General Claire Lee Chennault Papers  
RG 43  
Louisiana State Museum Historical Center  
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Descriptive Summary

Provenance: Donated by the Chennault Family in 1979.
Title: General Claire Lee Chennault Papers
Dates: December 5, 1956 – July 28, 1958
Abstract: Collection of letters written to Gen. Chennault while his was hospitalized with lung cancer and includes letters written by Anna Chan to various individuals.
Extent: 37 folders

Biographical / Historical Note

General Claire Lee Chennault was the notable leader of the Flying Tigers in China during World War II. He died in 1958 after battling lung cancer at the Oschner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. His second wife, Anna Chennault, was with him during that time.

Scope and Content

This collection contains letters written to Chennault (1893-1958) while hospitalized with lung cancer at Ochsner hospital. Includes copies of letters written by his second wife, Anna Chan, to various individuals during her stay in New Orleans with her husband, several letters regarding Madame Chaing Kai-Shek's visit to Chennault in the hospital, some letters advising Chennault of "miracle" cures for the disease, and others from men who served under Chennault's command.

Subjects

General Claire Lee Chennault  
Anna Chennault  
Madame Chiang Kai-Shek  
Flying Tigers  
Service in China  
Cancer treatments and cures  
Oschner Foundation Hospital
Access of Use Restrictions

Access
Collection is open for research

Related or Separated Materials

RG 450 General Claire Lee Chennault Papers II: scrapbooks, ephemera, newspaper clippings documenting Chennault’s career.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation
General Claire Lee Chennault Papers, Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

Acquisition Information
Donated to the Louisiana State Museum by the Chennault Family in 1979.

Notes
N/A

Contents List


Folder 2: 1956, December 7. Re-printed note from the “Defender” magazine, addressed to George Larrick of the Food and Drug Administration from Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Scott, regarding a cancer cure.


Folder 5: 1958, June 12. Letter to General Chennault from Albért Tréncaval encouraging General Chennault in his fight against cancer.
Folder 6: 1858, June 22. Letter to General Chennault from Ernest McEacharn regarding family news.


Folder 9: 1958, June. Letter to General Chennault from Paul Hick, wishing the General well and reminiscing about their time in China.


Folder 11: 1958, July 8. Letter to General Claire and Anna Chennault from Merian Cooper offering his kind thoughts.

Folder 12: 1958, July 10. Letter to General Chennault from Suzanne Link offering her kind thoughts and prayers.

Folder 13: 1958, July 11. Letter to General Chennault from Katherine Bell Conner, reminiscing about meeting the General and offering her prayers.


Folder 17: 1958, July 12. Letter to General Chennault from Rosetta St. Clergy, offering the prayers of her church to the General.

Folder 18: 1958, July 13. Letter to General Chennault from James Rusbury, reminiscing about past military days and offering his thoughts.

Folder 19: 1958, July 13. Letter to General Chennault from Bill Thomas, reminiscing about past military days and offering his prayers.


Folder 23: 1958, July 17. Letter to Jean from [signature cut off], regarding General Chennault’s hospital visit.

Folder 24: 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to P.Y. possibly from Anna Chennault [no signature], regarding General Chennault’s health.


Folder 27: 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Madam Chiang Kai-Shek from Anna Chennault thanking her for her visit to General Chennault.


Folder 34: 1958, July 17. Copy of letter to Theresa Schrider from Anna Chennault regarding bank business.


Folder 36: 1958, July. Get Well card to General Chennault from Paula [Paul A?] Hicks.
