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## ARCHIVES

Eliza C. Beal  
Letters

2001.48

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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : Letters to Eliza C. Beal from families she notified concerning condition of loved ones

in prisoner of war camps in Germany, from information Mrs. Beal heard on short-wave radio broadcasts from Berlin, Germany during 1943 and 1944.

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World War, 1939-1945 – Prisoners and prisons – Germany.

World War, 1939-1945 – Missing in action.

Prisoners of war – Germany.

Prisoner of war – Family relationships.

Letters.

Beal, Eliza C.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Mrs. Fred E. Beal (Eliza C.) of Worcester, Mass., listened to short-wave radio from Berlin, Germany, during 1943 and 1944 and heard and forwarded messages from soldiers missing in action who later turned up in prisoner of war camps in Germany. The letters are from the families that she notified concerning the condition of their loved ones.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises letters and cards to Mrs. Beal from families she had notified concerning the condition of their missing loved ones later found in German prisoner of war camps. Includes letters, cards, clippings, and photographic postcards of specific soldiers. Letters were written in 1943 and 1944, with some later letters from families that stayed in touch with her. Also includes greeting cards from former prisoners of war, and two printed prayers.

### **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Letters. (60 items)

Series 2: Cards. (5 items)

Series 1, Letters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2001.48.1.1-.3	Letters to Mrs. Beal from relatives of prisoners of war in Germany, n.d. (3 items)
1	2	2001.48.1.4-.5	Letters to Mrs. Beal from relatives of prisoners of war in Germany, March 1943. (2 items)
1	3	2001.48.1.6-.19	Letters to Mrs. Beal from relatives of prisoners of war in Germany, April 1943. (14 items)
1	4	2001.48.1.20-.38	Letters to Mrs. Beal from relatives of prisoners of war in Germany, May 1943. (19 items)
1	5	2001.48.1.39-.47	Letters to Mrs. Beal from relatives of prisoners of war in Germany, June 1943. (9 items)
1	6	2001.48.1.48-.50	Letters to Mrs. Beal from relatives of prisoners of war in Germany, July 1943. (3 items)
1	7	2001.48.1.51-.52	Letters to Mrs. Beal from relatives of prisoners of war in Germany, March 1944. (2 items)
1	8	2001.48.1.53-.56	Letters to Mrs. Beal from relatives of prisoners of war in Germany, June 1944. (4 items)
1	9	2001.48.1.57-.60	Letters to Mrs. Beal from former prisoners of war and families, 1954 and 1966. (4 items)

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 Series 2, Cards

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	10	2001.48.2.1-.3	Greeting cards to Mrs. Fred E. Beal (Eliza C.), from former prisoners of war and families. (3 items)
1	10	2001.48.2.4-.5	Prayers, printed on cards. (2 items)