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**THOMAS JOSEPH SEILER WORLD WAR II
SCRAPBOOK, 1943–1946**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Joseph Seiler [a.k.a. Thomas Joseph Seller, Thomas Joseph Boyle] served as a Private First Class in the United States Navy during World War II. Seiler was born on 15 January 1926 to Leonard Boyle and Dorothy Seiler in Chicago, Illinois. He enlisted in the Navy on 5 July 1943. After attending boot camp in San Diego, California, Thomas went to Memphis, Tennessee, and graduated on 25 March 1944 from the Naval Air Technical Training Center as a Marine in the G25 Class of the Aviation Ordnanceman (AOM) School.

After graduating he spent some time at Bogue Field in Cherry Point, North Carolina. During this time, he married Robbie Wilson on 25 January 1945. Later that spring, he went to the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, California, before being assigned to the Marine Night Fighter Squadron stationed in San Francisco in June 1945. He served in Japan (specifically Tokyo and Okinawa) before being released from duty on 10 April 1946. Seiler then went to Newark, Texas, where his wife was staying with her parents. Thomas Joseph Seiler died on 30 June 1997 in Newark, Texas.

Sources:

Material in collection

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The scrapbook was compiled by Thomas Seiler's mother, Dorothy (Seiler) Boyle, from correspondence and other material Thomas sent to her. The scrapbook was found in the attic of the house at 7820 Milhouse Road in Indianapolis, Indiana. The donor's parents bought the house around 1971, the year that Dorothy (Seiler Boyle) Brinker died in Muncie, Indiana. Upon receiving the accession, the Indiana Historical Society Conservation Department removed the items from the scrapbook pages for preservation. The folder titles include the original page numbers.

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