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Title: May Assaff Papers  
Creator: Assaff, May  
Inclusive dates: 1943-1945  
Bulk dates: 1945  
Extent: .5 linear foot; 1 document box  
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**Abstract:**

A collection of 13 letters from May Assaff to Emily Hajar, between 1943 and 1945. May served in the Women's Army Corp during World War II and Emily was a WAVE [Women Appointed to Volunteer Emergency Service] in the Navy.

Language: Material is in English  
Acquisition: Donation from Emily Hajar on August 27, 2011  
Accruals: Additions to the collection are not expected.  
Access: No restrictions.  
Photographs: None.  
A-V Material: None.  
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**Biography**

May Assaff grew up in West Roxbury, Massachusetts and joined the Women's Air Corps during World War II. It was considered quite daring for a woman to join but was encouraged by her mother. Assaff was stationed in Tallahassee and taught secretarial courses at Dale Mabry Field. Postwar, she returned home, married Fred Ede and they moved to Florida. There she raised five children and worked as a department store salesperson.

**Subjects**

United States. Army. Women's Army Corps.

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