Guide to the
Letters of Richard Schade (World War II)

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MS-030: The Letters of Richard Schade (World War II)
(1 box, .27 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1943-1944

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Provenance
Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum
Two additional letters from Betty Schade donated in 2015, Accession 2016-0060

Biography
Richard Schade was born August 9, 1919 and died January 25, 1997.
During World War II, he was stationed in Paterson, New Jersey; Fort Totten, NY; and Camp Stewart, GA throughout the course of these letters. Most of them were written to his wife, Betty, in Camden, NJ. Throughout the course of the letters, Schade rises from the rank of Private to Corporal, and finally to Sergeant.
During his enlistment, Betty became pregnant and delivered a girl in the Spring of 1944. She was named Carol. These letters show that Schade was a very devoted husband and father and are primarily love letters to his wife and, later, daughter.

Series Description
This collection is divided into two series: Series I: Letters from Richard Schade and Series II: Letters to Richard Schade.

Scope and Content Notes
The letters from Richard Schade are to his wife Betty. The letters to Richard Schade are from various acquaintances, including two from his wife Betty, one of which announces her pregnancy.

Box 1
Series I – Letters from Schade
1-1 From Schade – Dated:
  June 25, 1943
  June 26, 1943
Series II – Letters To Schade

1-5 To Schade:

From Cousin Jimmy at Naval Air Technical Training Center Memphis, TN:

May 23, 1943
June 6, 1943
Undated

From Seymour Ginsburg in Camp Wheeler, GA:
May 18, 1943

From Gilbert Hermes in Flushing, NY:
June 10, 1943
June 19, 1943
From Betty Schade in Camden, NJ
June 28, 1943
July 1, 1943