ROBERT V. MATHES
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert V. Mathes (1923–2011) was born in New Castle, Henry County, Indiana. He graduated from high school in 1941 and enlisted in the U. S. Navy in December, 1942. From April 1944–November 1945 he served as a quartermaster of the watch on the USS Colohan. After the war Mathes attended Butler University on a basketball scholarship. Mathes also received his masters degree in education. He taught and coached at Clarksburg and Spiceland high schools and later became principal for Spiceland and Tri-Elementary schools until he retired in 1987.

Sources:
Information in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The material in this collection is limited to Mathes’ World War II related career aboard the destroyer the USS Colohan and subsequent reunions. Items include six typewritten letters to “Dear Good People,” 1945; photocopy of his separation from service, December 1945; copy of letter dated July 1945 listing the action he saw in the Pacific; 2 photoprints of the Colohan; ships roster; ships history; and reunion information.
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