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Bob Jones  
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1944-1965

Creator: Bob Jones  
Title: Bob Jones Collection  
Dates: 1944-1965  
Quantity: 2.75 linear feet  
Summary: This collection largely reflects the life of Dr. Robert E. Jones during his years in the United States Army and provides a glimpse of his later life as an academic. The majority of this collection contains letters and photographs from his time in the Army, but also includes military and professional documents and his military jacket.

Digital items selected to highlight the collection are available here:  
http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/lea_bobjones/. Collection items available in the digital repository can include documents, photographs and/or oral history interviews.

Repository  
Jereld R. Nicholson Library  
Linfield College  
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McMinnville, OR 97128  
Reference Number: 503-883-2734  
Reference Email: archives@linfield.edu  
Language: English

Biographical Note  
Robert E. Jones was born January 14, 1923, in Yonkers, New York, and attended Oberlin College in Ohio before joining the army. He studied at the University of Connecticut in electrical engineering and was deployed to Germany in the spring of 1945. During the war, Jones was stationed primarily in Germany. While there he worked as a radio operator and maintenance man and achieved the rank of Technician Fourth Grade. He was discharged from service in April, 1946.

While in the army, Jones took German communications courses for credit from both Oberlin College and the University of Michigan. After returning to the United States,
Jones finished his schooling and received his undergraduate degree at Oberlin before going on to receive a Masters in Physics at Michigan in 1949 and a P.H.D. in Physics at Penn State in 1953. Before beginning his teaching career at Linfield College in 1955, Jones taught Physics and led research at Penn State. While at Linfield, Jones received tenure, occasionally served as the head of the Physics department and officially retired in 1987.

Jones was married three times in his life. He was married to his first wife, Eleanor Jameson, from 1948 until her death in 1989. They had two children: Richard (b. 1953) and Paul (b. 1955). After Eleanor’s death, Jones was married to Opal Ware in 1992 until her death in 1993. In 1996, Jones married Mariam (Mim) Trumbo and they remained married until her death in 2009.

Bob Jones died on April 22, 2010.

(Information about Jones’ marriages and post-graduate degrees were found in his obituary, written by Macy & Son Funeral Directors.)

Content Description
This collection contains photographs taken while in the Army, letters written to his parents while in the Army, military documents, medals and patches, as well as documents from his time participating in research about radioisotopes. The collection also houses Bob Jones’ military jacket.

Restrictions on Access
Access is by appointment only. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment.

Preferred Citation

Provenance
Paul Jones donated the Bob Jones papers to the Linfield College Archives on June 13, 2013.

Location of Originals
Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield College

Processing Information
Processed by archives technician Maia Patten, with the assistance of archivist Rachael Cristine Woody.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged into four boxes that hold photographs, letters, documents, and awards between 1944 and 1965. Box 1 contains letters written while he was in the army,

**Box 1**
- **Folder 1**: Empty Envelopes, 1945
- **Folder 2**: Letters Home (1 of 2), 1945
- **Folder 3**: Letters Home (2 of 2), 1945
- **Folder 4**: Letters Home, 1946

**Box 2**
- **Folder 1**: Storrs, Connecticut, 1944
- **Folder 2**: Men at Work, August-September 1945
- **Folder 3**: Luxembourg, 1945
- **Folder 4**: Paris, 1945
- **Folder 5**: Germany (People), 1945
- **Folder 6**: Germany (Location), 1945
- **Folder 7**: Frankfurt, Bavaria, February 1946
- **Folder 8**: Germany, 1946
- **Folder 9**: Lady (1945) and Brownie (1946)
- **Folder 10**: Unknown Location and Date

**Box 3**
- **Folder 1**: Military Medals, Pins, Patches, and Dog Tags, 1940s
- **Folder 2**: Military Documents, 1940s
- **Folder 3**: Oak Ridge, 1965

**Box 4**
Bob Jones’ Military Jacket