Guide to the Harold E. Little Letter, 1944 October 2

Title: Harold E. Little Letter

Creator: Little, Harold E.

Creator Dates: circa 1914 – unknown

Extent: 1 letter, 1 envelope

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ABSTRACT:
This collection consists of a letter from Harold E. Little, Shoemaker, California, to Robert and Richard Young, Chicago, Illinois, October 2, 1944.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE:
Harold E. Little was in the United States Navy during World War II, and he was stationed at Camp Parks in Shoemaker, California, during the time of this letter.
“Camp Parks had its beginning during World War II as a Navy Base. In 1942 land acquisition and construction began and the completed base was commissioned Jan. 19, 1943 as home to the Navy Seabees. At one point there were 94,000 Seabees stationed at Camp Parks. The installation was named after Rear Admiral Charles W. Parks, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks for the US Navy, during the years 1918 thru 1921. To the east of Camp Parks lay Camp Shoemaker and the U.S. Naval Hospital Shoemaker, also built during the war. The three Navy bases lying side by side were called "Fleet City" and were identified as being in the town of Shoemaker, California, a town that does not exist today.”


SCOPE AND CONTENTS:
This collection consists of a letter from Harold E. Little, Shoemaker, California, to Robert and Richard Young, Chicago, Illinois, October 2, 1944. Harold Little is enlisted in the United States Navy and states that he is “waiting for a ship.” He also writes about missing home and missing his wife.

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