

Reid, Wallace

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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Creator:	Reid, Wallace, 1925-
Title:	Wallace Reid papers
ID:	MSS.4030
Date:	1943-2006
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Letters, greeting cards, scrapbook pages, and other World War II materials belonging to this Locust Fork, Alabama, soldier.

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Biographical/Historical note

Born in 1925 in Locust Fork, Alabama, Wallace Reid is the youngest of eight children. His older brothers Bryson and Tracy ("Ted") had already joined the military when he reported for duty on October 7, 1943, at the Tarrant City draft board. He was eighteen years old. He had been working at Kinney's Shoe Store for a year after graduating from high school. His parents were sixty-one and fifty-nine, and his mother was unwell, living at a nursing home. His father had worked as a prison guard.

He first went to Ft. McClellan, Alabama, then to Ft. McPherson in Atlanta, then to Camp Wheeler in Georgia for seventeen weeks of basic training. The training was tough, perhaps more dangerous than actual combat. He took a ship from New York City to northern Ireland and landed in early April 1944. He was in South Hampton waiting for D-Day.

He landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day +1. He was assigned to Company F of the Twenty-third Regiment, Second Infantry Division. He was injured by shrapnel in his left foot on July 27, 1944. He was flown from France to a hospital in England to recuperate. By mid-October 1944 he had rejoined his company in Germany. His company was part of the Battle of the Bulge. He tells horrific stories of the battle and aftermath. He survived with serious frost bite on his arm and hand. On February 6, 1945, he arrived at a military hospital in England for treatment. After 9 weeks, he was discharged on May 2, just a few days before V-E Day. His original company, who by now were 98% replacements, had left for the Pacific. He was able to stay in England for several months of rest and relaxation before he received his orders to ship out. His boat arrived in New York City on November 29, 1945.

In 1946 he entered The University of Alabama as a student on the GI Bill. After attending school for three years, he joined the Air Force from September 1949 -- November 1952 and was stationed in Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, and at Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado. He remained in the active reserves until 1968. He finished a business degree at the University of Houston and lived in Texas until his retirement. As of 2014, he lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

More biographical information about Wallace Reid may be found in *All of us Fought the War: The University of Alabama and its Men and Women in World War II*, a 2012 publication by Delbert Reed.

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Scope and Contents note

The Wallace Reid papers include letters, scrapbook pages, greeting cards, World War II souvenirs from Europe, photographs, and a handwritten memoirs. All of the materials document Reid's involvement in World War II. Almost all of the letters were written by Reid to his parents. Despite the fact that he often wrote these before, during, and after battles, Reid clearly tried to remain positive in his letters to prevent his parents from worrying about him. His memoirs addresses this and provides the more horrific details of his experience.

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Existence and Location of Originals note

Wallace Reid owns and retains possession of these materials. He has allowed the University Libraries to digitize them and make them available.

Conditions Governing Access note

Access is only available via the University Libraries' digital collections at <http://lib.ua.edu/digital>.

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Controlled Access Headings

- V-E Day, 1945
- World War II
- World War, 1939-1945
- World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--France--Normandy
- World War, 1939-1945--Medical care

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Letters: March - April 1944	Box 4030.001	Folder 1
Letter from Wallace Reid, Fort Meade, Maryland, to Mom and Dad, March 15, 1944 <u>Digital Object:</u> p0003_0004030_0000001		
Letter from Wallace Reid, Ireland, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, April 3, 1944 <u>Digital Object:</u> p0003_0004030_0000002		
Letter from Wallace Reid, Ireland, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, April 6, 1944 <u>Digital Object:</u> p0003_0004030_0000003		
Letter from Wallace Reid, Ireland, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, April 16, 1944 <u>Digital Object:</u> p0003_0004030_0000004		
Letters: May - August 1944	Box 4030.001	Folder 2
Letter from Wallace Reid to Mom and Dad, May 7, 1944 <u>Digital Object:</u> p0003_0004030_0000005		
Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, May 10, 1944		

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, May 13, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, May 14, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, May 26, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, May 28, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, June 2, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, June 3, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, August 4, 1944

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Postcard from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, August 9, 1944

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Postcard from Wallace Reid, England, to Corporal Tracy Reid, Columbus, Ohio, August 9, 1944

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Partial letter from Wallace Reid to Mom and Dad, August 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, September 1, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, September 1944

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Partial letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, September 8, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, September 11, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, France, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, September 25, 1944

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Postcard from Wallace Reid, France, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, September 27, 1944

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Postcard from Wallace Reid, France, to Dad, Remlap, Alabama, October 5, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, France, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, October 9, 1944

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Postcard from Wallace Reid, Belgium, to Marjorie McCallom, Jesup, Georgia, October 22, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, October 29, 1944

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Letters: November - December 1944 and undated 1944

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Partial letter from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Mom and Dad,
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Letter from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Mom and Dad, November
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Partial letter from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Folks, November
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Christmas card from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Mom, November
27, 1944

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Christmas card from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Mom and Dad,
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Letter from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Mom and Dad, December
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Letter from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Mom and Dad, December
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Letter from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Mom and Dad, Remlap,
Alabama, December 22, 1944

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Letter from Wallace Reid, Germany, to Mom and Dad, Remlap,
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Letter from Wallace Reid, France, to Mom and Dad, Remlap,
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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap,
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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap,
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Partial letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Ted Reid, March 15,
1945

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Partial letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad,
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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom, Remlap, Alabama,
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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap,
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Partial letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, April
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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, April 13, 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Ted Reid, Columbus, Ohio, April 16, 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, April 20, 1945

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Partial letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, May 8, 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, May 16, 1945

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Postcard from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, June 28, 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, Great Britain, to Folks, Remlap, Alabama, August 22, 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, Tidworth, England, to Mom and Dad, August 25, 1945

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Partial letter from Wallace Reid to Mom and Dad, August 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid to Mom and Dad, circa August 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, Warton, England, to Mom and Dad, September 7, 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, Warton, England, to Mom and Dad, September 12, 1945

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Partial letter from Wallace Reid to Mom and Dad, circa October 1945

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Postcard from Wallace Reid, Glasgow, Scotland, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, October 7, 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, Warton, England, to Mom and Dad, October 9, 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, Warton, England, to Mom and Dad, October 13, 1945

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Letter from Wallace Reid, Warton, England, to Mom and Dad, October 24, 1945

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Partial letter from Wallace Reid, England, to Mom and Dad, Remlap, Alabama, October 29, 1945

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Letter from J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reid, July 1944

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Convert, Peter Kimss, New York Herald Tribune, November 24, 1945

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USS Enterprise Presentation Ceremony, Peter Kimss, New York Herald Tribune, November 26, 1945

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Statement by W. L. Rees, Captain US Navy, USS Enterprise, November 23, 1945

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Scrapbook page with letterheads, Wallace Reid, circa 1945

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Belgian handkerchief

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Souvenirs from Europe	Box 4030.001	Folder 13
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Postcard booklet of Salisbury, England, 1945

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Postcard booklet of London, England, 1945

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Land o'the Thistle, 1946

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Wallace Reid in France, 1944

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Queen Mary entering New York Harbor, 1945

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