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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Marion Reed Biddle papers
Date [inclusive]	1940-1952
Extent	4.0 Cubic feet 8 boxes
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical Note

The youngest daughter of Howard and Eva Massingill Reed, Marion Reed was born December 22, 1919, in Heber Springs, Arkansas. She was inducted into the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on August 25, 1942. After basic training, she became a cook and baker (C'B). She was accepted for Officer Training in February 1943. She went in as a second lieutenant to Lafayette then Shreveport, Louisiana, to recruit for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. In July 1943, the Army changed the name to the Women's Army Corps (WAC). As a second lieutenant in the WAC, she was transferred to Camp Hood, Texas, and became a mess and supply officer. Reed was then transferred to Europe, where she served in England through V-J Day. In October 1945, she was reassigned to Frankfurt, Germany, in personnel, finding civilian jobs for those who wanted to stay overseas at the end of World War II. Marion Reed left Europe in May 1946 for the United States and Little Rock. She was discharged from the United States Army as an officer in 1946. She married Robert Guy Biddle in 1947. Marion Reed Biddle died April 20, 1997.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the diary of Marion Reed Biddle as well as correspondence with her mother, sisters, brother, and husband.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Arkansas State Archives 11/05/2009

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research use. The ASA possesses the material listed in this finding aid in the original format, but due to preservation concerns some items are accessible to the public through digital formats. The diary of Marion Reed is available in digital format.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Brett Biddle Tyhurst, Benton, Arkansas, 1999.

Related Materials

Separated Materials

Photographs transferred to General Photograph File.

Collection Inventory

Diary of Marion Reed	
	Box
1. 1942 August-1943 November	1
Letters from Marion Reed, Des Moines, Iowa	
2. 1942 June-September	
3. 1942 October 1-10	
4. 1942 October 15-31	
5. 1942 November	
6. 1942 December 1-14	
7. 1942 December 15-31	
Letters from Marion Reed, Lafayette and Shreveport, Louisiana	
8. 1943 January 1-14	

Letters from Marion Reed, Lafayette and Shreveport, Louisiana

9. 1943 January 15-31

10. 1943 February 1-14

11. 1943 February 15-28

12. 1943 March

13. 1943 April

14. 1943 May

15. 1943 June

16. 1943 July 1-15

17. 1943 July 16-31

18. 1943 August

19. 1943 September 1-15

20. 1943 September 16-30

21. 1943 October

22. 1943 November

Letters from Marion Reed, Camp Hood, Texas

23. 1943 December 1-15

24. 1943 December 16-31

Letters from Marion Reed, Camp Hood, Texas

Box

25. 1944 January-February

2

26. 1944 March 1-15

27. 1944 March 16-30

28. 1944 April 1-15

29. 1944 April 16-30

30. 1944 May 1-15

31. 1944 May 16-31

32. 1944 June

33. 1944 July

34. 1944 August

Letters from Marion Reed, England and Germany

35. 1944 September

36. 1944 October

37. 1944 November 1-15

38. 1944 November 16-30

39. 1944 December

Letters from Marion Reed, England and Germany

Box

40. 1945 January

3

41. 1945 February

42. 1945 March 3-11

43. 1945 March 12-19

44. 1945 March 20-31

45. 1945 May 1-8

46. 1945 May 1-8

Letters from Marion Reed, England and Germany

47. 1945 May 9-21

48. 1945 May 22-30

49. 1945 June 1-7

50. 1945 June 8-19

51. 1945 June 20-30

52. 1945 July 1-7

53. 1945 July 8-19

54. 1945 July 20-31

Box

55. 1945 August 1-15

4

56. 1945 August 16-22

57. 1945 August 23-30

58. 1945 September 1-11

59. 1945 September 12-30

Letters from Marion Reed, Germany

60. 1945 October 1-15

61. 1945 October 16-31

62. 1945 November 1-15

63. 1945 November 16-30

64. 1945 December 1-15

65. 1945 December 16-31

Letters from Marion Reed, Germany

66. 1946 January 1-21

67. 1946 January 22-30

68. 1946 February 1-11

69. 1946 February 12-28

70. 1946 March 1-12

71. 1946 March 13-31

72. 1946 April

Letters to Marion Reed

73. 1946 May

74. Undated

Letters to Marion Reed

Box

75. 1940 December

5

76. 1942 May

77. 1942 June

78. 1942 July-September

79. 1942 October 1-6

80. 1942 October 7-14

82. 1942 October 22-31

81. 1942 October 15-21

83. 1942 November 1-7

84. 1942 November 8-27

Letters to Marion Reed

85. 1942 November 28-30

86. 1942 December 1-6

87. 1942 December 15-21

88. 1942 December 15-21

89. 1942 December 22-31

Box

90. 1943 January 1-5

6

91. 1943 January 6-15

92. 1943 January 16-30

93. 1943 February 1-8

94. 1943 February 9-15

95. 1943 February 16-22

96. 1943 February 23-28

97. 1943 March 1-12

Letters to Marion Reed

98. 1943 March 13-31

99. 1943 April 1-11

100. 1943 April 12-30

101. 1943 May 1-11

102. 1943 May 12-31

103. 1943 June

104. 1943 July 1-12

105. 1943 July 13-31

106. 1943 August

107. 1943 September

108. 1943 October

109. 1943 November

110. 1943 December 1-14

111. 1943 December 15-31

Letters to Marion Reed

Box

112. 1944 January

7

113. 1944 February

114. 1944 March

115. 1944 April

116. 1944 May

117. 1944 June

118. 1944 July

119. 1944 August

120. 1944 September-October

121. 1944 November

122. 1944 December

123. 1945 January-February

124. 1945 March 1-9

Letters to Marion Reed

125. 1945 March 10-31

126. 1945 April

127. 1945 May 1-12

128. 1945 May 13-31

129. 1945 June 1-15

130. 1945 June 16-30

131. 1945 July

132. 1945 August 1-15

133. 1945 August 16-30

134. 1945 September

135. 1945 October 1-15

136. 1945 October 16-31

137. 1945 November 1-19

138. 1945 November 20-30

Letters to Marion Reed

139. 1945 December 1-15

140. 1945 December 16-31

Box

141. 1946 January 1-10

8

142. 1946 January 11-30

143. 1946 February

144. 1946 March

145. 1946 April

146. 1946 May

147. 1946 June-October

148. 1946 November-December

149. Undated

150. Undated

151. Undated

Letters of family members

152. Undated

Letters of family members

153. 1942

154. 1944

155. 1945 and undated

Correspondence of Bob and Marion Biddle

156. 1947 January-July

157. 1947 August-December

158. 1948-1952 and undated