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Wayne L. Bishop Collection

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The Wayne L. Bishops Collection contains letters written during his service in World War II to his wife Florence and son Darrel. He served in the 382nd Infantry Regiment, 96th Division, Tenth Army and was wounded during a battle on Okinawa. The letters tell about Wayne's experiences in the military including training and dealing with the wound he received in battle. There is a letter telling about Wayne attending a United Nations conference. Also, the collection contains Bishop's military papers; a Report of the Rapporteur of Committee II/4, The United Nations Conference on International Organization, Commission II General Assembly, June 20, 1945; and letters written by Ernest H. Sims, a friend, and Warren M. Bishop, Wayne's brother. A copy of the publication World War II Letters by Wayne L. Bishop 1944/45 is included in the collection.

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good luck.
We will write more
some day.

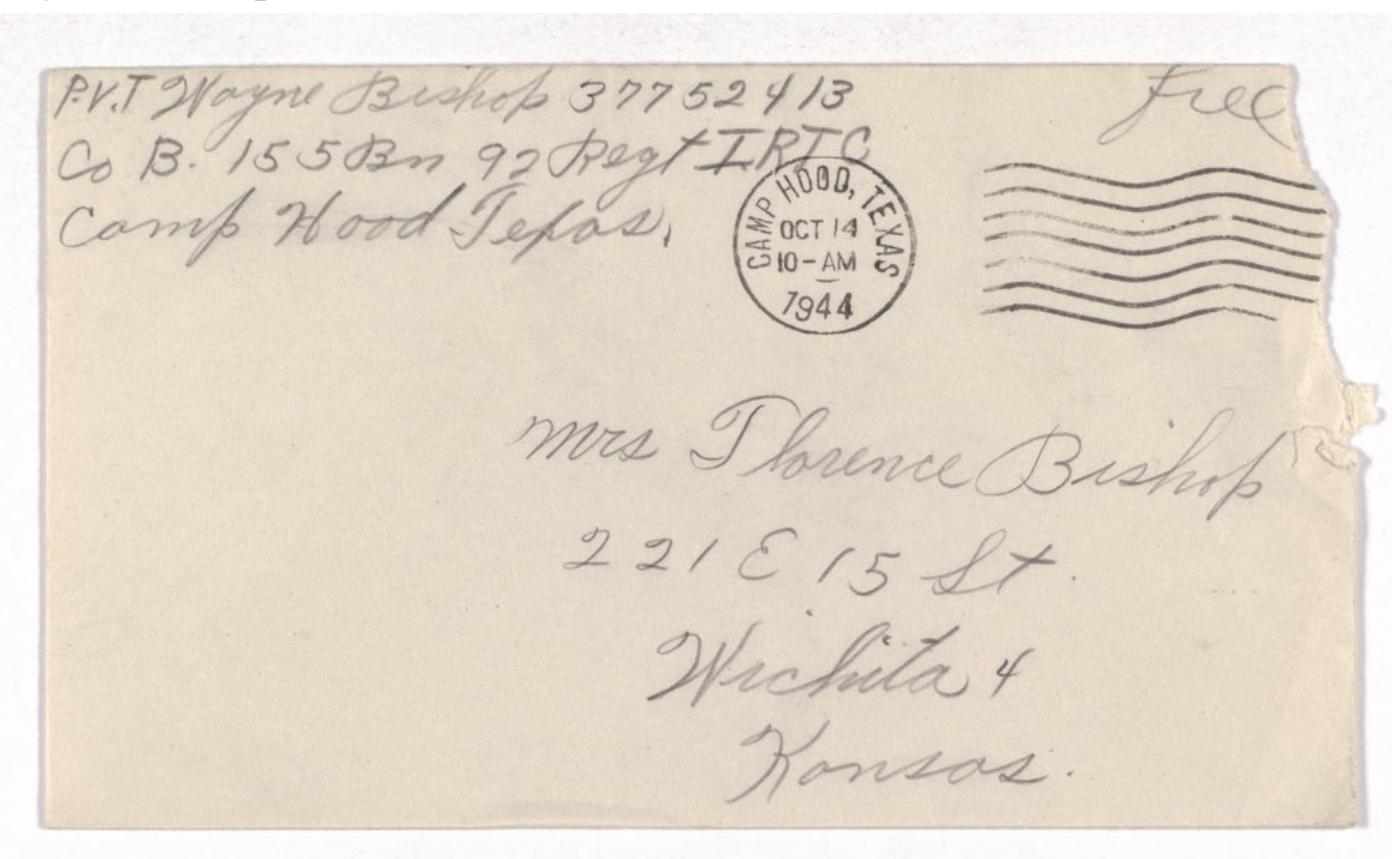
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Dear Honey Bunch and good old
Darrell Gens. Well I have a
phone call in trying to get home
and am just setting here on
my big can waiting have waited
one hr. and will wait another
hr or so and if I don't get
you I will never try no
more while I am in this
goofy place. Wanted to
call you for your Birthday
but suppose I can't. Got a
letter from you to-day.
had to stand in line
1 hr 15 mins to get my mail
and chow. all I have done
so far to day is look part
of the camp over. and clean
that rifle.

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also had to line up to-day
and sign my name so I can
get my check the last of the
month. Well even half to
salute a officer before I get
it. ought to tell them to
go to heck w/it. Sappos
you will half to hire some
body to put a window in
the basement. I think
there is a plug in the
pantry on the East end of
a shelf. if is not there I
don't know where it might
be. also that long piece
of pipe in the basement
is yours. You will just
half to get some one to
fix such thing and don't
worry anything about it.
guess I ought to have
took genl a round when

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I was there. Only I would
have got payed for the
window.

Think I will run about 2
miles over to the main PX
store and try and get a watch
chain this one is no good afraid
it might break. I think we
will have to go a long ways
in the morning and then
throw ^{the} horses and eat
chow out in the field. Honey
I made Reservations for
you to stay here at camp for
3 days. 27-28-29. Friday
through Sunday. If you dont
to come it will only cost ^{for} a
day and I would get to stay
there from whenever I got

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off from work to 10.3° and
of them days we happened
to be out & chasing around
or I would have K.P. then
I suppose we would be just
out of luck. So it would be
just a chance. and nothing
for you to do but just sit
around. So you just use
your own judgment. or if
you think you can get enough
gasoline you could drive
down. You would half to see
the rationing board. and
probably they would give gas
for one way. Dad would
give you all of his A stamps
and some for a tractor if
you would write him. If
you ask the board for gas
stretch the miles a lot.
if you was here you

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probably could get a place
to stay in town near by.
If you come bring plenty of
money in traveling checks.
You would half to come to
a town called Killen
which is near here. They
have taxi service from
there here if you came
by train.

The place where you
would stay is the
162nd St Great House
in South Camp hood. it
is on Headquarters ave.
and 162nd st. You would
half to ask how to get
there Because I don't
know.

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Now Honey you do what every
you want to. But don't sent
the house where you live to
nobody yet. Because you will
need it for a home. And if
you are getting along there
alright it would be very
much better for you to stay.
I would like to see you. But
this troneling is heck and it
is a long ways down here.
So you do as you wish and
it will be the best. It will
just be tough here till i get
out whether it is 6 wks or 17.
Well 2 hrs is up and no
phone call so guess I will
go back up to the farricks
a work on my pack holder.
Will send darrel something
if I can every find someth
ing to buy.

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Tell Darrel that I am happy
and doing good and have
plenty of boys to fight with.
But I don't know him
when I get back. This
can't call home makes me
so damn mad I got a notion
to go get drunk. Well Happy
Borthday and Honey you're
a good woman and some
day you can set on my lap
again. But I don't think
about it either. Wish we
worked on Sunday. It is
better going than just
setting around. xxxx

Good by Honey lunch
sweet pie and ect.

over Capt. Bishop

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Well I got over being mad so
will write a few more lines.
Just heard while ago. that I could
stay all night on Sat and all day
sun. with you here. You can hear
so many things so you don't
want to believe anything. Say,
Hong I can't get a watch strap
here so you try and find a heavy
strap where it fastens on to
the watch is this wide! ↵
don't get one that just clamps
around your wrist. get one
with a buckle and don't pay
too much for it. Say you
old Honey bunch sweetheart
with that blond hair and
blue eyes do you still like
me just a wee wee bit. Buy
darrel gene what you can to
play with. So he will have
something to do. (wayne)

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Monday 16 Oct.

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Dear Wife & Darrell Gene:

Well I am in good humor
to night so again I can do
here early and though I would
call you on your Birthday.

suppose the chance will be
about the same as usual.

Got your letter to day and
I thought you were
taught better than to work
to eleven o'clock at night.
I may half to go A.W.O.T
and come home and squeeze
you up a little bit.

The boy who went A.W.O.T
here got 6 months and $\frac{1}{3}$ of
his pay. He trains with
a man guarding him
every day.

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So a W.O. would be the last
thing a person should do.
I have had a easy day to day,
we got up at 3:45 this
morning and at day light
we were over 4 mi from here
Went away out in the hills
and threw them hand
grenades. Gives you a
thrill when them pieces
of cast go whistling over
your head like a hundred
bullets. nobody got hurt.
They do every thing possible
for your protection. a dumy
dropped one here the other day
and a officer picked it
up trying to get it out of
the road and he got killed.
He got his just trying
to protect a dumb fellow.

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This afternoon we went to sea the second of a series of shows on how Germany done the world. It makes you so darn mad at them that we are all ready to give them the works Because they need it. I think tomorrow we will dig that fox hole. Cleaned our rifle to night Sgt. said his was very good. We have a very fine man for a captain. all they want here is a man that can march. keep the rifle clean & know how to shot it and one who knows his military

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courtis. The last is
my only worry. This
the stuff don't go farme
so I best don't ask no
questions. Just talked
to a man. Why has been
here 6 weeks and he is leav-
ing for the anti aircraft
gun division. We eat
chow in the field to -
morrow.

I have a darn sore
lip to-day. a lot of them
have such things. my
fore head is broke out with
pimples suppose it is
the meanest coming
out. or many damn drink-
ing too much coffee. I
drink a lot of coffee and
buy a lot of pop.

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Well I guess I will start writing again. am sure glad d got to talk to you and Darrell. Genne. Sounds like you are as happy as ever. Hope the phone bill isn't to much. anyway it was worth it. I am setting here watching some fellows boeing.

I am not a bit tired to night. Haven't got a sore on my foot and that is all that is necessary. If we both keep well. that is all that matters.

Has I mad this morning d was having a good dream. Hod. you^d another woman in the car and was just ready to get some when the fellow came walking across the floor and turned on the lights.

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Honey bunch. I don't know of
much more to write of out and
suppos I should soon go to bed.
So sleep happy and I will see
seeing you some of these days.
and you be a good girl.
Wayne.

X+X

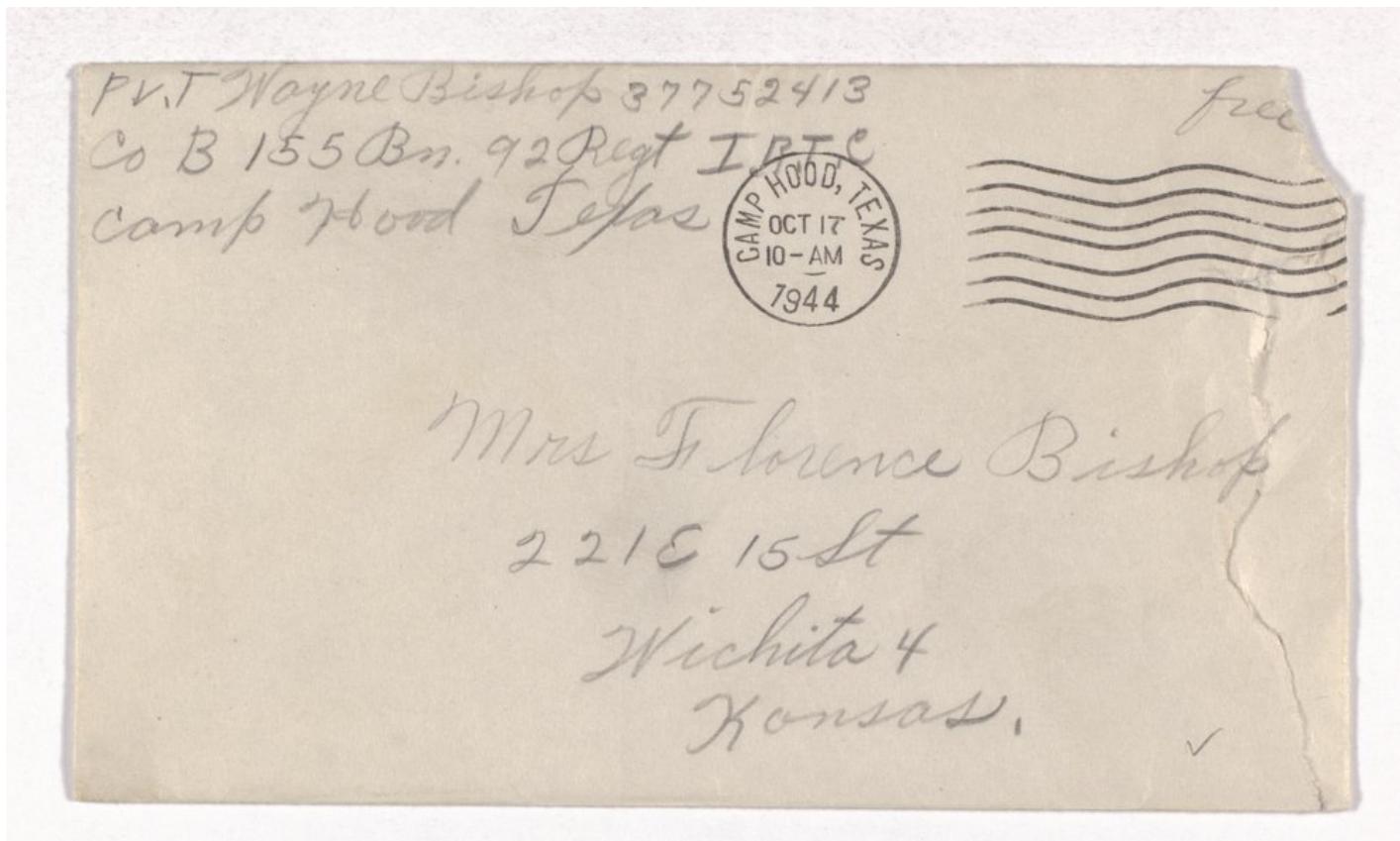
Hi old Honey bunch. Sweet
pea, and ect. Wonder how'd
would like to do some work
up & down to night. If you
take a notion to come down in
the car try and get someone
to come in with you. or I probably
could get in touch with some
body's wife that would come
along. If you come bring some
Buffers. I might get a chance to
use them you know. Honey
think twice for it is a long ways
here and nothing here after you get there

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Dear Honey & Bassett.

Well it is 8:30 and I have just got done all except taking a shower. and it is full of nuts. The darn young boys and mexicans are about to drive me nuts always got the clock going about some fool thing. The men that was suppose to clean the sub Toilet fucked up this morning so we were all quarantined to our barrack for work but they got goddamn bilogs and it is only for to night. We have rifle inspection to morrow. so my has been getting a cleaning.

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The darn thing better pass.
I also broke a window
glass all to heck to-night
I went and told the Sgt.
and he said he would get
it fixed without no trouble
We didn't dig a fox hole.
But was busy all day and
ate dinner out in the
hills. had a good dinner.
We all had to fill out the
blank so as to get a pass
some day.

I really have a sore lip
darn fever blisters I guess.
also the side is peeling off
of my nose. So I don't
look very pretty. guess
that makes no difference
Sure wish I knew how
to advise you about
coming down here.

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The only thing is if you
don't drive you come on a
train and get a sleeper.
and if you drive don't
start unless you have
somebody to help you drive.
just you do them 2 things.
I think we go out chasing
around again Thursday
night and crawl around through
the trees. We had to crawl
on our tummies this afternoon
and to night we had to
march while a band played
about 800 of us. That is a lot of
men. I fell on my elbow wrong
and it is getting kind of sore.
But it all isn't so bad on your
body just your mind

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that catches heck.

We all got in a argument to night who would eat first and it took 3 men to straighten every body out.

I didn't get any mail to night. But I will live tall tomorrow. One fellow here had a little brother get drowned yesterday. He got to start home at noon to day. So he really had troubles.

Sent a little washing away to night. haven't got it back from last week yet. Well old sweetheart Honey bunch and sweet like darling you take care of yourself and Darrell and I can easily take care of mine and haven't been tired yet.

So good night old Sweet heart. and sleep good like I do. put Bishop.

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Dear Honey & Darrell

Well it is another day toward the end. and a pretty good day for exercise. I feel pretty good just bought a cake and some ice cream and me and my pal ate it up. and by the way he is boss of the Garricks. So I haven't much to worry about. He has had training in school and a good education. and I said the right word one morning for him and he was appointed pasture leader of the 240 men. and boss of our Garricks.

Well Honey to-day we dug that fox hole. I had about 1½ hrs. and here comes

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the tank. Well I was in about 5 feet and was not worried. it didn't run over my hole just missed it about 3 inches. Several didn't get in deep enough so they didn't half to stay in their holes. I have 405 blisters on my hands. Some of them really have blisters as big as a quarter.

Next week we are going out on the range and practice shooting. So hope it doesn't start raining. One boss said that I could shoot left handed so guess I will to somebody else tell different.

I got a long letter to day from mrs. Metz. Ralph is here in Texas some place

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waiting to be shipped across
she sure feels bad about it.
and Honey I didn't hear
from you to day. But probably
will to morrow. We will go
on our ship to morrow nite.
instead of to night. They
are having a boating match
to night here. I may go
pretty soon with a fellow only
about 2 mi there and 2 socks.
Wish I had my Tard for a
few minutes.

Well Sweetheart I hope
you and Darrell gene are getting
along as fine as I am.
This is kind of tuff but
after you start if you don't
worry nothing about it.

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So you no worry either
as if you are well I have
nothing to worry about and
then I can keep things done
around here. You see

Honey I am going so
good night. I sure wish
you were going along.

I will write a few lines
tomorrow.

Can't ~~get~~ possible

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I 20. Oct.

Dear Honey & Darrell Gene.

Got one letter to day, and I have a few minutes so will write a few lines. We leave on that hike at 7:30 to night & will be gone till 2:30 in the morning so it will be a good day. Went to the ~~wrest~~-
~~ling~~ match last night got back about 10 and was tired and had a heck of time sleeping was awake about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the time. But feel good so far today.

Took a test awhile ago about map reading. I missed 3 out of 51. Better than the average.

You won't think so much of your Birthday present when you will help to pay the bill.

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Honey if you come down^{2.}
don't be disappointed if you
don't get to see me on Friday
night because we are going
on the rifle range next week
and that is Tuff and I think
they stay out to late every
night but I don't know.

You can bring my address
if you come and they might
let me know you are there
and I don't know whether
I could stay all night their
^{at some} or not. You cannot find
out anything around here.

If I get off P. I might
trade with somebody else.
and if you are not plann-
ing on coming write and
say so. as I should cancel
the reservation about next
Thursday.