Guide to the John M. Potter Letters
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Summary Information

Repository  
W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama

Title  
John M. Potter Letters

Date  
1944-1945

Extent  
0.2 Linear feet 23 letters, one magazine clipping and one newsletter clipping

Language  
English

Language of Materials note  
Letters are primarily in English, though some sentences are written in French or German and there's an instance of transliterated Japanese.

Abstract  
Personal letters addressed to John M. "Jack" Potter, a Private and later Private First Class in the United States Marines, during his duration on Parris Island, North Carolina.

Preferred Citation note  
John M. Potter Letters, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

John M. Potter, known as "Jack" to friends, was the beloved of H.L. "Dicki" Dickinson. They met at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Potter was a member of the "Beta" fraternity (the official title is never revealed) and, while at the university, pinned Dicki. While he was on Parris Island for Marine training in late 1944 to early 1945, she wrote him frequently. Dicki spoke at great length of her classes, friends, family, and personal philosophy as it related to their relationship (which was considered to be one step down from "engaged" at the time), as well as keeping him abreast of the University's triumphs and losses on the football field. A woman by the name of Shirley also corresponded with Jack in January of 1945, relating events that had transpired over the holidays. Over the course of the letters, Jack is promoted from Private to Private First Class. It is implied that once he leaves training, he will be going to Harvard Law School.

Scope and Contents note

Twenty-two love letters from H.L. "Dicki" Dickinson and one letter from a woman named Shirley, all addressed to John M. "Jack" Potter.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama May 20, 2009

Conditions Governing Access note

None

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Donated by Wade Hall.

Processing Information note
## Collection Inventory

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