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William Joseph Marmion Collection

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Biographical Note

William Joseph Marmion was born on May 29, 1919 in Mendota, Illinois. He enlisted on December 6, 1943 and served in the Pacific Theater with United States Naval Reserve during World War II. Marmion served on USS *Gregory*, which participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima and Okinawa before she was severely damaged on April 8, 1945 by a kamikaze attack. Marmion received the American Theatre, Asiatic-Pacific with two gold stars, and Victory Metals. He was honorably discharged on December 26, 1945 as a Radarman Second Class.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The William Joseph Marmion includes materials from Marmion's service in the military during 1943 and 1945. During this time, Marmion served in the Pacific Theater on USS *Gregory*. The collection includes a small amount of Marmion's military documents and his personal diary he wrote in from January 22 until May 16, 1945.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the William Joseph Marmion Collection was imposed during processing. The files are organized by type of document, then chronologically.

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Separations

Item ID	Call Number	Description	Location
		Artifacts	
800435009	REALIA 04955	Metal bracelet [note in donor file says it was made by Marmion out of a Japanese "Zero" Kamikaze plane]	
800435010	REALIA 04956	Identification tag with name, social security number, tetanus vaccination date, and service branch	
800435011	REALIA 04957	Identification tag with name, Social Security Number, service branch, and tetanus vaccination date	
800435012	REALIA 04958	United States flag lapel pin	
800435013	REALIA 04959	Service star flag lapel pin	
800435014	REALIA 04960	Ribbon row: American Theater Campaign ribbon, Asia Pacific ribbon with 2 gold stars, Philippine Liberation ribbon	
800435015	REALIA 04961	Ribbon row: WWII Victory ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation ribbon, Navy & Marine Corps Commendation ribbon	

800435016 REALIA USN Petty Officer Second Class Radarman
04962 patch

Photographs

800435017 PHOTO Small black and white photograph of a ship in the
04876 distance, written on back "U.S.S. Washington as
seen from the Gregory."

800435018 PHOTO Small black and white photograph of a ship
04877 docked, " written on back "The U.S.S. Gregory
tied up [word cut off] her decommissioning [word
cut off]. Note movie screen are out lines[?] in the
back. Crowded[?] are destroyers that we also
came to the end of the line."

800435019 PHOTO Small black and white photograph of a ship in the
04878 water with "802" on the hull of the ship, written on
back "at anchor"

800435020 PHOTO Small black and white photograph of four sailors
04879 standing on deck in front of a large gun, written
on back "Guillory, Prunchak, Wayne and Williams
standing in front of the #1 - 5th gun mount."

800435021 PHOTO Small black and white photograph of a group of
04880 sailors on deck, written on back "Liberty Live
waiting for water taxi--"

800435022 PHOTO Small black and white photograph of a group of
04881 sailors on deck fishing, written on back "Fishing
off the fantail-we'd[?] to sell 15 # string of fish to
the water taxi drivers for 25[cent sign]- Did we
take a screwing"

800435023 PHOTO Small black and white photograph of ship deck,
04882 "Shot taken from bow looking aft. shawing[?]
anchor chains gun mounts etc."

800435024 PHOTO Small black and white photograph of five sailors
04883 standing next to a wall with airplanes shot down
board, written on back "L. to R. -- Hendrick,
Booker Gassage, Hummel and Dextrase -- on
flying bridge beside director showing official
score-board - we should have 3 more planes and
1 more shore bom-bardment."

800435025	PHOTO 04884	Black and white photograph of a sailor on the deck of a ship, written on back "Danny "Bugeyes" Maack of Ligerwood. No. Dakota"
800435026	PHOTO 04885	Black and white photograph of eight sailors on a dock, " Back row: Henderson, Kerchieter, McCord, McNamee, Marmion Front row Lembcke, Grant, Knicher[?] Taken an[?] an[?] fantail between the depth charge racks. A favorite crapout spot."
800435027	PHOTO 04886	Black and white photograph of a sailor on deck of a ship, written on back "Lt. (7.9.) Mark Tisler[?] - of Michigan - our fighter director officer. A "4.0"[?] guy."
800435028	PHOTO 04887	Black and white photograph of two sailors on deck of a ship, written on back "Danny Maack & Mark Tisler[?]"
800435029	PHOTO 04888	Black and white photograph of sailors on the deck of a ship, written on back "Henderson, Grant, Maack, Luebcke, Knudeen[?], McCord, McNamee. Left in the #5 mount. Right is hatch going to sleeping compartments and a 20MM gun. Note wash on line."
800435030	PHOTO 04889	Black and white photograph of a group of sailors on the deck of a ship, written on back "Henderson, McCord, Marmion, Kincheu[?], McNamee, Luebcke, Kerschieter. The bottom half of the barrel are the #5-5" mount shows at top."
800435031	PHOTO 04890	Black and white photograph of a group of sailors on a dock, written on back "Luebcke, Keischieter, Grant, Keicheu[?], McNamess, McCord, Henderson in that order"
800435032	PHOTO 04891	Black and white photograph of ship at dock, "U.S.S. Gregory, Bill's ship"
800435033	PHOTO 04892	Black and white photograph of a sailor in a Navy uniform

800435034	PHOTO 04893	Black and white photograph of two sailors in uniform posing outside, written on back "Bill & Whemp"
800435035	PHOTO 04894	Black and white photograph of a sailor posing outside, photograph inside of a frame with "Always Thinking of You" printed on it
800435036	PHOTO 04895	Black and white photograph of two sailors posing outside with palm trees in the background
800435037	PHOTO 04896	Black and white photograph of two sailors posing in front of a grass hut
800435038	PHOTO 04897	Black and white photograph of two sailors posing in front of a grass hut
800435039	PHOTO 04898	Black and white photograph of three sailors, written on back "J.A. McNamee-Cleveland, Ohio. JR McCord-Knightstown, Ind. W.J. Marmion. Mendota. Ill."
800435040	PHOTO 04899	Black and white photograph of a large ship with dazzle camouflage

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Subjects

United States. Naval Reserve.

World War, 1939-1945.

World War, 1939-1945—Campaigns—Pacific Ocean

World War, 1939-1945—Pacific Ocean

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives, American.

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
SM9	1		William Joseph Marmion's WWII Diary	1945
		800435001	"W.m. Marmion, S2/C RDM Aboard Damaged Ship" newspaper clipping originally between blank page and Jan. 22 page of diary	1945
		800435002	"Ship Folded Up Like Accordion, Says Commodore" newspaper clipping originally between blank page and Jan. 22 page of diary	1945
		800435003	Small handwritten paragraph mentioned in March 17 passage "Reminds me of my U.S. History...", originally located between March 15 and March 21 pages	1945
		800435004	William Joseph Marmion diary from his service on USS <i>Gregory</i> from January 22-May 16, 1945	1945
SM9	2		William Joseph Marmion Military Documents	1943, 1945, u.d.
		800435005	Notice of Classification for William Joseph Marmion	10/4/1943
		800435006	William Joseph Marmion honorable discharge card from LaSalle Country, Illinois	12/28/1945
		800435007	Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service for William Joseph Marmion, negative photocopy	12/31/1945
		800435008	Typewritten history and movements of U.S.S. <i>Gregory</i> (DD-802) from 1944 to 1966	u.d.