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INTRODUCTION

The photocopied journal contains the writings of William Edward “Ted” Parmenter dated May 1944 to January 1946 during his tour of duty with the United States Navy in World War II.

DONOR INFORMATION

The journal was donated by James E. McGhee to the University of Missouri on 22 June 2005 (Accession No. RA1152).

BIOGRAPHICAL

William Parmenter was born February 9, 1912, in Chaffee, Missouri to Ellis D. Parmenter (1891-1918) and Lina Matilda Davis Parmenter (1892-1951). A lifelong resident of Stoddard County, Missouri he married Reba Moore on September 21, 1930. In May 1944, he enlisted in the United States Navy at St. Louis, Missouri. During his tour of duty he trained and served on Landing Ship Mediums (LSM) and was stationed on the LSM 183. Most of his brief tour of duty took place in the Pacific.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The journal contains William “Ted” Parmenter’s writings about his service in the United States Navy during the years of 1944-1946 in World War II. He enlisted late in the war but details multiple aspects of naval military life of the time including basic training, leave, deployment, and his discharge at the wars end.

After basic training at the Great Lakes and Little Creek Naval Base in Virginia, Parmenter served mostly in the Pacific. He mentions his ports of call in South America, the western coast of the United States, and the Philippines. Although his unit saw little actual fighting they took part in an engagement on Sansopar, New Guinea where they were attempted to get off the island the entire night. Parmenter wrote of his ship’s loading and off-loading of supplies and troops, dealing with floating mines, and facing storms while at sea.

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