Harold Aaron Bergen Collection

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Biographical Note

Harold Aaron (Hal) Bergen graduated from Roosevelt High School in Chicago in 1945. Bergen moved on almost immediately into the army, training in Camp Fennin, Texas as a rifleman and in radio before he was deployed to Europe in March of 1946. He worked in the Signal Corps at the Nuremberg Trials, with a position in the Signal Office.

During his time in Germany, Bergen was able to travel, visiting Germisch and some other portions of southern German. He achieved the status of at least a T/5, which he had earned by September of 1946.

Bergen returned to the United States in October of 1946 to go to college.
Scope and Content of the Collection

The Harold Aaron Bergen Collection includes scrapbooks, correspondence, documents and a published work relating to Bergen’s career in the army while stationed at the Nuremberg Trials in the Signal Office.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in an order determined by Bergen, who created the scrapbooks. Original order has been maintained among the scrapbooks, as well as chronologically regarding correspondence. All other records were arranged by PMML staff. The collection consists of three series:

Series One: Scrapbooks

Scrapbooks containing photos and memorabilia from Bergen's time in the United States Army, largely made up of his time serving in Germany at the Nuremberg Trials, and the traveling he did around Germany when not involved in the trials.

Series Two: Bergen’s Life

Correspondence, documents, published work and ephemera related to Bergen’s time in the military, largely composed of correspondence sent from him to his family during the Nuremberg Trials. This series also contains a recording of Bergen's memory of the trials.

Series Three: Loose Photographs

Photographs that fell loose from the black “Photographs” scrapbook, mostly depicting the railroad and the American Red Cross Club.

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Key Subjects

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