

Title: Sullivan, James H. Papers

Manuscript Number: Mss-1110

Inclusive Dates: 1934 – 1971

Bulk: 1.0 cu ft.

Location: ER, Sh. 183
OS SM “S” (1 item)

Abstract: The collection documents the experience of Milwaukee native, James H. Sullivan. During World War II, Sullivan served with the 22nd Marine Regiment, 6th Marine Division, and was wounded in action at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands in February 1944. He was later called back to active duty in 1950 during the Korean Conflict.

Scope and Content: The bulk of the collection consists of a large number of correspondences, primarily handwritten letters, exchanged between James Sullivan and his fiancé and wife, Ruth Putz during WW II. In addition, the collection contains several folders of correspondences from the same era, with family members and also friends known to both Ruth and James. The letters are arranged by recipient and are in chronological order. The collection also contains official military documents regarding Sullivan’s in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) which includes photo identification cards, honorable discharge papers, a thumbprint identification card, certificates of proficiency, travel orders, a USMC Guidebook, as well as some non-official documents related to his service. In addition, the collection contains some material related to the Sullivan and Putz families such as event invitations, West Division and Washington High School yearbooks, commencement booklets, pocket-sized bibles, and a German-language confirmation certificate. The collection contains a photographic component and is divided into personal and official photographs. The personal photographs include Sullivan and Putz family photographs of school, church, travel and work themes, as well as unofficial photographs related to James Sullivan’s assignment at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The official photographs include USMC photographs of the battle of Eniwetok and James Sullivan’s training platoon group photograph.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English.

Administrative Note: Processed by Steve Schaffer, September 2014.

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Military Records	1	1
Correspondence: James Sullivan to Ruth Putz: October-December 1941	1	2
Correspondence: James Sullivan to Ruth Putz: January-June 1942	1	3
Correspondence: James Sullivan to Ruth Putz: July-December 1942	1	4
Correspondence: James Sullivan to Ruth Putz: January-December 1943	1	5
Correspondence: James Sullivan to Ruth Putz: January-December 1944	1	6
Correspondence: James Sullivan to Ruth Putz: January-December 1945	1	7
Correspondence: Ruth Putz to James Sullivan: October 1941	1	8
Correspondence: Ruth Putz to James Sullivan: November-December 1941	1	9

Correspondence: Ruth Putz to James Sullivan: January-March 1942	1	10
Correspondence: Ruth Putz to James Sullivan: April-June 1942	1	11
Correspondence: James Sullivan/Ruth Putz to parents and in-laws 1941-1945	1	12
Correspondence: Miscellaneous correspondence to James Sullivan 1941-1971	1	13
Correspondence: Miscellaneous correspondence to Ruth Putz 1942-1952	1	14
Correspondence: Wedding 1945	1	15
Correspondence: Births	1	16
Photographs: Miscellaneous Photographs 1920- 1945	1	17
Photographs: Family and Friends 1945- 1950	1	18
Photographs: Post-WW II, Camp Lejeune, Facility and maneuvers. 1945-1952	1	19
Photographs: Post-WW II, Camp Lejeune, leisure. 1945-1952	1	20
Photographs: United States Marine Corps 1941-1944	1	21
Ephemera: Event invitations 1914-15	1	22
Book: Guidebook for Marines 1950	1	Loose
Book: High school yearbook, The Comet 1934	1	Loose
Book: High school yearbook, The Scroll 1936	1	Loose
Book: High school yearbook, The Scroll 1937	1	Loose
Book: New Testament, 1941	1	Loose
Book: New Testament, August 1942	1	Loose
Book: New Testament, 1941	1	Loose
Book: New Testament, 1952	1	Loose
Ephemera: Marine Bank Stockholders' Annual Report	1	Loose
Ephemera: High School commencement booklets 1934-37. West Division Washington and Steuben junior high school	1	Loose
OVERSIZE MATERIAL	LOCATION	
Lutheran Confirmation document	OS SM "S"	