

Naomi Eleanor Guernsey Scrapbook

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Naomi Eleanor Guernsey
- Title:** Naomi Eleanor Guernsey Scrapbook.
- Dates:** ca. 1941 – 1948 (bulk 1942 – 1946)
- Abstract:** The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings of Glens Falls area servicemen and their military involvement during World War II, high school sports newspaper clippings, and memorabilia. There are also newspaper clippings of area high school sports. Included are photographs mostly of servicemen, a 1946 Glens Falls High School graduation ceremony program, and poems.
- Quantity:** 1 volume and 4 folders of loose material.
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts: Scrapbooks

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Naomi Eleanor Guernsey was born 30 July 1928 in Glens Falls, a daughter of Loren Paul and Blanche I. Guernsey. She graduated from Glens Falls High School in 1946, following her older sisters who graduated in 1940, 1942 and 1944. Her yearbook entry says “Noni’ is a gal who spends a lot of her time writing to and waiting for a guy named Ken. She’s just the quiet kind whose nature never varies.” What happened to “Ken” is unknown, but on 22 January 1949, Naomi married John F. Esmond.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The scrapbook contains World War II newspaper clippings, high school sports newspaper clippings, and memorabilia. Newspaper clippings describe the involvement and service of many Glens Falls area residents during World War II. Also included are death notices of area soldiers who died in the war. What all these young men have in common (beyond their military service and, presumably their acquaintance with Naomi) is that they were notable high school athletes. There are also newspaper clippings of area high school sports teams – from Fort Edward, Hudson Falls, Glens Falls, South Glens Falls, and St. Mary’s Academy (in Glens Falls). Included are photographs –

identified and unidentified, many of which are of young men who served overseas in World War II. Memorabilia include photographs, an admission ticket, advertisement card, business card, calling card, candy wrapper, cartoons, envelope, 1946 Glens Falls High School graduation ceremony program, and poems.

Naomi Guernsey added some information to the clippings in handwritten notes. For example, several clippings about soldiers have the note “disch,” probably an abbreviation for discharge. Some photographs that may have had particular significance for Naomi Guernsey were mounted in the scrapbook and identified. However, most of the photographs and some memorabilia do not show evidence of being mounted and were probably placed loose between the pages of the scrapbook. Most of the loose photographs were of soldiers and contained names and dates. Some of the photographs from the soldiers contained notes by the soldier to Naomi Guernsey. Some items are no longer in the volume, either having fallen out or been removed. Several pages do not contain their original mountings.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: School sports—New York (State)—History.
Soldiers—New York (State)—History.
World War, 1939 – 1945.

Places: Fort Edward (N.Y.)—History.
Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History.
Hudson Falls (N.Y.)—History.
South Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History.

Form/Genre: Photographs.
Scrapbooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Detailed Description of the Records

Folder 1 Photographs

Number	Name	Description	Size
01	Collier, Roy	Photograph of sailor; note on reverse – U.S.S. Zeal; San Francisco, Calif.; Please write	2" x 1 ½"
02	Collier, Roy	Studio photograph of sailor; note on reverse - To Naomi with Love, Roy; Roy Collier 1945	2" x 1 ½"
03	Collier, Roy	Studio photograph of sailor, no notations	4 ?" x 3 ¼"
04	Collier, Roy and Curtis, Don	Photograph of two sailors; note on reverse – 1946	2" x 1 ½"
05	Delsignore, Art	Studio photograph of sailor; note on reverse – memory of the, 1943	3 ?" x 2 ¼"
06	Delsignore, A.	Photograph of 13 sailors; New Guinea, 9/30/44; Delsignore on far right in sailor uniform	2 ½" x 3 ½"
07	Dewitt, Ralph	Photograph of Dewitt sitting above fire hydrant	3 ¼" x 2 ½"
08	Donnelley, Richard	Studio photograph of sailor	1 ?" x 1 ?"
09	Gramatico, Nicky	Photograph of soldier playing horseshoes	3 ¼" x 2 ?"
10	Kenney, Harold	Photograph of soldier in dress uniform – 1945	2" x 1 ½"
11	Kenney, Harold	Photograph of soldier standing in front of crane and supplies – 1946	3 ½" x 2 ½"
12	Midget, Leo	Photograph of sailor in front of floodlight – 1946	2 ½" x 3 ½"
13	Ruggles, Donald	Photograph of sailor; note on reverse – taken in the beautiful city of Newport, 1945	2 ½" x 2"
14	Scoville, Frank	Photograph of soldier – 1944	1 ?" x 1 ?"
15	Seast	Photograph of soldier playing guitar	4 ? x 3 ¼"
16	Travanti, Angelo	Photograph of soldier, squatting, playing guitar next to a sign that reads, "HEAD COVERERS; note on reverse – "Naomi if you don't write more often, your head will be covered here in stead. Love Ang."	3 ¼" x 4 ?"
17	Tyler, Warren	Photograph of soldier standing at ease with rifle, 1945.	3 ½" x 2 ½"
18	Tyler, Warren	Photograph of soldier with rifle in hand in defensive position. Though unnamed, soldier determined to be same as number 17, photograph has same ribbed edge as number 17 and 19; came from same roll of film with code 989H on each.	3 ½" x 2 ½"
19	Tyler, Warren	Photograph of soldier in the squat position, Photograph determined to be same soldier in number 17 and 18, since ribbed edge and code 989H on each photograph	3 ½" x 2 ½"

Number	Name	Description	Size
20	Unnamed	Photograph of sailor; notation – 7342	3 ½" x 2 ½"
21	Unnamed	Photograph of soldier standing beside a Marine Air Station sign; note on reverse – Hawaii, Oct 21, 1945; "97"	3 ½" x 3"
22	Unnamed	Photograph of soldier standing in front of Quonset huts; note on reverse – Morro Bay, California, July 13, 1946	3 ½" x 2 ½"
23	Unnamed	Photograph of soldier standing in front of row houses.	1 ? x 2"
24	Unnamed	Photograph of soldier with hat tilted	3" x 2 ½"
25	Unnamed	Photograph of young man in front of a door squatting on a loading dock attached to brick building	3 ½" x 3 ?"
26	Unnamed	Photograph of soldier wearing earphones and speaking on the radio	3 ?" x 5"
27	Unnamed	Photograph of man in uniform standing in front of the "The Little Red House"	5 ½" x 3 ½"

Folder 2 1946 Glens Falls Semi-Pro Football Club – published reproduction of team photograph, members of team identified.

Folder 3 Memorabilia
 Item 1: Globe Taxi Business Card
 Item 2: Hotel Breakers Cocktail Lounge – drink menu card
 Item 3: Admission Ticket to the Motorcycle Race at Ashland Park, Warrensburg, New York

Folder 4 "Bell Bottom Trousers" – appears to be a typed song or poem with a chorus. Part of the last sentence has been removed. Enclosed with the song is a newspaper clipping of William C. Hall's appointment to the New York State Police and a dinner party given by his friends in his honor. The newspaper clipping was enclosed with the song.

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Many of these names also appear in clippings about high school sports teams. Team pictures have not been indexed.