

Helen “Tommie” Whalen World War II Scrapbook Collection MSS Collection #228

Scope & Content

The collection consists of materials collected by Helen Whalen in her capacity as “Communications Officer” for St. Lawrence University during the Second World War. The materials were originally scrapbook. The scrapbook contained correspondence, clippings from newspapers and magazines, announcements, and war ephemera that reached Helen Whalen during the war years. The collection contains official photographs of enlisted Laurentians from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, along with photographs taken by soldiers while overseas. There are 11 versions of a newsletter Whalen prepared based on her correspondence.

Dates

1942-1945

Creator

In the summer of 2023, Meghan Weldon (St. Lawrence '25) inventoried the scrapbook's contents, and transitioned the scrapbook to a manuscript collection. Her work was part of a St. Lawrence Research Fellowship Program.

Availability

The collection is open for research.

Biographical Note

Helen E. Whalen was the registrar at St. Lawrence from 1930-1968. During the years of the Second World War, she served as “Communications Officer” between the college and those in the greater Laurentian community serving in the Second World War. In this capacity, she wrote and published “Tommie’s Newsletter,” which was a periodic sharing of the location, status, and general news of those serving abroad. During the war, she kept photographs and other objects sent to her on display in her office. After the war, she compiled her correspondence into a scrapbook.

Helen Whalen was an avid sports enthusiast. There are materials about military sporting events and other sporting events in the collection. Helen Whalen is an inductee in the St. Lawrence University Athletics Hall of Fame.

Extent

8 Boxes, 3.2 linear feet.

Language of Materials

English

Arrangement

Box One

- Series One, scrapbook ephemera
- Series Two, newspaper clippings

Box Two

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Box Three

- Series Three, military documents
- Series Four, photographs

Box Four

- Series Five, marriage announcements, birth announcements, commissioning announcements

Box Five

- Series Six, correspondence

Box Six

- Series Seven, "Tommie's Newsletters," extent
- Series Eight, other ephemera

Box Seven

- Series Nine, official photographic service portraits

Box Eight

- Series Nine, official photographic service portraits

Provenance

The scrapbook was donated to the SLU Libraries by Helen Whalen.

Processing Information

Processed by the St. Lawrence University Libraries Special Collections staff.

Repository Details

Part of the St. Lawrence University Libraries manuscript collections.

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Collection Organization

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The Helen Tommie Whalen World War Two Scrapbook Collection is housed in the St. Lawrence University Libraries Special Collections area.

The collection is divided into nine series. The first six series were the content of a scrapbook compiled by Helen Whalen of clippings and correspondence related to members of the St. Lawrence University community serving in the armed forces during the war. Some of the materials in the scrapbook relate also to residents of northern New York. Series seven are extant copies of “Tommie’s Newsletter” which was produced as a news/facts sheet about where those in the armed forces were, and the nature of their duty. It was produced for distribution to the St. Lawrence University community. Series eight consists of photographs of service people in uniform.

Series 1. Ephemera related to the scrapbook. These ephemera consists of photographs of the scrapbook, the covers of the scrapbook, an article about Helen Whalen’s role as “Communications Officer.”

Series 2. Newspaper clippings. Series 2.1, “War Headlines,” 59 folders. Clippings related to where individuals were stationed, combat exploits, anecdotes, and confirmation of safe return from battle. Series 2.2, “Awards,” 16 folders. Clippings of articles announcing commendation or promotion. Series 2.3, “Wedding and Engagement Announcements,” 15 folders. Clippings of the announcement or occurrence of engagements and weddings. Series 2.4, “Casualties,” 15 folders.

Notices of military personnel killed, wounded, or missing in action. Series 2.5, "Sports Headlines," 21 folders. Articles about the sports careers of St. Lawrence University alums, and athletic contests at military bases. Series 2.6, "Miscellaneous," 3 folders. Articles about the war with no obvious connection to the rest of the collection.

Series 3 Military Documents. Series 3.1, "Awards," 8 folders. War Department notifications of promotions or commendations for service. Series 3.2, "Casualties," 6 folders. War Department notifications of service personnel killed in action. Series 3.3, "Miscellaneous," 2 folders. War Department updates on the status of two service personnel.

Series 4. Photographs. Series 4.1 "Military Portraits," 11 folders. Official portraits of service personnel that were part of Whelan's scrapbook. Series 4.2 "War Environment," 13 folders. Photographs taken by soldiers Whalen was in correspondence with, in various theaters of war, featuring various subjects. Series 4.3, "Americans on Duty," 35 folders. Informal photographs of St. Lawrence service personnel taken in various theaters of war. Series 4.4, "Americans Off Duty," 19 folders. Informal photographs of people Whalen was in correspondence with as scrapbook was compiled, some in military attire and some in civilian clothes.

Series 5. Announcements. Series 5.1, "Marriage Announcements," 34 folders. Announcements of and invitations to weddings mailed to Helen Whalen during the war years. Series 5.2, "Births," 27 folders. Announcements of birth mailed to Helen Whalen from St. Lawrence Community, both military and civilian. Series 5.3 "Military Announcements," 8 folders. Official invitations to, and announcements of, commissioning ceremonies for officers, and other graduations from military training.

Series 6. Mail. Series 6.1, "Holiday Cards," 41 folders. Christmas cards sent from service personnel to Helen Whalen. Many of the cards are specific to a regiment or ship. Series 6.2, "Postcards," 7 folders. Postcards from various theaters of war, generally short greetings to Helen Whalen. Series 6.3, "Miscellaneous," 3 folders. Fragments of letters.

Series 7. Tommie's Newsletters. 11 folders. Issues 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of the Newsletter Helen Whelan produced for the university community. Two of the newsletters are undated.

Series 8. Other ephemera. 41 folders. A wide range of things sent to Helen Whalen along with the correspondence mailed to her. The ephemera includes some publications, programs to events (generally sporting events), and two small pieces of a Japanese airplane.

Series 9. Official Military Portraits. 8 folders. 134 photographs. Portraits from the War Department of military personal. These photographs were collected by Helen Whalen and were originally kept with the photographs in the St. Lawrence University archives with an acknowledgement to Whalen's assembling them.

Name Index to Tommie's Newsletter:

Unlisted editions:

- Bill Green
- Bob Hatch
- Bernard "Brownie" Woycik
- Fred J. Parrott
- Larry O'Toole
- Joe Tolhurst
- Billy Walsh
- D.A. Dingwall
- Ed Brown
- John H. Cooper
- R.G. Bradshaw
- Garth Kauffman
- Marty Rockmore
- Bill Bowman
- J.H. Moehle
- Hayward "Pinky" Plumadore
- Jack Doubleday
- Marty Brynes
- Bob Coakley
- Jim Hefti
- Bill Parker
- Ross Levato
- Mose Carney
- Bob Parker
- R.T. Burkman
- Frank J. Dunn
- Paul Caruso
- Roy Clogston
- Walt Clark
- Alfred "Pat" Patricia
- Everett Dona
- R.M. Bill Johnston
- Francis Bassett
- Pete Samsel
- "Rolly" T. Phillips
- William "Bill" Tullar
- Jim Jameson
- Johnny Versocki
- Johnny Lamphear
- Larry Quinn

- Steve Peek
- Ray Wrisley
- Willard "Bill" Epke
- "Bill" Tuller
- Bill Lange
- Bill Lewkowitz
- Neale "Gummey" Montgomery
- John A. Versocki
- Barrie W. Sweet
- M.H. Jencks

Edition 2:

- Ronnie Ackerley
- "Chick" Cioffi
- Steve Peek
- Otto Georgi
- Joe Norton
- Marty Brynes
- Fred Cannastra
- "Les" Jonas
- "Pat" Quinn
- Joe Kistner
- Larry Quinn
- Jerry Bradshaw
- Fred Parrott
- Ed. Brown
- Jim McCormick
- Frank Simon
- "Lou" D'Avanzo
- Gerry Seule
- Jane Dottinger Anthony
- Bob Shannon
- Ross "Moose" Levato
- Bob Joyco
- Robert S. Green
- Johnny Versocki
- Bill Parker
- "Mose" Carney
- A.J. O'Connell
- "Ed Crawford

- "Bob" Polak
- Gordon "Whistler" Christio
- "Pat" "Elsie" Waters
- Roy Clogston
- Mary Coakley
- Bob Coakley
- Fred Phifer
- Lloyd Smith
- "Doc" Delmage
- Dick Peggs
- LeRoy Douglass
- "Ken" L'Hommdieu
- "Brownie" Woycik
- Larry O'Toole
- Bill Parker
- Joe Tolhurst
- Bill Bowman
- Francis Bassett
- Pat Quinn

Edition 5:

- Andy Neally
- Frank Magoni
- R.F. "Red" Miles
- R.C. "Tubby" Lewis
- Ross Levato
- Johnny Lamphear
- Reggie Steel
- V.C. "Bon" Horr
- Fred Parrott
- Louis Rothenberg
- Bill Leckonby
- Mark Sellis
- Lawrence "Chic" Gioffi
- Peter Samsel
- Platt Wheeler
- "Dick" Wheeler
- Jack Gould
- Frank J. Dunn
- R.T. Burkman

- Hamlin McBride
- G.D. "Gerry" Seule
- W.R. "Walt" Neidhardt
- Roy B. Clogston
- "Jim" Jameson
- Bonnie Buchner
- Gene Realo
- "Marsh" Cook
- "Walt" Hahn
- Roland "Bud" French Jr.
- Wm. "Bill" Sawyer
- W.A. "Walt" Clark
- Anthony "Tony" Ravish
- Kent Faulker
- Charlie Hall
- N.T. "Bud" Blanchette
- Jim Hefti
- Joe Tolhurst
- A.J. "Red" O'Connell
- Everett Dona
- "Andy" Nealley
- Steve Peek
- Ruth Covert
- Tom Trulock
- John Dodge
- Bill Parker
- Garth Kauffman
- "Bill" Walsh
- Larry Quinn
- "Doug" Vanderbilt
- "Brownie" Woycik

Edition 6:

- Dexter Kimball
- Henry Paul Quenelle
- Bernard Woycik
- Elmer Pirrung
- James F. McCormick
- Vernon "Bon" Horr
- Paul Caruso

- F.J. Bassett
- A.J. O'Connell
- D.A. Dingwall
- Oscar Cochi
- Bill Keough
- Robert Hatch
- L. French
- Joe Kistner
- Frank Simon
- G.D. Seule
- Peter Neill
- Frank Brecker
- Walter Hahn
- R.G. Bradshaw
- Walter Lezoski
- Wilton Bowman
- Peter R. Samsel
- R.E. Hauser
- Bernard Woycik
- John Goodrich
- J.B. Fox
- H. Sloat

Edition 7:

- G.E. Kauffman
- R.E. Delmage
- W.J. Lewkowitz
- Paul Caruso
- F.R. Furlong
- L.A. Gioffi
- Thomas M. Dingwall
- Platt Wheeler
- Robert R. Sanders
- W.R. Neidhardt
- Gene Reale
- M.V. Sellis
- Leslie A. Jonas
- Ivan R. Wellington Jr.
- Charles Hall
- W.A. St Andrews

- E.G. Waters
- Ronald Sinclair
- A.G. Thomson
- Willard Epko
- M.A. Bryned
- Frank Chambers
- Ted Sloat
- J.W. Gould
- A.O. Martin
- Joseph A. Gautie
- R.H. Griffith
- Mark Sloman Jr.
- W.W. Winship
- F.H. Dalo
- Victor Caruso
- Alfred Patricia
- Benjamin F. Van Wermer
- Shirley Bunce
- D.F. Gibson
- William J. Walsh
- Joe Kistner
- A.M. Ravish
- Al" Pihlasker
- T.M. Trulock
- D.R. Vanderbilt
- Paul Mayer
- Gordon Christie
- Donald Van Olst
- S.L. Smith
- R. St. Mary
- Bernard Woycik
- Wm. Keough
- R.C. Louis
- F.J. Bassett
- Foster Osgood
- Patrick Quinn
- Dexter Ford
- Peter Samsel
- U.S. Grant
- Frank J. Dunn

- A. St. Andrews
- Frank Java
- John Dodge
- R.T. Burkman
- Jack Elliott
- V.C. Horr
- (Glinsky) Glin
- J.A. Versocki
- Roy Clogston
- Richard Elitharp
- Robert Parker
- Kenneth Lyng
- I.H. Joyce
- Jim Hefti
- E.J. Crawford
- Philip Moore
- Hebert White Jr.
- Martin rockmore
- Harry F. Ackerman
- Myron Ohmann
- Charles H. Hall
- Kenneth Lyng
- Ben Van Rade
- W.A. Clark
- Clarence Clemens
- Everett Dena
- Marshall Modery
- Frank C. Roda
- J.L. Kelly
- Dick Wheeler
- Ellsworth Waters
- D. Sherwood
- Joe Tolhurst
- Wm. K. Lange
- John W. Lamphear
- Gordon Christie
- John Flanigan
- R.G. Bradshaw
- Fred j. Canastra
- Sam Glin

- W.K. McKinley
- R.N. St. Mary
- L.D. D'Avanzo
- John Walsh
- A. Vaccaro
- C.J. Carney
- John Cooper
- Betty Bergman
- J.D. Mason
- Wm. H. Rescorl
- G.A. Gray
- John G. Dunne
- Roy Clogston
- Frank Simon
- Bill Keough
- Jack Leonard
- Sandy Black
- Sam Musser
- Weston H. Caswell
- Bob Hatch
- John Miles

Edition 8:

- Jack Emmanuel
- Myron Ohmann
- H.F. Ackerman
- Fred Cannastra
- Grant H. Cornwall
- Charles Hall
- John S. Richards
- Paul Mayer
- Marshall Modrey
- Ruth Owen
- J.R. Walsh
- William W. Parker
- Gordon Christie
- Wm. K. Lange
- Walter Cohan
- A.J. O'Connell
- Lariere Loan

- Ivan Wellington Jr.
- Donald T. O'Brien
- Ben Van Wermer
- Peter Samsel
- Sam F. Musser
- J.W. Gould
- Walter Hahn
- E. Allen
- T. Lunphy
- John R. Walsh
- R.A. Cushman
- Kolton Bush
- John W. Hoa
- W.C. Green
- Arthur Laig
- Loc C. Rich
- Edward St. Mary
- Gerald Eysaman
- Bernanrd J. Woycik
- L.E. Eschen
- Gerald Seule
- Warren Slocum
- H.A. Vilas
- J.C. Hefti
- Richard W. Vilas
- Lawrence Quinn
- L.G. Thompson
- R.T. Stool
- N. Blanchette
- George Schiomer
- John Flanigan
- Al Pihlasker
- W. Thompson
- Richard S. Spooner
- R.M. Covert
- Platt M. Wheeler
- Andrew Nealley
- Norman H. Eaton
- Edwin Hulott
- Charles H. Hall

- Kirk W. Hobart
- John M. Quirk
- Burke Smith
- A.C. Viebranz
- Carrol S. Walsh
- A. Martin
- Paul Caruso
- Peter Samsel
- R.C. Cashmere
- Garth Kauffman
- Dexter Kimball
- Wm. J. Walsh
- Donald Van Olst
- R.E. Dimarco
- Howard Murray
- Louis Rothenberg
- T.H. Vrooman
- R.E. Wheeler
- Hugh Orth
- Marcia K. White
- Joseph K. Pecora
- Everett Lena
- William J. Epko
- Frank Simon
- H.E. Leonard
- Gordon Christie
- Ronald Burkman
- Byrnes
- Myron Ohmann
- Frank J. Dunn
- B.F. Van Wermer
- Versocki
- Roy Clogston

Edition 9:

- Anthony Ravish
- Norman Eaton
- William J. Meeneghan
- D.R. Vanderbilt
- "Mose" Carney

- Joseph A. Pecora
- F.S. Rhodes Jr.
- Ronald Ackerley
- Edward J. Gosier
- Ferguson Musser
- Ted Millspaugh
- Victor Caruso
- Louis Babinski
- Robert W. Murphy
- O.H. Junggren
- Paul Caruso
- Paul H. Maver
- Wm. Keough
- J.H. Launder
- "Al" Pihlasker
- Robert H. Griffith
- Roy Clogston
- Wilton Bowman
- Peter Samsel
- D.R. Paisley
- Frank Simon
- R.L. Baltz
- Rush Covert Hale
- William W. Parker
- Robert Griffiths
- Jim L'Agostino
- Joseph Romoda
- Virginia Maxfield
- Louis Rothenberg
- Kenneth H. Lyng
- Hamlin McBride
- L.E. Eschen
- E.J. Healey Jr.
- Bryant Stickle
- George Fitts
- W.E. Flanigan
- R.L. Heaton
- Wally St. Andrews
- R.G. Bradshaw
- J.J. Robins

- W.J. Lewkowitz
- Bernard J. Woycik
- Platt M. Wheeler
- Robert S. Green
- Janet Sawyer
- G.L. Soule
- Andrew Kedersha
- Mark Sellis
- R.C. Cashmere
- Sidney Eudene
- J.B. Leonard
- Marshall Modery
- Norman H. Eaton
- Bianca Vernon
- Ivan Wellington
- Charles A. Thurston
- E.L. Brown
- S.F. Musser
- C.R. Douglas
- Jane McCaffrey
- Wm. A. Hoag
- Gordon M. Christie
- Edward Natoli
- Lexter Ford
- Lave Kingston
- L.J. O'Toole
- R.E. Goodelle
- T.L. Teich
- James Stainsby
- Paul Mayer
- O.R. Cochi
- A.J. Peluso
- Norman Sanger
- J.R. Polak
- Norman W. Kiernan
- Mark J. Sloman

Edition 10:

- Jim Hefti
- Herbert (Walt) Greenwood

- Mae S. Treat
- John M. Heagle
- Al Pihlaskar
- Roland T. Phillips
- Burke Smith
- Fred Parrott
- Harriet Bownell
- J.H. Joyce
- Clarence Puffer
- Al Lichtman
- Robert A. Miller
- Jerome M. Huse
- Richard Elitharp
- Gordon Doling
- Ivan Wellington
- Sam Musser
- L.T. D'Avanzo
- Donald Sherwood
- Stephen Peek
- William J. Epke
- Bernard Moos
- John V. Callaghan
- Walter Niedhardt
- Frederick M. Folsom
- J. Bernard Fox
- W.J. Lewkowitz
- Katherine Kinsman
- Vincent A. Nardielle Jr.
- Philip Moore
- Irving Meltzer
- Norman H. Eaton
- Louis Babinski
- Victor Caruso
- Donald Van Olst
- Marilyn Buys
- Walter Hahn
- Norman L. Sparbel
- Raymond Senk
- Bernard J. Woycik
- Edward Gosier

- H.W. Stewart
- Art Peluso
- Paul O'Rourke
- Robert W. Hatch
- John Cooper
- B.F. Van Wermer
- Warren Koch
- Thomas Hayes
- F.H. Doyle
- John Dodge
- E.B. "Stretch" Dunlap
- Bill Buschman
- Robert Barker
- William Leckonby
- Donald Paisley
- "Chip" Mosher
- L.E. Eschen
- Jack Emmanuel
- Jim Jameson
- Stuart Wright
- John Wolf
- C.E. Clemens
- Grant Cornwell
- Andy Nealley
- Mark Sellis
- William J. Flynn
- T.F. McCarthy
- J.W. Fellows
- Alonzo W. Morgan
- Robert Griffiths
- O.H. Junggren
- Larry Olds
- Phil Allen
- John Quirk
- James Logan
- Paul Caruso
- "Larc" Richards
- Sam Glin
- J.F. Gleason
- Carrol S. Walsh

- William Scheefer
- John Joa
- Charles Thurston
- C.C. Bowers
- Joseph Norton
- Joe Tolhurst
- T.M. Dingwall
- Ted Bailie
- Joseph Gautio
- "Doc" Petrie
- Tom Kunz
- John Lamphear
- James H. Northrup
- Anthony Ravish
- Lee Fishel
- C.F. Le Mieux
- A.J. O'Connell
- T.H. George Jr.
- N.T. Blanchette
- Joseph T. Gough
- Robert Coakley
- Peter Riccio
- William M. Hankins
- Charles H. Pickard
- Jacob Stangen
- R.C. Messiter
- R.G. Bradshaw
- Robert Moulton
- W.F. Caldwell
- John Morrill
- Joseph Rait
- Edward Pflughober
- Louis Rothenberg
- George Schiemer
- Dexter Kimball
- R.J. Poggs
- Donald Dingwall
- Frank Chambers
- Martin F. Rockmore
- Douglas R. Vanderbilt

- W.H, Roscorl
- Wm. Keough
- Morton L. Goldberg
- Stanley Briggs
- John Mason
- Humphrey Tallman
- Donald T. O'Brien
- Gordon "Red" Brown
- Bob Leonard
- Stephen J. Peck

Edition 11:

- Robert R. Sanders
- William Scheefer Jr.
- G.R. Van Duzee
- Peter Samsel
- Stuart E. Wadsworth
- H.F. Hayes
- L.E. Eschen
- J.H. Lauders
- George Caffney
- John W. Gould
- John Flanigan
- Emerson Laughland
- M.J. Galardi
- Gerald K. Eysaman
- R.E. Hauser
- Wm. A. Baico
- Paul Mayer Jr.
- Wm. Roscorl
- R.M. Evans
- M.J. Brown Jr.
- Francis Magoni
- L.H. Ballwog
- B. Vernon
- Ronald Sinclair
- J. Kistner
- N. Sanger
- William Walsh
- Barrie W. Sweet

- Morton Goldberg
- Alfred Viebranz
- Raymond Haas
- W.J. Lewkowitz
- Al Fihlasker
- Richard Elitharp
- Marshall Modery
- N.T. Blanchette
- Sam Glin
- Robert A. Babcock
- Louis J. Snow Jr.
- Platt Wheeler
- Edward Crutchley
- LeRoy M. Douglass
- Roy B. Clogston
- Ulysses S. Grant
- E.L. Brown
- William Parker
- Walter Lozoski
- P.J. Moore
- R.H. McCallum
- R.E. Bathiany
- H.P. Ano
- Marilyn Buys
- R.F. Miles
- Wilton Bowman
- Mark V. Sellis
- James W. Logan
- Charles A. Thurston
- Wallace E. Houhg
- Walter Buckoski
- O.K. Georgi
- J.E. Linden
- D.R. Vanderbilt
- Robert Griffiths
- D.W. Dumville
- Wm. Keough
- Bernard Woycik
- John Moehle
- Robert Ollry

- S.H. Wright
- Brayton Stevens
- Jerome M. Huse
- Beatrice Brown
- Stephen G. Feek
- Anthony Ravish
- Charles P. Le Mieux
- Dexter H. Kimball
- Richard Spooner
- Frank J. Dunn
- R.J. Foggs
- Kenneth Campbell
- J.K. Munson
- R.J. Leonard
- Sam Musser
- Edward St. Mary
- Norman W. Kiernan
- L.F. Gibson
- Gordon Christie
- J.V. Emmanuel
- E.S. Lowney
- D.A. Dingwall
- R.H. Davis
- W.J. Lewkowitz
- Roy Strogn
- Jack Wilkins
- S. EUdeno
- J. O'Connell
- Warren Slocum
- Fred J. Cannastra
- R.G. Bradshaw
- Bernard Woycik