

# Guide to the Henry B. White Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1645

**CREATOR:** White, Henry B., 1906-1992

**TITLE:** Henry B. White papers

**DATES:** 1943-1993

**BULK DATES:** 1943-1945

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of letters written by Henry B. White to his wife, Dorothy Welch White, during World War II. The correspondence details White's military experiences, covering such topics as his basic training in the United States and subsequent postings in Morocco, Northern Africa, India, and Burma. The letters contain detailed descriptions of military training and camp life, the flora and fauna of Africa and India, and Sikh and Hindu rituals. Also included are four letters from George Morgan Welch to his daughter, Dorothy Welch White, written while he was stationed in the Southwest Pacific area in 1943.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dorothy Welch White, 1993.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Henry B. White Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Henry B. White was born in New York City on July 23, 1906. He was a graduate of Columbia University and was a World War II veteran, serving with the 9th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron in India and Burma. White taught at the Foote School in New Haven from 1941 to 1952. He then worked for S. Curtis & Sons in Newtown, Connecticut. From 1971 to 1978, White served as a printer for the Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University. He died in Hamden, Connecticut on May 31, 1992.

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## Scope and Contents

The Henry B. White Papers consist of correspondence from Henry B. White to his wife, Dorothy Welch White. The letters detail White's military experiences from 1943 to 1945, covering such topics as his basic training in the United States and subsequent postings in Morocco, Northern Africa, India, and Burma. The letters contain detailed descriptions of military training and camp life, the flora and fauna of Africa and India, and Sikh and Hindu rituals.

The papers also include correspondence from Colonel George M. Welch to his daughter, Dorothy Welch White, written while he was stationed in the Southwest Pacific area in 1943.

The papers were the gift of Dorothy Welch White in 1993.

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## Collection Contents

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| b. 1, f. 1 - 7 | Correspondence from Henry B. White to Dorothy Welch White                        | 1943 - 1945 |
| b. 1, f. 8     | Correspondence from Colonel George M. Welch to his daughter, Dorothy Welch White | 1943        |
| b. 1, f. 9     | Photograph: Reliance printing press  | 1993        |
| b. 1, f. 10    | Biographical reminiscence, by John O. C. McCrillis                               | 1993 May 7  |

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

World War, 1939-1945 -- Africa, North  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Burma  
World War, 1939-1945 -- India  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives,  
American

### **Occupations**

Soldiers

### **Names**

White, Henry B., 1906-1992