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DAVID ANDREW EPTING PAPERS

I

The papers of David Andrew Epting, Navy Officer, Naval Reserve Officer, and World War II veteran were given to the Louise Pettus Archives by Julie Derrick Epting (Spouse) on December 2, 2013

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 9.25
Approximate no. of pieces: 16,000 pieces and 138 Artifacts

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Scope and Content Note: **This collection consists of David Epting's correspondence, lecture, and teaching materials, rough notes, books, photographs, newspaper clippings, and artifacts. Most of the material pertains to Epting's career and experience in the United States Navy, the Naval Reserves, in several colleges and universities, and the Second World War. Most notably is Epting's correspondence which includes not only letters from him to his family during WWII but also letters to him from his family. His letters give a good picture of a young naval officer's experience in the war. The letters from his family to Epting give a very good description of the Home Front in South Carolina during WWII. Epting's mother, Annie Davis Epting, was a 1909 graduate of Winthrop.**

Transfer of Items: None

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

DAVID ANDREW EPTING

- 1922 Born in Columbia, South Carolina
- 1940 Graduated Columbia High School
- 1941 Enrolled in Newberry College
- 1943 Completed United States Navy's V-12 Officers' training program
- 1944 Graduated U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Notre Dame
- 1944 Enrolled in Harvard Navy Supply School
- 1948 Hired by the Southern Bell Telephone Company
- 1955 Became Cashier for Southern Bell Telephone Company
- 1982 Retired as Treasury Cashier from Southern Bell Telephone Company
- 2012 Died at age 90

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u> | <u>Year(s)</u> |
|----------------|------------------|--|---|
| 1 | 1-3 | CORRESPONDENCE Letters between David Epting and his family while attending College, mainly but not limited to time spent at Newberry S.C. Some letters contain photographs as well as local newspaper articles Letters are in chronological order. | Dec 21, 1928, June 1, 1940, Mar.-Dec 1941 |
| 2 | 4-6 | CORRESPONDENCE Letters between David Epting and his family while attending College, some pertain to active military service, mainly but not limited to time spent at Newberry S.C. Some letters contain photographs as well as local newspaper articles. Letters are in chronological order. | Jan. 1943-Nov. 1943 |
| 3 | 7-9 | CORRESPONDENCE Letters between David Epting and his family and friends while on active duty, some contain photographs as well as newspaper articles. Letters are in chronological order. | Dec. 1943-Feb. 1944 |
| 4 | 10-11 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. There are also greeting cards. Letters are in chronological order. | Mar. 1944-Apr. 1944 |
| 5 | 12-14 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. Greeting cards are also included. Letters are in chronological order. | May, June, July 1944 |
| 6 | 15-17 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. Greeting cards are also included. Letters are in chronological order. | Aug. 1944-Nov. 1944 |

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u> | <u>Year(s)</u> |
|----------------|------------------|---|---------------------|
| 7 | 18-19 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. Greetings cards are also included. Letters are in chronological order. | Dec-1944 |
| 8 | 20-22 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. Greetings cards are also included. Letters are in chronological order. | Jan. 1945-July 1945 |
| 9 | 23-25 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. Greetings cards are also included. Letters are in chronological order. | Aug. 1945-Oct. 1945 |
| 10 | 26-28 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. Greetings cards are also included. Letters are in chronological order. | Nov. 1945-Dec. 1945 |
| 11 | 29-31 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. Greetings cards are also included. Letters are in chronological order. | Jan. 1946-Feb. 1946 |
| 12 | 32-34 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. Greetings cards are also included. Letters are in chronological order. | Mar. 1946-May 1946 |

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u> | <u>Year(s)</u> |
|----------------|------------------|---|---------------------|
| 13 | 35-37 | CORRESPONDENCE This series includes mainly personal letters between David Epting and his immediate family during the Second World War. Some letters contain photographs and newspaper articles. Greetings cards are also included. Letters are in chronological order. | June 1946-Aug. 1946 |
| 14 | 8-40 | PHOTOGRAPHS This series contains photographs of David Epting while at College and while on active duty in the Pacific during WWII. Photographs also include family, friends and various reunions. | ca. 1940-1946 |
| 15 | 41-43 | PERSONAL AND SENTIMENTAL MATERIAL This series includes requests for training and or transfers regarding such training, duties of a supply officer, supply meeting minutes as well as manual for automated materials handling system. | July 1946-Aug 1968 |
| 16 | 44-47 | NAVY AND NAVY RESERVES DOCUMENTS AND FORMS Included in this series are projects, assignments, regulations, clothing commissions, annual questionnaires, supply sheets, etc. pertaining to his service in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserves. In chronological order. | 1949-1969, nd |
| 17 | 48-49 | NAVY CORRESPONDENCE This series contains documents and manuals relating to education received while on active duty and in reserves. Documents are arranged chronologically. | 1943-1969, nd |
| 18 | 50-56 | MANUALS This series contains various military training manuals including but not limited to: Moral Aspects of Military Mental Hygiene, Misfits in the Military Service, Morale, Ranks and Rates in the U.S. Navy, Supply Dept. Organizational Manual, Handling and Control of Classified Documents. | 1943-1968 |

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u> | <u>Year(s)</u> |
|----------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| 19 | 57-60 | DEPENDENCY, ALLOWANCE, AND RECEIPT FORMS This series includes documents relating to the V-12 program. The V-12 program was a pilot program for the training of officers during the early stages of WWII and was conducted at Newberry College, Newberry S.C. | 1944-1971 |
| 20 | 61-63 | LIFE OUTSIDE THE MILITARY This series includes pamphlets, letters, brochures concerning various activities or interests including but not limited to: Norfolk Botanical Gardens, U.S. Naval Memorial Visitors Center, Heritage Museum, Notre Dame decals and church papers and religious literature. | 1942-2012 |
| 21 | 64-67 | NEWSLETTERS This series contains newsletters concerning active duty, information on the V-12 program and health records. The newsletters are in chronological order. | 1943-1968 |
| 22 | 68-71 | NEWSLETTERS This series is a continuation of previous series consisting of reservist news letters in chronological order. | 1958-1969 |
| 23 | 72-73 | SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT Includes documents concerning activities performed while on reserve duty and while under the command of the sixth naval district. | 1944-1970 |
| 24 | 74-76 | COLLEGE MATERIALS This series contains material relating to time spent at various colleges and is in chronological order. | 1941-2008 |
| 25 | 77-78 | COLLEGE HOMEWORK This series contains hand-written ledgers containing educational assignments/homework while in college and the military. | 1953-1958 |

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u> | <u>Year(s)</u> |
|----------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| 26 | 79-82 | COLLEGE NOTES AND HOMEWORK This series is a continuation of previous series and contains hand written notebooks where homework assignments were recorded as well as paperwork pertaining to the separation from active duty to reserve status. | 1943-1971 |
| 27-32 | -- | MEMORABILIA (See Appendix I for listing of items) | 1940-1946 |
| -- | -- | PUBLICATIONS (See Appendix II for listing of publications) | 1935-2006 |

APPENDIX I

LIST OF MEMORABILIA

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Item Number(s)</u> | <u>Type of Item</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|---|
| 27 | 1-4 | Uniform Ribbons: (2) have bridges attached, Naval Reserve and Occupational ribbon, (2) unidentified ribbons (2) three-ribbon bridges with (6) unidentified ribbons. |
| 27 | 5-9 | Military Ribbons: (2) have bridges, (3) are unidentified with (1) each Asiatic Pacific and American Theatre ribbons |
| 27 | 10 | Shrapnel, Piece of (possibly) |
| 27 | 11 | Unidentified Rock (possibly artifact from locations visited and stationed) |
| 27 | 12 | Seashell Fragment (possibly artifact from locations visited and stationed) |
| 27 | 13 | Unidentified Rock (possibly artifact from locations visited and stationed) |
| 27 | 14 | Unidentified Rock (possibly artifact from locations visited and stationed) |
| 27 | 15 | Unidentified Rock (possibly artifact from locations visited and stationed) |
| 27 | 16 | Unidentified Rock (possibly artifact from locations visited and stationed) |
| 27 | 17 | Unidentified Rock (possibly artifact from locations visited and stationed) |
| 27 | 18-19 | Seashell Fragment, Oyster Shell (possibly artifact from locations visited and stationed) |
| 27 | 20 | Gold Ribbon Bridge Buttons (5) |
| 27 | 21 | Silver Captain Bar |
| 27 | 22 | Gold Brocade, Small Length of |
| 27 | 23 | Clothing Buttons (2): (1) brown; (1) black |
| 27 | 24 | Gold Lapel Pins (4) |
| 27 | 25 | Unidentified Uniform Component |
| 27 | 26 | Silver Navy Cufflinks Pair (1) |
| 27 | 27 | Gold Uniform Button (1) |
| 27 | 28 | Match Book with USN Logo |
| 28 | 29 | Black Uniform Buttons (4) |
| 28 | 30 | CMDR Collar Insignia Patches (3) |
| 28 | 31 | Black Uniform Buttons (5) |
| 28 | 32 | Gold CMDR Collar Insignia (3) |
| 28 | 33 | Brass Uniform Buttons (2) |
| 28 | 34 | Silver Lt. Bars Collar Insignia (6) |
| 28 | 35 | Button Cotter Pins (2) |
| 28 | 36 | Gold Commemorative WWII Buttons (2) |
| 28 | 37 | Gold Uniform Belt End |
| 29 | 38 | Non-Descript Black Leather Band With Buckle |
| 29 | 39 | Deck of WWII Signal Cards |
| 29 | 40 | Non-Descript Green Canvas Cover |

APPENDIX I

LIST OF MEMORABILIA (cont.)

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Item Number(s)</u> | <u>Type of Item</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 29 | 41 | Military Issue Sewing Kit |
| 29 | 42 | Uniform/Possession Stencils (3) |
| 29 | 43 | Armed Services Medal |
| 29 | 44 | Faithful Service Medal |
| 29 | 45 | White Shoe Laces (2 Pair) |
| 29 | 46 | Wooden Corks (2) |
| 29 | 47 | Aviator Sunglasses With Leather Case |
| 29 | 48 | Hour Glass |
| 29 | 49 | N.Y.C. Souvenir Photograph Cards |
| 29 | 50 | Brass Souvenir Trivet |
| 30 | 51 | Desk Name Plaque |
| 30 | 52 | Cmdr. Shoulder Boards (1 Pair) |
| 30 | 53 | Utility Work Belts (2) |
| 30 | 54 | White Bow Tie Dress Uniform |
| 30 | 55 | Uniform Lint Brush With Box |
| 30 | 56 | Leather Bound Bible Brown |
| 30 | 57 | Aviator Sun Glasses With Brown Leather Case |
| 30 | 58 | Japanese Aviator Goggles With Spare Lenses |
| 30 | 59 | Decorative Bamboo Box Containing Japanese Currency |
| 31 | 60 | Souvenir Lapel Pin In Brown Box |
| 31 | 61 | Large Metal Clips (2) |
| 31 | 62 | Silver Pocket Compass |
| 31 | 63-64 | Cylindrical Metal Tins (2) |
| 31 | 65 | Green Metal Cylindrical Tin |
| 31 | 66 | Silver Napkin Rings (3) |
| 31 | 67 | Decorative Napkin Rings Silver (2) |
| 31 | 68 | Brass Belt Buckles (3) |
| 31 | 69 | Key Chain |
| 31 | 70 | WWII 50 th Anniversary Buttons (2) |
| 31 | 71 | Gold Officers Dress Hat Brocade |
| 31 | 72 | Green Felt Box Containing Gold Cross |
| 31 | 73 | Dog Tags Made Into Jewelry (3) |
| 31 | 74 | Large Brass Safety Pin |
| 31 | 75 | WWII Service Medal |
| 31 | 76 | Green Military Issue Signal Whistle |

APPENDIX I

LIST OF MEMORABILIA (cont.)

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Item Number(s)</u> | <u>Type of Item</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 31 | 77 | Uniform Insignia Location Gauge |
| 31 | 78 | Metal Folding Cup |
| 32 | 79 | Galley Mess Trays (3): (2) V-12 Reunion |
| 32 | 80 | Blue Soft Side Laptop Case V-12 Reunion |
| 32 | 81 | Green Military Issue Ball Cap |
| 32 | 82 | White V-12 Reunion Ball Caps (2) |
| 32 | 83-84 | Fire Brigade/ Action Station Helmets (2) |
| 33 | 85 | Pkgs. Disposable Linen Collars (3) |
| 33 | 86 | Navy Issue Officers Rain Coat Black |
| 33 | 87 | Navy Issue Winter Uniform Shirt Black Long Sleeve |
| 33 | 88 | Navy Issue Kaki Uniform Shirts (3): Long Sleeve (1); Short Sleeve(2) |
| 33 | 89 | Navy Issue Utility Jackets (2): Olive Green (1); Kaki (1) |
| 34 | 90 | Navy Issue Uniform Shirt Kaki Long Sleeve |
| 34 | 91 | Navy Issue Uniform Pants Kaki |
| 34 | 92 | Gray Sweat Pants |
| 34 | 93 | Navy Issue Utility Pants Olive Green (3) |
| 34 | 94 | Navy Issue Utility Work Shirt Olive Green |
| 34 | 95 | Navy Issue Utility Jacket Olive Green |
| 35 | 96 | Navy Issue Utility Shirt Blue Long Sleeve |
| 35 | 97 | Navy Issue Dress White Formal Coat |
| 35 | 98 | Navy Issue Dress White Shirt Short Sleeve With Cmdr. Shoulder Boards |
| 35 | 99 | Navy Issue Uniform Shirt Kaki Short Sleeve |
| 35 | 100 | Navy Issue Uniform Pants, Dress White (5): With Belts (2) Dress Blue (2); Kaki (1) |
| 35 | 101 | Navy Issue Jacket Kaki |
| 35 | 102 | Navy Issue Tie Black (3) |
| 35 | 103 | White Socks (4 Pairs) |
| 35 | 104 | Wool Socks |
| 36 | 105 | Navy Issue Dress Blues Uniform Shirt Long Sleeve Black |
| 36 | 106 | Silk Table Dollies (2): Dark Blue (1); White (1) |
| 36 | 107 | Navy Issue Officers Cap Cover (3): Winter Uniform Black (1); Summer Uniform White (2) |
| 36 | 108 | Leather Gloves |
| 36 | 109 | Navy Issue Wool Gloves Olive Green |
| 36 | 110 | Leather Gloves (2 Pair): Wool Lined, Black (1 Pair) |
| 36 | 111 | House Shoes White |

APPENDIX I

LIST OF MEMORABILIA (cont.)

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Item Number(s)</u> | <u>Type of Item</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| 36 | 112 | Cloth Swatch Black |
| 36 | 113 | Navy Issue Wool Blanket, Gray |
| 36 | 114 | Navy Issue Winter Uniform Wool Sweater Black |
| 36 | 115 | Navy Issue Boxer Shorts, Cotton, White (3 Pair) |
| 36 | 116 | Navy Issue Cotton Undershirt (6) |
| 36 | 117 | Navy Issue Towel |
| 36 | 118 | Navy Issue Summer Uniform Undershirts, White, Sleeveless (6) |
| 37 | 119 | Socks (4 Pair): Gray (2 Pair); Each Beige (1 Pair); Black (1 Pair) |
| 37 | 120 | Navy Issue Gloves (3 Pair); White Formal Dress (2 Pair); Olive Green (1 Pair) |
| 37 | 121 | Navy Issue Work Shirts, Olive Green, Short Sleeve (5) |
| 37 | 122 | Navy Issue Uniform Shirts, Long Sleeve (4): Blue (1); Olive Green (1); Kaki (2) |
| 37 | 123 | Navy Issue Formal Dress Uniform Shirts, White, Long Sleeve (4) |
| 37 | 124 | Navy Issue Bags (4): Laundry (2); Sea Bag, White (2); |
| 37 | 125 | Notre Dame Pennants (2) |
| 37 | 126 | Denim Blue Jeans (1 Pair) |
| 37 | 127 | Black Scarf |
| 37 | 128 | Black Sweater Vest |
| 37 | 129 | Thermal T-Shirt Blue |
| 37 | 130 | Cotton Kimono |
| 37 | 131 | Navy Issue Coveralls Olive Green |
| 37 | 132 | Navy Issue Officers Cap |
| 37 | 133 | Navy Issue Winter Uniform Coat, Black |
| -- | 134 | Sea Trunk (Oversized Item Storage) |
| -- | 135 | Sea Chest (Oversized Item Storage) |
| -- | 136 | Japanese Infantry Rifle, WWII, Arisaka Type 38 (In Safe) |
| -- | 137 | Japanese Infantry Rifle, WWII, Arisaka Type 99 (In Safe) |
| -- | 138 | Contains <i>Stars And Stripes</i> Publication, Located In Oversized Manuscript, Drawer #26, Folder #100, Item #680 |

APPENDIX II

PUBLICATION LIST

1. *The Blue Jackets' Manual*, U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis Maryland, 1940
2. *Public Speaking: As Listeners Like It*, Richard C. Borden, Harper & Brothers, New York, 1935
3. *Watch Officers Guide*, U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis Maryland, 1941
4. *Account Current*, Harvard University, 1945
5. *Capstan*, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1945
6. *Service Prayer Book*, Augsburg Publishing, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1940
7. *Life After Newberry*, Betty Rice Boone, Newberry, S.C. 1940
8. *Navy V-12*, Turner Publishing, Paducah, KY, 1996
9. *The Way We Were*, Newberry SC., 2006
10. *Army and Navy Service Book*, National Lutheran Council, Castle Press, New York, New York, 1941
11. *Navy V-12 Program Leadership For A Lifetime*, James G. Schneider, Marlow Books, Champaign, Illinois, 1987
12. *Granite Sea*, Thomas Caldwell, U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, 1992
13. *American Practical Navigator*, Nathaniel Bowditch, U.S. Government Printing Office,
14. *Naval Officers Guide*, Arthur Ageton, Whittlesey House, McGraw-Hill, New York, New York, 1943