Vernon R. Whitely papers
0.5 linear feet; 1 half-manuscript box
1933-2006, bulk 1944-1945

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Accession Number: 2011.150
Creator: Vernon R. Whitely
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Separated Materials: Oversized materials have been housed in the Nabb Research Center’s flat file system.
Biographical History: Vernon R. Whitely was born on October 9, 1910 and was part of the Civil Conservation Corps initiative in 1933, where he worked on construction sites and radio factories. He attended the 1939 World’s Fair held in Flushing Meadows, New York. He served in the United States Army during World War II, enlisting in February 1941. Vernon would become an intercept operator, Private Third Class. He was part of the effort to capture Normandy and to retake Paris from the Nazis. While overseas, he travelled to England, France, Germany, and Luxembourg before returning to Easton, Maryland. He married Oleada Gernert on April 25, 1942. Vernon and Oleada had three girls; Dorothy, Nancy, and Oleada. He died on April 1, 2007 in Easton, Maryland.

Citations: Honorable Discharge papers of Vernon R. Whitely, 20 June, 1945
Bound publication in memorial of Vernon R. Whitely, circa 2008

Scope and Content Note: The papers of Vernon R. Whitely document his life experiences including his trip to the 1939 World’s Fair in New York, time spent in the Civilian Conservation Corps and as a member of the United States Army Signal Service during World War II. Documenting materials include a bound publication from the CCC, photographs and service records from his military service as well as post-war ephemera as a veteran. Materials date from 1933-2006 with the bulk of the material dating from his World War II service, 1944-1945.
**Arrangement Statement**: Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.

**Subject Terms**:

**General Terms**
- Easton, Md.
- Military.
- Soldiers.
- Talbot County, Md.
- Violence
- War
- World War II
- World War II—Personal narratives.

**Corporate Names**
- United States Army

**Personal Names**
- Cooper, Martin
- Kreamer, George M.
- Whitely, Oleada
- Whitely, Vernon R.
Box 1

1. Photographs, CCC and England, 1933, 1942-1943
2. Photographs, France, 1943
3. Photographs, Italy and Austria by Martin Cooper and Homecoming, 1945
5. Military records of Vernon R. Whitely 1944, others undated
6. Bound publication, “Hysterical History” Civilian Conservation Corps, circa 1935
8. Correspondence from various people to Vernon R. Whitely, 1956-2006
11. Berlin Wall fragment, 1989 November 3

Oversize

1. Shad boat plans, 1989 March 26