

**Sturgis Library Archives  
Town and Local History Collection  
The Diary of Frank Mello  
MS. 69**

**Extent:** One handwritten diary

**Historical Note:** Frank Mello was a Cape Cod, Massachusetts resident who served on the island of Guam in the Pacific Ocean during World War II. Details of his service are not generally known but he describes his time on Guam as uneventful and, in at least one entry as, “boring”. In the diary Mello writes briefly about meeting Michael Angel Olano, Bishop of Guam (also known as, Bishop Leon Miguel Angel Olano y Urteaga) and speaking with him in Portuguese. As he records it he finally saw his wife and children, after sixteen months, in Boston on November 22, 1945 when he was discharged. Although he records no involvement in action with the Japanese he was wounded in a hunting accident on December 3, 1945.

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection consists solely of Frank Mello’s handwritten diary that starts in May 1945 and ends in January 1946. In the back of the diary is a list of names and addresses. The autograph of the Bishop of Guam appears just above the October 12, 1945 entry.

**Creator:** Frank Mello

**Date:** May 1945 – January 1946

**Access:** Unrestricted. Please credit Sturgis Library for publication purposes.

**Language:** Material entirely in English

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