrait n.d.

800156016 Third Platoon portrait n.d.

800156017 Third Platoon portrait n.d.

800156018 Third Platoon portrait n.d.

800156019 Third Platoon portrait n.d.

800156020 Third Platoon portrait n.d.

5 Personal Photographs n.d.

800156021 Photograph of bottles on windowsill, back "Oh what a night this must have been" n.d.

800156022 Unidentified man sitting on chair n.d.

800156023 Unidentified man lying on bed n.d.

**Series 3: Personal Papers, 1942, 1946,
1949, n.d.**

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| 6 | Personal Correspondence | 1942 |
| 800156024 | Letter to Arthur Larson, from Margaret | 11/19/1942 |
| 7 | Miscellaneous | 1946,1949, n.d. |
| 800156025 | "Schedules and Routes of Intra-Camp Bus System" Camp Lee, Virginia | 1946 |
| 800156026 | Postcard Rolling Rock, Fall River, Mass. | 1949 |
| 800156027 | Decal of Churchill Downs, Louisville, Kentucky | n.d. |