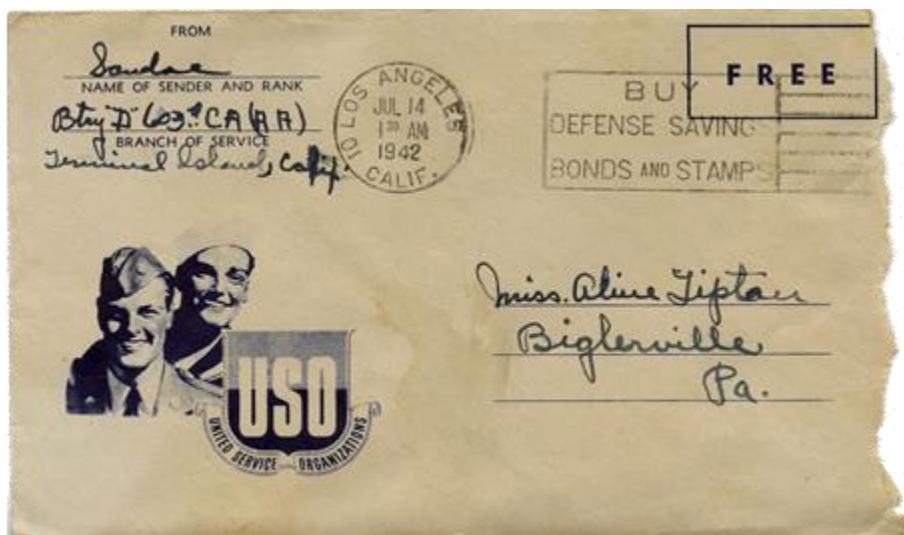


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Guide to MS-029:

Letters Written to People from Biglerville during World War II



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Size

1 box, 0.54 cubic feet

Dates

Inclusive: 1942-1944

Provenance

Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum.

Historical Note

Biglerville, a town in Adams County, was founded in 1839 and originally called Middletown. It was later renamed Biglerville after Governor William Bigler.

During World War II, Adams County in general was very active in the war effort. By May 1945, Adams County residents had purchased \$15, 422, 009.00 of war bonds. The county participated in tire and gas rationing from December 1941 until January 1946. There was an army training camp at Gettysburg during the war and residents of the county organized a civil defense staff, which trained in case of bombing. Selective Service Boards in Gettysburg and New Oxford began in September of 1940 to request that men ages 21 to 36 register for the first peacetime draft in United States history. Celebrations and services were held across the county for victories in Europe and Japan.

Scope and Content Note

The letters written to Olive Tipton were exclusively from George Sandoe (1893-1975), a private serving in the Antiaircraft Division of the Service stationed throughout the United States during the course of these letters. During the course of training, a blood vessel ruptured in Sandoe's leg, sending him to the hospital, where the latter portion of this series was written. This series is composed mostly of correspondence concerning Tipton's life in Biglerville during the war and day to day matters such as business advice for Tipton's turkey farm.

The letters written to Sara Miller were from several men who were friends of Miller. One set of letters was from E. E. Tipton, Miller's brother. This series is composed mostly of correspondence concerning military training life and Miller's job.

Series Description

This collection is divided into two series. **Series I:** Letters to Olive Tipton, **Series II:** Letters to Sara Miller.

Box List

Box 1

Series 1: Tipton Correspondence

1-1 Tipton – From Fort Eustis, VA: Dated:

- January 17, 1942
- January 21, 1942
- January 24, 1942
- January 26, 1942
- January 29, 1942
- February 4, 1942
- February 5, 1942
- February 9, 1942
- February 11, 1942
- February 15, 1942
- February 17, 1942

1-2 Tipton – From Fort Eustis, VA and Camp Stewart, GA: Dated:

- February 21, 1942
- February 24, 1942
- March 10, 1942
- March 15, 1942
- March 17, 1942
- March 21, 1942
- March 26, 1942
- April 2, 1942
- April 10, 1942
- April 15, 1942

1-3 Tipton – From Camp Stewart, GA: Dated:

- April 17, 1942
- April 22, 1942
- April 27, 1942
- May 14, 1942
- May 17, 1942
- May 14, 1942
- May 20, 1942
- May 21, 1942
- May 24, 1942

- 1-4 Tipton – From Camp Stewart, GA: Dated:
- May 27, 1942
 - May 31, 1942
 - June 1, 1942
 - June 4, 1942 (includes letter from Sandoe’s daughter dated May 29, 1942)
 - June 7, 1942
 - June 9, 1942

- 1-5 Tipton – From Camp Stewart, GA: Dated:
- June 10, 1942
 - June 11, 1942
 - June 12, 1942
 - June 13, 1942
 - June 15, 1942
 - June 17, 1942

- 1-6 Tipton – From Camp Stewart, GA and Terminal Island, CA: Dated:
- June 18, 1942
 - June 20, 1942
 - June 21, 1942
 - June 26, 1942
 - June 29, 1942
 - July 4, 1942

- 1-7 Tipton – From Terminal Island and West Los Angeles, CA: Dated:
- July 6, 1942
 - July 9, 1942
 - July 10, 1942
 - July 13, 1942
 - July 15, 1942
 - July 18, 1942
 - July 19, 1942
 - July 21, 1942
 - July 23, 1942
 - July 24, 1942

- 1-8 Tipton – From Camp Haan, CA: Dated:
- July 26, 1942
 - July 27, 1942
 - July 27, 1942
 - July 28, 1942
 - July 29, 1942
 - July 31, 1942

- August 1, 1942
- August 2, 1942
- August 3, 1942
- August 4, 1942
- August 6, 1942

1-9 Tipton – From Burbank, CA: Dated:

- August 6, 1942
- August 8, 1942
- August 10, 1942
- August 12, 1942
- August 14, 1942
- August 16, 1942
- August 17, 1942
- August 18, 1942
- August 20, 1942

Series 2: Sara Miller Correspondence

2-1 Miller – From Sergeant Ray W. Yohe (Air Force) in Miami, FL, and Amarillo, TX: Dated:

- October 22, 1942
- November 8, 1942
- December 1, 1942
- December 14, 1942 (Christmas Card)
- December 16, 1942
- December 22, 1942
- January 10, 1943
- February 5, 1943
- February 10, 1943
- February 14, 1943
- February 18, 1943
- February 24, 1943
- March 7, 1943
- March 14, 1943

2-2 Miller – From Ray W. Yohe in Chanute Field, IL and Tucson, AZ: Dated:

- March 20, 1943
- March 26, 1943
- March 31, 1943
- April 14, 1943
- April 25, 1943
- May 5, 1943
- May 5, 1943
- May 17, 1943

- 2-3 Miller – From Ray W. Yohe in Tucson, AZ: Dated:
- May 25, 1943
 - May 31, 1943
 - June 3, 1943
 - June 4, 1943
 - June 9, 1943
- 2-4 Miller – From Ray W. Yohe in Tucson, AZ and McCook, NE: Dated:
- June 15, 1943
 - June 21, 1943
 - June 27, 1943
 - August 5, 1943
 - August 17, 1943
 - August 23, 1943
 - September 16, 1943
- 2-5 Miller – From Private Wilmer Rummel (Army) in Camp Barkeley, TX; Shreveport, LA; and Desert Training Center, CA: Dated:
- January 1, 1943
 - March 10, 1943
 - March 27, 1943
 - April 8, 1943
 - April 23, 1943
 - June 19, 1943
 - July 29, 1943
 - August 21, 1943
 - August 30, 1943
 - September 20, 1943
 - December 27, 1943 (Christmas Card)
- 2-6 Miller – From Private James Dwyer (Air Force) in Atlantic City, NJ and Greensboro, NC: Dated:
- February 11, 1943
 - March 3, 1943
 - March 20, 1943
 - April 13, 1943
 - June 23, 1943
 - July 6, 1943
- 2-7 Miller – From James Dwyer in Fort Sumner, NM: Dated:
- October 31, 1943
 - November 21, 1943
 - February 22, 1944
 - April 28, 1944

- July 24, 1944
- September 11, 1944
- September 25, 1944

2-8 Miller – From Corporal E. E. Tipton (brother) (Army Engineer) in Fort Belvoir, VA; Fort Benning, GA; Burma; and India: Dated:

- September 15, 1942
- December 23, 1942
- January 30, 1943
- March 12, 1944
- April 17, 1944
- July 18, 1944
- July 22, 1944
- August 6, 1944
- October 18, 1944
- December 13, 1944
- December 24, 1944
- Undated letter
- Photograph

2-9 Miller – From Sergeant Richard Cline (Army) in Fort Monmouth, NJ; McChord Field, WA; and Kansas City, MO: Dated:

- November 1, 1941
- November 18, 1941
- December 31, 1941
- January 18, 1942
- February 1, 1942
- February 11, 1942
- February 17, 1942
- April 5, 1942
- April 17, 1942
- May 16, 1942
- May 30, 1942
- June 16, 1942

2-10 Miller – From Richard Cline in McChord Field, WA; Drew Field, FL; and North Africa: Dated:

- July 5, 1942
- March 2, 1942
- March 12, 1942
- March 22, 1942
- July 21, 1942
- August 14, 1942
- August 31, 1942

- September 16, 1942
- October 4, 1942
- October 25, 1942
- November 20, 1942
- December 13, 1942
- April 10, 1943
- June 5, 1943
- June 9, 1943
- July 25, 1943
- July 30, 1943

2-11 Miller – From Corporal Andrew Johnson (Army) in Carlisle, PA: Dated:

- June 4, 1943
- June 26, 1943
- June 29, 1943
- August 25, 1943
- September 7, 1943
- September 17, 1943
- October 1, 1943
- October 14, 1943
- October 18, 1943
- October 21, 1943
- October 23, 1943
- October 29, 1943
- November 11, 1943
- November 16, 1943
- November 25, 1943
- December 17, 1943
- December 22, 1943
- January 7, 1944

2-12 Miller – From Andrew Johnson in Fort George Meade, MD; Camp Shelby, MS; and overseas (undisclosed location)

- January 18, 1944
- February 3, 1944
- February 19, 1944
- May 1, 1944
- June 9, 1944
- August 11, 1944
- October 16, 1944

2-13 Miller – From Private Robert Brinkerhoff (Army Ambulance Driver) in Camp Pickett, VA and Fort Bragg, NC: Dated:

- September 22, 1942
- October 9, 1942
- December 2, 1942
- December 20, 1942
- December 21, 1942 (Christmas Card)

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