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MSS 564	f1	Dick Wright correspondence, postcards, and documentation This file consists of correspondence sent by Dick Wright to his wife Laura Wright while he was travelling to and working in the North for the Canol Project, as well as ephemera collected by Dick and personal documentation.	193-, 1943, 1944, n.d.
		- Postcard (col.) of scenic view of Mt. Shasta near Klamath Falls, Oregon. Addressed to Mrs. Laura Wright from her husband Dick Wright. Handwritten message on back reads "Dear Laura & DeDe [Dick's son Richard]. Arrived Klamath Falls 4-13 12:30 pm. We have 2 chartered cars on train, nice scenery, next stop is Eugene, Ore. Will arr [arrive] Seattle 4-14 6:30 am. Sorry I could not say good by to DeDe give him a Big Kiss for me. Tell him will mail 1 Doz Balloons from Seattle. Am writing this on train, tracks are very rough an slow. have played checkers all morning with Chubb [Dick's brother Charles]. Men are nice, about 50 of us. Will send card from Eugene. Say good by to Joe and Tesenes. Love to all, Dick". Statue of Liberty Industry Agriculture for Defense 1¢ cent U.S. stamp. Postmarked "Portland & S.F.N.D. R.P.O. TR 17 Apr 13 1943".	13 Apr 1943
		- Postcard (col.) of scenic view of field of blue lupine flowers in Paradise Valley at Mount Rainier National Park, Washington. Addressed to Mrs. Laura Wright from her husband Dick Wright. Handwritten message on back reads "Dear Laura and De, arrived Seattle 7:15 am. Spent morning checking Cos offices. am going out to Dads this afternoon. Will leave Saturday for Alaska. Will try & get balloons for De today. Tell him hello for me. will write before leaving Seattle. Hope everything fine, Love Dick". Statue of Liberty Industry Agriculture for Defense 1¢ cent U.S. stamp. Postmarked "Seattle Wash. Apr 14 1PM 1943".	14 Apr 1943

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		- Gowen Sutton Co. Ltd. postcard (b&w) of starboard side view of CPR's S.S. 'Princess Charlotte'. Addressed to Laura & D.D. Wright from Dick Wright. Handwritten message on back reads "Sure was glad to hear you on phone, maybe I can call you in a week or so, sorry could not get D's balloons, will send him something from Skagway If I ever get there, trip is slow Am docking at Victoria now, will leave for Vancouver in ½ hr will write later, be good, love Dick". Stamped "Buy Victory Bonds" and "U.S. Censorship". King George VI 3¢ cent stamp. Postmarked "Vancouver British Columbia Apr 17 10PM 1943".	17 Apr 1943
		- Postcard (b&w) of halibut being unloaded from the hold of a ship, Prince Rupert, B.C. Addressed to Mrs. Laura Wright from her husband Dick Wright. Handwritten message on back reads "Dear Laura and D.D., Sorry could not get an easter card, all stores closed. Candy was only thing could get for D.D. Don't think we will be here much longer, cannot say much in letters, will write soon as we get to Skagway, hope everything fine, lots of love, Dick". King George VI 3¢ cent stamp. Postmarked "Prince Rupert". Apr 1943.	Apr 1943
		- Postcard (b&w) of a woman standing by a carved killer whale (Potlatch Bowl) in Thunderbird Park, Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C. Addressed to Mrs. Laura Wright from her husband Dick Wright. Handwritten message on back reads "Dear Laura & De Received your wire. we are leaving tonight or in morning write c/o Bechtel Price & Calahan [Bechtel-Price-Callahan] Canol Project, Skagway, Alaska. Hope there is mail waiting for me, miss you lots, will send letter from Ketchikan. love Dick". [This writing is the first mention of the Canol Project amongst the postcards.] "By Air Mail" sticker. King George VI 1¢ cent stamp and 6¢ cent air stamp. Postmarked "Prince Rupert B.C. May 13 1943".	13 May 1943

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		- Postcard (b&w) of a large log building at Copper Center, Alaska. A sign on its roof reads "Copper Center" and signs over a door read "Copper Centre Trading Post" and "Post Office". There is a small "527" in the lower left corner of the card. Addressed to Mrs. Laura Wright from her husband Dick Wright. Handwritten message on back reads "9-27-43 Hello hon I just had dinner and i am leaving again now so i haven't time for a letter. i didn't get in till 7am this morning so i slept all day. A driver left for Fairbanks today an will pick up my mail an checks. It looks like ill make my quota this month, \$58.12 ½ for yesterday. They just got these cards the other day its the place I wrote about in last letter. Babe ill write when i get back Wednesday, I hope everything is alright, love you hon, Dick". Transport plane 6¢ cent U.S. air stamp. Postmarked "Copper Centre Alaska 1943".	27 Sep 1943
		- Souvenir booklet of colour Alaska, Yukon, and British Columbia views accessible through Canadian National travel and excursions. Designed to be a self-contained mail out. Cover has views of totem poles alongside buildings in an Alaskan community. Consists of the following views: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrangell, Alaska, Fishing Headquarters (view of community)</li> <li>• Juneau, Capital of Alaska (view of community)</li> <li>• Main Street, Skagway, Famous in Gold Rush Days of 1898 (street scene)</li> <li>• Whitehorse, Head of Navigation on the Yukon (Yukon River waterfront)</li> <li>• Dawson, Heart of the Famed Klondike Gold Fields (view of community from Klondike City)</li> <li>• Beautiful Lake Bennett on the White Pass Route (church and lake)</li> <li>• The Mendenhall Glacier and Auk Lake</li> <li>• C.N.R. S.S. Prince Rupert and Prince George Twin Ships 3379 Gross Tons, Length 319 Ft.</li> <li>• C.N.R. S.S. Prince Robert, 6892 Gross Tons, 384 Ft. Long</li> </ul>	193-

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocean Falls (waterfront building of the B.C. community)</li> <li>• Prince Rupert, B.C. (view of community)</li> <li>• Ketchikan, Alaska, Fishing Centre (view of community)</li> <li>• Idyllic Ben-my-chree, A Garden at the Foot of a Glacier</li> <li>• Miles Canyon and Whitehorse Rapids, Five Miles Long</li> <li>• Taku Glacier, One Mile Face, 200 Ft. Height, 90 Miles to Source (steamship sailing past glacier)</li> <li>• Five Finger Rapids (sternwheeler approaching)</li> </ul> <p>Descriptive text promotes travel to Yukon via the Inside Passage by Canadian National. Published 1930s.</p>	
		- Two never used envelopes with the route of the Alaska Highway (Edmonton to Fairbanks) printed on them. Indicated are cities in Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, and Alaska. Not dated.	n.d.
		- Copy of Richard J. Wright's United States Coast Guard identification card. Issued in San Francisco on Mar 3, 1943.	3 Mar 1943
		- Certified copy (2008) of Richard Jackson Wright's 1944 Yukon Certificate of Registration of Death. The form includes the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Died at B.P.C. Oil Refinery in Whitehorse</li> <li>• Was in Yukon 5 months, 25 days</li> <li>• Resident of San Francisco, CA</li> <li>• Born Mar 4, 1919 in U.S.A.</li> <li>• Heavy duty truck driver for contractors Bechtel, Price, &amp; Callahan</li> <li>• Wife Laura Ester Wright</li> <li>• Parents Charles Clemens Wright and Bertha Jane Teagarden</li> <li>• Date of death Nov 9, 1943</li> <li>• U.S. Army Medical Corps performed autopsy which revealed death due to natural causes</li> </ul>	2 Feb 1944