

**BROWN, SALLIE GRAY
PAPERS
1918-1945**

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INTRODUCTION

The Sallie Gray Brown Papers consist primarily of World War II letters received by Sallie Gray Brown (Mrs. Charles B. Brown) of Gallatin, Tennessee. Mrs. Brown was active in the U.S.O., and corresponded not only with servicemen from the Gallatin area but with those who had participated in maneuvers near Gallatin. Some World War I correspondence concerning the death of John T. Sharp of LaFollette, Tennessee is also included. The donor is unknown. The collection occupies .5 linear feet of shelf space and numbers 476 items.

Single photocopies of items in this collection may be made for the purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

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Sallie Gray Brown took an active role in hosting the soldiers who filled the Gallatin area during Tennessee maneuvers. The letters in this collection document the gratitude and appreciation of those soldiers and the fondness they continued to feel for Mrs. Brown and the people of Gallatin long after they had left Tennessee. Some of the soldiers continued their correspondence with her from 1942 until after the end of the war in 1945. The letters came from camps all over the United States, including California, Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, Florida, New Mexico, Missouri, and Georgia. Many letters also came from overseas, including such places as England, France, Germany, Belgium, India, China, Italy, Iran, the Palau Islands in the Pacific, Luxembourg, New Guinea, and the Mariana Islands. An alphabetical list of the military correspondents with their units (as well as they can be determined) is included at the end of this register.

Mentioned frequently in the letters are Mrs. Brown's brother, William Allen Gray, Jr., and his wife, Nora Wise Gray, as well as Mrs. Brown's step-daughter, Nell Houston Brown. Two of Mrs. Brown's correspondents were her nephews, Willard Harris Blue and Walton Gray Gambill.

Also included in the collection are clippings; accounts of the Gallatin Cemetery Association, of which Mrs. Brown was Secretary/Treasurer; a program for the Thanksgiving dinner of the 275th Ordnance Maintenance Company AA, 1943; a pamphlet on divisional insignia of the United States Army; a war ration book belonging to Sallie Brown; a photograph of Kenny West, the infant son of Loran and Virginia West, a couple Mrs. Brown met during Tennessee maneuvers; and a metal gravure plate for printing calling cards for Mr. Mark F. Gray.

Folder 12 is a subject correspondence file concerning the death of World War I soldier John T. Sharp. The letters span the years 1918-1921 and primarily deal with the family's search for details concerning his death and their attempt to bring his remains home to Tennessee. Also included are two photographs, a clipping, and the official notification

document as to the transfer of John Sharp's remains. Any connection between the Sharp family and Sallie Gray Brown is not apparent from an examination of the papers.

This collection will serve as a valuable resource in documenting not only World War II soldiers' lives but their feelings and attitudes about the home front and the support they derived from it.

CONTAINER LIST

1. Accounts--Gallatin Cemetery Association, 1943-1944
2. Clippings, n.d.
3. Correspondence, Incoming, 1942-1945--B
4. Correspondence, Incoming, 1942-1945--C
5. Correspondence, Incoming, 1942-1945--D-G
6. Correspondence, Incoming, 1942-1945--H-K
7. Correspondence, Incoming, 1942-1945--L
8. Correspondence, Incoming, 1942-1945--M-O
9. Correspondence, Incoming, 1942-1945--P-R
10. Correspondence, Incoming, 1942-1945--S
11. Correspondence, Incoming, 1942-1945--T-W and unidentified
12. Correspondence, Subject--Death of World War I soldier John T. Sharp, 1918-1921
13. Gravure--Calling card--Gray, Mark F., n.d.
14. Pamphlet--Divisional Insignia, Army of the United States, 1942
15. Photograph--West, Kenny, n.d.
16. Program--Thanksgiving dinner--275th Ordnance Maintenance Company, 1943
17. War ration book, 1943

LIST OF MILITARY CORRESPONDENTS AND THEIR UNITS

Blackburn, Richard N., Lt. ("Blackie")	275th Ordnance Maintenance Company AA
Blue, Willard, A/C	Cadet Regiment, U.S.N.A.T.C.
Buchanan, Robert, Maj.	General Hospital, Camp Forrest, Tennessee
Cannon, Philip L., S/Sgt.	Company M, 422nd Infantry
Chaffin, Willie S., Pvt.	Medical Detachment, Army Air Force
Churchwell, Lula L., Lt.	45th Evacuation Hospital (S.M.)
Clark, William Hayes, Pvt.	708th Training Group, 73rd Training Wing, Squadron A
Coat, Frank J., PFC ("Sammy")	Troop C, 25th Battalion RCN SQ MEC 2
Deegan, Michael F, Capt.	3464th Ordnance M.M. Company
Douglass, Richard F., Lt. ("Dick")	Battery B, 313th C.A. (2nd Platoon, O.T.U.)
Fogle, C.L., Sgt.	781st Ordnance Company (L.M.)
Fuller, A.N., 1st Lt.	Air Corps, 31st Technical School Squadron
Gambill, Walton G., Sgt.	Headquarters Company, 85th Infantry Div.
Gondusky, Joe, S/Sgt.	Driver, Headquarters Company, no unit given

Green, Roy H., Cpl.

Headquarters Company, 95th Signal Btl.

Hartshorn, Thomas E., S/Sgt. ("Tommie")	Company A, 321st Infantry
Holston, French J., Cpl.	Company C, 95th Signal Battalion
Lindsey, Charlie O., Cpl.	275th Ordnance Maintenance Company AA
Lope, Carlo G., Cpl.	TRC 25th Cav. RCN SQ
Mathers, Cecil C., Cpl.	Headquarters Company, 121st Infantry
Messino, Vincent C., PFC	86th Engineer Battalion, H&I Company
Newman, Walker P., Lt.	275th Ordnance Maintenance Company AA
Nordgaard, Bennie G., Pvt.	Co. A, 51st Armored Infantry
Patton, Bill, Capt.	U.S. Coast Guard, Port of Brownsville, TX
Phillips, W.M., S/Sgt. ("Bill")	275th Ordnance Maintenance Company AA
Reuning, A.B., Capt.	275th Ordnance Maintenance Company AA
Rippy, Joseph B., PFC	559th Ordnance Company (HM)
St. Charles, Frank, Cpl.	Medical Detachment, 112th Infantry
Schaefer, Leo J., T/S	Co. C, 95th Signal Battalion
Sirian, Donald Charles, Cpl. ("Chick")	Co. B, 86th Engineer Battalion
Smith, Harold M., Pvt.	1st Battalion, Co. B, 517th Parachute Infantry Reg.
Smith, L.L., Sgt. ("Lester")	no unit given - Ft. Belvoir, VA
Sonnenreich, Morris, Cpl.	Division H. Q. Company, 4th Army Div.
Suddarth, Thomas, Pvt.	182nd Engineers, C Battalion, H&S Co.
Tomkins, John Randolph Augustus, Lt.	924th F.A. Battalion
Warren, B.H., 1st Lt. ("Doc")	48th Engineers Regiment
Whatley, Charles H., CWO	275th Ordnance Maintenance Company AA
White, Paul D., Pvt.	Serv. Battery, 56th F.A. Battalion
Whitfield, Clifford L., Pvt.	Co. A, 321st Infantry, 81st Division
Williamson, Joseph M., Sgt. 2/C	U.S.S. Shea
Woodward, John Reid, Lt. Cmdr.	Navy 924