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**ROBERT CORWIN LAMM
COLLECTION, 1943–1946**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert Corwin "Cork" Lamm was born on 3 July 1915 in Indiana to Willard E. Lamm and Breatonna Davis. He married Martha A. Dorman. They had at least two children, Michael and David. In April 1943, Lamm enlisted in the U.S. Army. During World War II, he spent time in Japan and returned home in 1946. Lamm worked as a sports editor, writer, and reporter for various news organizations, including the Anderson Herald, the Indianapolis News, and the Indianapolis Star. Lamm died on 14 January 1974.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains five letters and fifteen caricature drawings by Robert Corwin "Cork" Lamm. The letters, spanning from July 1943 to June 1946, are addressed to Lamm's family members. On 26 July 1943, Lamm wrote to his 'folks,' thanked them for items they sent him, and discussed his view of World War II. On 8 November 1945, Lamm wrote to his son, David, from Shizuoka, Japan. The letter is for David's first birthday and discussed Lamm's experiences in Shizuoka with locals and his view of killing other men. Lamm wrote again from Shizuoka on 24 November 1945 to his sister, Violet Louise, and her husband, Henry Alexander Straney. He described getting mail late, what he was doing, and his interactions with locals. Lamm's last two letters of 4 and 5 June 1946 were to his parents and 'Grandma Kindle,' respectively. In both letters, he wrote of his return home from World War II. The collection also contains fifteen caricature drawings by Lamm of fellow servicemen.

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