Guide to The Howard Robinson Letters
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## Summary Information

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<td>Abstract</td>
<td>This collection consists of four letters to Professor Howard Robinson, Oberlin, Ohio, three of which are from Corporal L.L. (“Leonard”) Beal, North Africa, and one is from First Lieutenant Donald (“Don”) Balassa, Corsica, during World War II. They write about the war, communism, the upcoming election, and government.</td>
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### Preferred Citation

The Howard Robinson Letters, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Professor Howard Robinson was a professor at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. He wrote Toward International Organization: A Series of Lectures at Oberlin College.


Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of four letters to Professor Howard Robinson, Oberlin, Ohio, three of which are from Corporal L.L. Beal, North Africa and two are from First Lieutenant Donald (“Don”) Balassa, Corsica.

The letter dated November 6, 1943, from First Lieutenant Donald (“Don”) Balassa mentions farming methods and vegetables. He also mentions he, “bumped into…an officer” in the British Army, “who was a communist.” The next letter from Donald (“Don”) Balassa is dated April 22, 1944. This letter mentions the deaths of two acquaintances that have been killed in the war that they knew from college literature and government classes.

The letters from Corporal L.L. (“Leonard”) Beal, North Africa to Prof. Howard Robinson concern the war, international relations, the upcoming election, the black market, literature, his daily life, and communism.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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## Collection Inventory

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