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Biographical Notes:

Charles Shelby Runyan (March 4, 1909-1993) was a Marshall University faculty member and Captain of the 1903rd Engineer Aviation Battalion. The 1902nd and 1903rd, as well as the 805th developed an aid base on Ie Shima Island after it was taken in World War II.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of a typed manuscript diary called, “Ie Shima Diary” as well as a copy of the diary. The diary covers daily events at Ie Shima from the seizing of the island until VJ Day and after, including the death of soldiers by ingesting wood alcohol and speeches given by generals. Also included are copies of photographs from the 3020th Engineering Topographical Corps in September 1945 after the end of the war, featuring handwritten captions on the back as well as a copy of a local surrender document from the Japanese dated September 7, 1945.

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