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Thomas J. Mathews Collection

Mathews, Thomas J. Correspondence, 1941–1945. .33 foot.

Soldier. Correspondence (1941–1945) written by U.S. Army soldier Thomas “Tommy” J. Mathews primarily to Mary, his wife in Lawton, Oklahoma. His letters describe his experiences with the Headquarters Battery of the 3rd Field Artillery Observation Battalion, and Battery C of the 472nd Field Artillery Observation Battalion during World War II. Topics discussed include and his training and military activities at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and other U.S. bases, and in the South Pacific, particularly the Philippines.

Box 1

Folder 1

Tommy to Mary regarding personal matters, and his daily training at Fort Bragg, N.C., August, 1941.

Tommy to Mary regarding the Thanksgiving holiday, changing the oil in the car, and his experience in the field, Nov., 1941.

Postcard to Mary from Anna Champagne. August, 1941.

Folder 2

Tommy to Mary regarding her staying out too late and the pitfalls of drinking, and the weather. August 24, 1942. Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Tommy to Mary regarding the new barracks at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, paying the rent for the first time, the decision whether or not to have children, and waiting for the list to go up. August 25, 1942. Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Tommy to Mary regarding his frustration about the list not being posted, and personal matters. August 26, 1942. Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Tommy to Mary regarding difficulties obtaining a gas card, still waiting for the list, and general news. August 27, 1942. Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Tommy to Mary regarding the apartment room, the weather, and general news. August 28, 1942.

Tommy to Mary regarding the furlough list still not being posted, a loan to secure an apartment, and general news. August 28, 1942.

Tommy to Mary regarding Mary not feeling well, him missing her, gas rations, and the weather. August 30, 1942.

Sergeant Frank Campbell to Tom regarding his experiences being stationed in England. August 30, 1942. Portions of the letter have been cut away.

Tommy to Mary regarding the furlough list which is still not posted, possible jobs for both of them, and general news. August 31, 1942.

Folder 3

Tommy to Mary regarding the release of the furlough list with his name on it, and general news. September 2, 1942.

Tommy to Mary regarding her weight, the evils of drinking, and general news. September 2, 1942.

Tommy to Mary regarding his upcoming furlough, their friends, and general news. September 3, 1942.

Tommy to Mary regarding her upcoming visit, their weights, and general news. September 4, 1942.

Pvt. A.B. Knapik to "Cuz" Mary about family matters. September 29, 1942.

Folder 4

Sergeant F.J. Campbell to Tom and Mary detailing his experience in Africa and eating fish from the sea. June 2, 1943.

[Illegible] to Tom and Mary regarding Edra's wedding and family matters. July 14, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding his new location "Camp Iron Mountain", his first experiences there, and his filling in as assistant charge of quarters. September 6, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding the description of his new camp, and the possibility of returning back to Fort Sill, notes the surrender of the Italians. September 8, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding him being the latrine orderly, getting his hair cut in L.A., and his comforter getting stolen. September 11, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding their decision to sell the car, the unusually hot weather, and general news. September 12, 1943.

Folder 5

Tommy to Mary regarding his love for her, his dislike of Arizona, traveling in Pullman cars, and a motor march. September 14, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding his friend John, a new hire at her job, and seeing the movie *Battle of Britain*. September 15, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding his dislike of the desert, saving money and plans for the future, saw movie *A Yank in Libya*, and did a four-mile hike. September 16, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding problems with the mail, concern for her going out with friends, he considers Oklahoma his home. September 17, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding what it is like to be on guard duty and a description of is day. September 22, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding false rumors that the 18th outfit may be moving out of the country, the possibility of visiting L.A., and general news. September 23, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding the possibility of him and John sharing a cheap car, drinking beer, and general news. September 24, 1943.

Folder 6

Tommy to Mary regarding the possibility of sharing a place at Wildwood with friends, whether or not she is still working, complains about being worked too hard, and general news. September 27, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding saving money, her hands healing, going into the desert for cacti, and general news. September 29, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding his trip into Los Angeles, CA. October 2, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding his trip into Los Angeles, CA, visiting Hollywood, and seeing his friend Dave. October 3, 1943.

Tommy to Mary. Postcard from Hollywood, CA. October 4, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding the rumors going around the Army, his upcoming birthday celebration, her new job, what it is like being on guard, and general news. October 5, 1943.

Folder 7

Mr. Thomas J. Mathews from Mrs. Thomas J. Mathews (Mary). Birthday card. October 17, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding his new station in Needles, Arizona, her happiness at a new job, and general news. October 17, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding him doing "survey", her wrapping packages at the U.S.O., and general news. October 19, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding his 27th birthday, still being in Needles, AZ., them losing the car, the possibility of her being pregnant, and general news. October 22, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding being out on maneuvers in the desert, the possibility of being transferred to Arizona, and general news. October 24, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding not receiving any of her letters, a rumor about being transferred to Camp Ellis in Illinois, and general news. October 25, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding finally receiving her letter, how much he misses her, occurrences back at home, and general news. October 26, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding the possibility of being stationed elsewhere, prowlers outside her window, and general news October 31, 1943.

Folder 8

Tommy to Mary regarding putting stoves into tents for warmth, and general news. November 1, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding possibly going back to "Sill", and general news. November 2, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding him trying to get a transfer to the meteorology section of survey, her "fibbing" to get a new job, and a description his day. November 3, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding his disappointment in not receiving her letter, a move by the 15th brigade and the possibility of going back to Ft. Sill, and general news. November 5, 1943.

Folder 9

Dad and Mother to Mary regarding family friends and their circumstances. November 8, 1943.

Dad and Mother to Mary replying to her "sweet, sincere, and beautiful" letter, their jobs, and the situations of friends. November 17, [1943].

Tommy to Mary regarding the train trip back to Needles, CA. from Lawton, Oklahoma. November 22, 1943.

Tommy to Mary regarding the hot weather and his inability to write as often as he would like, apparently due to his new location. February 8, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding a new cast for his arm and general news; located at Tilton General Hospital, Ft. Dix, New Jersey. April 18, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding a possible twenty-one day furlough recommended by his Doctor and a brief general news. April 21, 1944.

Folder 10

Tommy to Mary regarding their weekend together and a brief description of his day, which included the movie, *Up in Mabel's Room*. June 5, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding their weekend together, his physical therapy at Tilton General Hospital , and a brief description of his day, which included the movie *Going My Way*. July 10, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding him still being at Tilton General Hospital, his physical therapy being over, and seeing a G.I. film. July 12, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding their weekend together, a fire that he witnessed on the boardwalk, and general news. July 24, 1944. (return address is England General Hospital in Atlantic City, N.J.)

Tommy to Mary regarding his recent furlough and their weekend together, his uncomfortable train ride back, and her crying when he left. August 14, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding his hope for another weekend together, a visit from a “famous news columnist, Milton Childs”, and watching a “floor show in an Irish format”. August 16, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding not being together, his restful train trip back, being back at base, and the possibility of a three-day pass. August 22, 1944. (return address is Camp Kilmer, N.J)

Tommy to Mary regarding his negative feelings toward Army personnel, and his desire to have a full weekend together. October 18, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding arriving in Chicago and what he did there. November 17, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding the trip from Chicago to California and Navy sailors being all over San Francisco. November 21, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding his new location and a beautiful building called the “Soldier’s Club” which overlooks the ocean and the possibility of visiting his friend Dave. November 22, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding moving to a new barrack, missing Thanksgiving, and needing a birth certificate to prove his age. November 23, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding being away from “Meade” and a brief general news. November 24, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding hitchhiking to Salinas (CA) on his 24-hour leave, his impression of the town, and a request for her to get him another “miraculous medal”. November 26, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding his busy day at practice, his decision to quit smoking, and Christmas plans. November 27, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding her letters, getting his mother and herself to see a Doctor, and how he got put on KP duty again. November 29, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding a detailed general news. November 30, 1944.

Folder 11

Tommy to Mary regarding Christmas presents for each other, him going to town without a pass and getting into trouble, and not being able to call her due to a four hour wait. December 1, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding his being in an undisclosed location and wanting \$20 in case he gets a pass. December 3, 1944. (letter has been censored)

Tommy to Mary regarding being able to talk to her on the phone, and changes in his class E check, and being able to quit smoking. December 6, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding him being "somewhere on the west coast" and his displeasure with the new post. December 6, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding the activities at the camp, seeing the movie *To Have and Have Not*, and missing "civilian life". December 7, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding a pass to San Francisco where a couple invited them into their home, events at home, and a present he bought. December 8, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding his mother's trip to the Doctor, when he will be able to phone next, and his belief that he will be at this address for a while. December 9, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding a short pass into town, his views on "doing his small part" in the Army, and how he will never fall into her brother's habits. December 11, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding his barracks being quarantined, the mail and phone calls not being able to go out, and not being able to pick up his money order. December 15, 1944.

Folder 12

Tommy to Mary regarding the poor handling of the mail, how much they miss each other, and reminiscing about past events. December 16, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding being on guard duty at two o'clock in the morning, reminiscing on past events, and planning life after the war. December 17, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding his mother and sister, an acquaintance of theirs being discharged, and her mother. December 18, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding her brother's status in the draft, and life together when the war is over. December 19, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding the "censors" cutting up his letters, her receiving her "Navy E" pin, and an upcoming telephone call from him. December 20, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding their three and a half year anniversary, and how much he misses her. December 21, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding a Christmas shopping spree, the activities of his sister, and a failed attempt to phone her. December 22, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding stopping smoking, saving money, his location, and the "oil deal". December 23, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding missing each other, wanting to live in a home together, and some "risqué" photographs she took. December 24, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding him missing the chance to call, the gift that the Red Cross gave, the dinner served by the Army, and his feelings toward their friend "Bud". December 25, 1944.

Tommy to Mary regarding a letter from their friend John, their phone call, getting his age changed, and her missing Christmas present. December 26, 1944.

Folder 13

Tommy to Mary regarding being on a boat, his duties on the boat, the slow progress of the mail, and not being able to tell her where he is. Portion of letter missing. January 9, 1944 [1945].

Tommy to Mary regarding the "crossing of the Equator" ceremony, his job as the "deck sweeper", and his plans for when he gets home. January 17, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being on the boat still, his missing Christmas package, and his readiness to be home. January 28, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding still being on the ship, his missing Christmas package, and his hopes for being home soon. February 4, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being off the ship and in the Philippines, and the items he would like for her to send him. Incomplete. February 7, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding how much he loves her, how he wishes a mutual friend "Bud" was with him, and Ardyth's "experience". February 9, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding friends back home, saving money, and his prediction for the end of the war. February 10, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the hot weather and the mosquitoes, and eating with the Navy. February 11, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being in a new location (Philippines) and the food there, his feelings on Japan, and reminiscing on past times they shared together. February 19, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding waiting for transfer orders, the types of trees and eating bananas. February 21, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding not getting transferred, a conversation with a Filipino, and disgust at living on a boat. February 22, 1945.

Folder 14

Tommy to Mary regarding being on K.P. duty, being able to get to church, and wanting to get back to the states. February 26, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding “walking guard”, description of a tropical night, and not being able to leave to get souvenirs. Incomplete. February 27, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding learning how to speak the native language, getting a preview of the war news, and wanting to get out and see the surroundings. February 28, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding Mary’s birthday, getting souvenirs from the Filipinos in exchange for clothes, and watching the movie *Who Done It*. March 1, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding movies and talking to the natives as being the only entertainment available, the possibility of drafting more men and whether it will affect her brother. March 3, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being on guard, a brief general news, and the hot weather. March 3, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being invited to a Filipino’s home, new showers with water heated by the sun, and a few details about his day. March 4, 1945.

Folder 15

Tommy to Mary regarding finally receiving her letters, news of their friends, wanting a camera, and a brief general news. March 6, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding her experience at the dentist, various friends of theirs, and some curious habits of the local people. March 7, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their friends, her Doctor visit, and the fate of the “3rd” after Germany might have caused problems. March 8, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being with an “outfit” and their friends. March 12, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the inconsistency of the mail, the breakup of men in his previous outfit, wants some soap, has been on machine gun guard and digging trenches, and cutting hair. March 13, 1945.

Folder 16

Tommy to Mary regarding Ardyth's appendix operation, the reasoning behind the censorship of one of his letters, and sleeping in a fox hole. March 14, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being assigned to a howitzer section, his views on the reason why they have been at war so long, and bathing in public. March 15, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding a friend of theirs moving, the pictures she sent to him, and wanting to get home. March 17, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding moving positions and having to dig new holes, receiving beer, and going to church. March 19, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding his location and diet, their friends, and the Filipino boy in his dugout. March 20, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the number of children they are going to have, cigarette rations being cut, and a brief general news. March 21, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding moving to a new location, the delay in the mail, and a brief general news. Incomplete. March 22, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the food, the mail, and having laundry to do. March 23, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding making another move, what a hard time he has digging holes, and asking for money. March 26, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding shooting at the Japanese, the hot weather and getting ice-water, and going to church. March 27, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding Holy Week and the Chaplains coming around, bombing runs, and missing her. March 28, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the weather and moonlight nights, spotting the Japanese, the Chaplain carrying a gun, and eating fried chicken. March 29, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the war ending, cock-fighting, and Easter. March 30, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding Easter, needing a rest, and being home together eventually. March 31, 1945.

Portions of incomplete letters.

Folder 17

Tommy to Mary regarding moving to a new location, all the rain and mud, and the delay in the mail. April 2, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding passing through Manila, their friends, and his homecoming. April 5, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding answering her letters, the food where he is located, and a brief general news. April 6, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding moving to a different location, the Filipinos overcharging for things, and loving the USA. April 7, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the Japanese destroying church materials, the weather, and having a “native” priest at Mass. April 8, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding saving money, the slow mail service, and the Filipino people never wearing shoes. April 9, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding Japanese money, “Bob” being drafted, and the numerous animals on base. April 10, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their mutual friends, his religion, the weather and having to change locations. April 11, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the weather, the “smell” of his location, and the ants. April 12, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the weather, getting his watch fixed, and being in combat for numerous days. April 13, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding having to change locations again, his upcoming meals, and his memories of home. April 16, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the Japanese, a brief description of his new location, and his opinions about the “home front”. April 17, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding reading an article about American men being “slaughtered”, receiving a package from her, and the activities of their friends. April 18, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their friends and family at home, and the progression of the war in Germany. April 19, 1945.

Folder 18

Tommy to Mary regarding the meals, getting used to sleeping on the ground, and the Air Force bombing the Japanese. April 20, 1945

Tommy to Mary regarding his location, their wedding anniversary, and going into town. April 21, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being treated better by the Army, having to do his own washing, and a brief general news. April 22, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their friend's possible deployment, traveling, getting an 'inspection' and a brief general news. April 23, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding another move, having difficulty getting a present for their anniversary, and the Air Corps dropping bombs on the Japanese. April 25, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their friends, President Roosevelt's death, and more bombing of the Japanese. April 26, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being in the 'machine gun pits', Japanese shoes, and the continuing shelling of the Japanese. April 27, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being close to the Japanese and seeing the shells land, moving to a rest camp, and pictures from back home. April 28, 2010.

Tommy to Mary regarding seeing a Japanese prisoner, losing weight, and a brief general news. April 29, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding Japanese money, playing with an Ouija board, and a brief general news.
April 30, 1945.

Folder 19

Tommy to Mary regarding the weather, lack of a letter, and a description of recent meals. May 1, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding recent meals, goings-on at home, and seeing a Japanese prisoner. May 2, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding cigarette rations, finding silver, and Japanese "sailor pants". May 3, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding Filipinos speaking English, climbing trees for coconuts, and his new location. May 5, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the little things that people complain about in the Army, family matters, and a brief general news. May 6, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding a possible vacation, his rest camp, and Germany's surrender. May 8, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding religion, the ending of the war, and the rest camp. May 9, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the Japanese getting through the infantry, being sick of the Philippines, and having dysentery. May 10, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding moving into the rest camp and getting over dysentery. May 11, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding camp activities, the remaining Japanese being too weak from hunger to pose any danger, and getting over dysentery. May 12, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the death of a friend, leaving camp to look for lumber, and a brief general news. May 13, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding his religion, an acquaintance being in Pearl Harbor, and the floor of his tent getting installed. May 14, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being on guard in a machine gun hole, finishing the tent floor, and not getting any rest in the rest camp. May 15, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the rainy weather, getting good news, and general news. May 16, 1945.

Folder 20

Tommy to Mary regarding having electricity in camp, mud in camp, and eating fried chicken. May 17, 1945

Tommy to Mary regarding their pet having a litter, Army movies, and a brief description of his tent. May 19, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding taking and sending pictures, being a “sanitation engineer”, and a brief general news. May 20, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the war ending, standing in line for water behind Filipino people, and a strong desire to be home. May 21, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding lack of mail, the heat, and not understanding how the Army “thinks”. May 22, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding how long he will be in his location, watching two movies, and getting a good deal on a watch at the PX. May 23, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding quitting her job when he gets home, not seeing a cat on the island, and a brief general news. May 24, 1945

Tommy to Mary regarding being in the instrument and survey section, attending a lecture on the points system, and a brief general news. May 26, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding pulling guard and a brief general news. May 27, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding a secret mission, imaginary future children, and the surprise hospitality of the Filipino people. June 4, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the lack of mail and their rations of beer. June 8, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding his location, losing weight, and a brief general news. June 5, 2010.

Tommy to Mary regarding goings on at home and a brief general news. June 6, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding him being in a car accident, his injuries, and the stay in the hospital. June 7, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding still being in the hospital with a sprained back and plans for when he gets home.
June 8, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding an anniversary present, watching good movies at the hospital, sending a battalion flag home. June 9, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding Irene's husband being killed, and general news about people they know. June 10, 1945.

Folder 21

Tommy to Mary regarding the end of the war and how long he will be in the Philippines, and still being hospitalized. June 11, 2010.

Tommy to Mary regarding the package she sent him, missing each other, and still being in the hospital. June 12, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being transferred to another hospital, the condition of his back, and past memories. June 14, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding getting an x-ray and physical therapy, watching a movie, and a brief general news. June 15, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the treatment he is receiving in the hospital and his eagerness to be home. June 16, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding still being in the hospital, uniformed men coming home, and a brief general news. June 18, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the slow mail, the number of "points" he has acquired, and a brief general news. June 20, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their fourth wedding anniversary, how much they love and miss each other, and his gray hair. June 21, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the men in his outfit, still being in the hospital, and goings on at home. June 24, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding an “American Defence [sic] Ribbon”, being in instrument and survey, and struggling with life. June 25, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their friend being home, photographs, and a brief general news. June 26, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being discharged from the hospital, moved around numerous times, and his current location. July 1, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their anniversary, the smooth delivery of the mail, and life back at the rest camp.
July 2, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their future location, their friend being drafted and walking guard.
July 3, 2010.

Tommy to Mary regarding his back injury, their anniversary, and it being the Fourth of July. July 4, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their friend being sick, KP duty, and a Japanese flag he sent. July 6, 1945.

Folder 22

Tommy to Mary regarding an inspection, the Filipino orchestra, and the war ending soon. July 7, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the mail, their friends' statuses in the war, and a brief general news.
July 8, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding a trip with an officer, their friends' statuses in the war, and being able to swim in the Pacific. July 10, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the mail in the hospital, a party for their friend, and a brief general news. July 11, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding her hair, their friend being drafted, and his back being much better.
July 12, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding living like “white men”, enjoying being in the Army, and his belief that the war will be over soon. July 13, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding an inspection, her paintings, and watching a movie. July 14, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being back in the hospital and health problems. July 16, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their separation, being in the hospital and his treatments. July 17, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being bored in the hospital, his treatments, and a conversation with a fellow patient. July 18, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding African-Americans being occupation troops, their bank account balance, and getting better in the hospital. July 19, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding her hair cut and bathing suit, their future living room, and his rashes. July 20, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being moved to another hospital, watching a movie outside. Second page of letter is torn. July 22, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the weather, his treatments, and him wish the Japanese would see things the Americans' way. July 23, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding watching movies and going back into the hospital. July 25, 1945.

Miscellaneous letters and photos from Ruth, Frank Campbell, and John Joyce.

Folder 23

Tommy to Mary regarding possible lost packages, his new hospital ward, and his condition. July 26, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the condition of his rash, his treatments, and having nothing to do. July 27, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding not receiving any mail, his rash, and the war coming to an end. July 29, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the unreliable mail service, a strike holding up the production of B-29s, and letter writing difficulties. July 30, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being moved to a gun section, their friends, and the status of his rash. July 31, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the weather, a friend being in "Ordinance" at Camp Lee, and the status of his rash. August 1, 1945.

Mrs. Thomas J. Mathews (Mary) from Jane regarding being at the beach with family, an invitation to visit, and their friends. August 2, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding Hitler's silverware, August 2, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding buying more furniture and the shape of his clothes at home, their friend Frank being denied a place to sleep, and an upcoming operation. August 3, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the postponement of his operation, watching movies, and his readiness to be home. August 4, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding his upcoming operation, the weather, and a Senator wanting to release 5 million men. August 5, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding how he got to the Philippines and New Guinea, his operation, and his appetite. August 7, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the atomic bomb dropped on Japan, movies, and his recovery. August 8, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding the weather, his recovery, and Russia being in the war. August 9, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their friends and family, new clothes, and the war ending. August 10, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding their friends, his skin disease, and Japan willing to accept the United States' terms. August 11, 1945.

Tommy to Mary regarding being in the same location and drinking warm beer. September 24, 1945.