

Guide to the F. W. Gleason, Jr., Letters, 1943-1945

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Creator: Gleason, Jr., F. Wesley

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ABSTRACT:

This is a collection of eleven letters from Lt. F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., U.S.C.G.R. (United States Coast Guard Reserve), aboard the U.S.S. Arthur Middleton, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 1943 to February 1945.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE:

Lieutenant F. Wesley Gleason, Jr. was a member of the United States Coast Guard Reserve during World War II. He was aboard the *U.S.S. Middleton* out of San Francisco

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

This collection consists of eleven letters, one being a Christmas card, and one being a Mother's Day card from Lt. F. W. ("Wesley") Gleason, Jr., U.S.C.G.R. (United States Coast Guard Reserve), aboard the U.S.S. Arthur Middleton, out of San Francisco, California, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana. These letters are dated from December 1943 to February 1945. In the June 9, 1944 letter, he states, "Yesterday made nine months since I reported aboard." He mentions Mother's Day and Father's Day, his parents' birthdays, Marion and Aunt Leonie briefly, some of his fellow shipmates, and a girl named Adelaide who sounds as though she may be his sister. He is not able to mention where he is. He mentioned in one letter that he has "heard some talk about the gov't allowing the distilleries to make whiskey again... next to hearing the war is over, that's the best news the people could get." He mentions that they will "start carrying beer. Not to drink aboard but so often we have gotten into ...ports where drink are impossible to get." He asks his parents if they are going to the Sugar Bowl; he had heard "over the radio that it is a sellout." He is also interested in the stock market and banking.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description
SC0005	2022.1	Letter (Christmas card): From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 12, 1943.
		Letter: From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his mother, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 12, 1943.
		Letter (Mother's Day card): From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2, 1944.
		Letter: From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 9, 1944.
		Letter: From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 26, 1944.

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Letter: From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, July 12, 1944.

Letter: From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 14, 1944.

Letter: From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 1, 1944.

Letter: From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 24, 1944.

Letter: From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 30, 1944.

Letter: From F. Wesley Gleason, Jr., USS Arthur Middleton to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gleason, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 16, 1945.