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Banzet, Warren K., Letters, MS 162

Warren K. Banzet Letters

Collection Number	MS 162
Title	The Warren K. Banzet Letters
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1915 – 1946
Collection Size	.4 linear foot
Creator	Warren K. Banzet. Donated by Ms. Kaylene Mayerske in April 2016

Scope and Content This collection is comprised of personal correspondence, two newspapers, and a typewritten copy of a poem. The correspondence makes up the majority of the collection and consists of 74 letters written by Warren K. Banzet to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Banzet, from February 1945 through August 1946, while serving in occupied Japan following World War II.

Access Restrictions This collection is open for access

Languages English

Biographical Note Warren K. Banzet entered the United States Army in 1944 and was a member of Company B, 78th Infantry Training Battalion during basic training at Camp Roberts, California. In late May 1945, he moved to the Army Ground Forces Replacement Depot 2 (AGFR D2) staging area at Fort Ord, California, before deploying overseas to the Pacific Theater campaign. He was a private in the 8th Army 27th Infantry Division in Okinawa during World War II. He then served in the Occupation Forces in Wakamatsu and Yokohama, Japan following the end of the war, with the Battery A 106th Field Artillery Battalion in September 1945 and then Headquarters (HQ) Battery 382 AAA (AW) Battalion in December 1945, until his honorable discharge. He was promoted to Private First Class January 1946 and then to Technician Fifth Grade (T/5), equivalent to the rank of corporal in pay grade, in April 1946.

Warren K. Banzet was born March 10, 1919 in rural Edna, Kansas to Gus and Lucy Muller Banzet. He grew up on the family farm and was a farmer until he enlisted in the U.S. Army. While he was in service much of his correspondence to his parents mentioned farming. Following his discharge he returned to farming and continued to farm and raise livestock for many years.

Banzet married Erma Karstetter on March 20, 1941. They had a daughter, Kaylene, and two sons, Warren Jr. and Allan. Warren died March 13, 2017 and is buried in the Elm Grove Cemetery in Edna, Kansas.

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Series

The collection is arranged into three series:

Correspondence; Newspapers; and Miscellaneous.

The **Correspondence** series consists of 74 letters written by Warren K. Banzet to his mother, Mrs. Gus Banzet, during World War II and months following while Warren was serving in the United States Army 27th Infantry Division.

The **Newspapers** series includes one issue of the *Camp Roberts Dispatch* dated May 4, 1945, and the November 29, 1945 issue of *The Edna Sun*.

The **Miscellaneous** series includes a typewritten copy of a poem entitled "Just Thinking." The original handwritten poem that was enclosed in a letter dated October 13, 1945 (postmarked October 16, 1945) from Warren K. Banzet to his mother, Mrs. Gus Banzet, was not included in this collection.

Folder List

Correspondence Series

- f. 1 February-March 1945 (7 letters)
- f. 2 April-June 1945 (12 letters)
- f. 3 July 1945 (9 letters)
- f. 4 August-September 1945 (10 letters)
- f. 5 October-December 1945 (9 letters)
- f. 6 January-March 1946 (10 letters)
- f. 7 April-May 1946 (7 letters)
- f. 8 June-August 1946 (10 letters)

Newspapers Series

- f. 9 *Camp Roberts Dispatch*. May 4, 1945.
"Warren Banzet Writes Poem." *The Edna Sun*. November 29, 1945.

Miscellaneous Series

- f. 10 Typewritten copy of a poem entitled "Just Thinking". The original handwritten poem that was enclosed in a letter dated October 13, 1945 (postmarked October 16, 1945) from Warren K. Banzet to his mother, Mrs. Gus Banzet, was not included in this collection.