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RALPH T. SWANK PAPERS, 1927–1951

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 manuscript boxes, 1 folder of photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	Inclusive, 1927–1951; bulk, 1942–1945
PROVENANCE:	Dan Berglund, August 31, 2005
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ralph T. Swank was a Captain in the 379th Bomb Squad and the 310th Bomb Group. He was born in Noblesville, IN in 1916, and enlisted into the Army on May 16, 1942. Swank enlisted for the duration of World War II, as well as an additional six months after the war. His parents Willard and Claire Swank had three children: Opal, Ralph, and Wilma. There were no more available records of him after the war.

Sources:

Information found within the collection.

<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/searchRalphSwank>. 6/7/07.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The majority of the collection contains 110 letters from Captain Ralph T. Swank to his family members in Noblesville, IN from 1943–1945. The letters discuss various family and local affairs. Most of the letters were written while Captain Swank was stationed in Constantine, Algeria. The collection also contains several newspaper clippings covering World War II from 1942–1943. There are also pictures in the collection that include Swank and his fellow soldiers, as well as some scenic pictures of Algeria.

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