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Harold Morrin Collection, Series 1 WWII Letters, 1943-1946

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Scope and Content Note: Series 1 of the Harold Morrin Collection contains correspondence from Harold Morrin to his mother, Mrs. Hilda M. Morrin, in Millersville, during World War II. Harold enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and was discharge in 1946. In these letters, he writes about army life; traveling in the United States, England, and France; and his social life.

Creators: Morrin, Harold B., 1923-2012; Morrin, Hilda M. Erisman, 1899-1977

System of Arrangement:

Series 1 WWII Letters, 1943-1946

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Biographical and Historical Note:

Harold Morrin served in the U. S. Army during World War II, from 1943-1946. "He was a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and was active in the local civic community. He was the past president of the following: Lancaster County Philatelic Society, Lancaster County Bird Club, North Museum Associates and Lancaster Chapter of Administrative Management Society, Millersville Borough Council, and vice president of Lancaster County Boroughs Association. He was Past Director of the Tanger Arboretum, the



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Lancaster County Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and Lancaster County Elementary Envirothon. He also was past board member of the National Association of Accountants. Harold was active in Boy Scouts of America with Troop 45. In 1961, he was on the steering committee and board member of the Millersville Bicentennial.”
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/83211522/harold-b-morrin>, accessed 22 December 2023.

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Box 1

Folder 1 Correspondence from Harold to his Mother: from Enlistment to the end of Basic Training

Insert 1 He writes about the events, meals, and business of his first few days in the army. New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 21 January 1943.

Insert 2 Explains the army processes and locations of friends both new and old. Requests so items from home. Aberdeen, Maryland. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 25 January 1943.

Insert 3 Groans about a punishment hike, explains set-up of ordnance, and writes of his interest with basic training, seeing a Vaudeville soldiers show, weather, food, and new characters to the scene. Aberdeen. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 2 February 1943.

Insert 4 Discusses plans to go camping, a night of fun in Aberdeen, and a company party. Received laundry and peanuts and was accepted to Cadre School. Aberdeen. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 25 February 1943.

Insert 5 Writes of his sleepiness and thanks his mother for the weekend at home. Discusses a cold going around the base and guard duty. Aberdeen. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 11 February 1943.

Insert 6 Shares with her the hard work of Cadre School. Relaxed by seeing three movies in two days. Aberdeen. With envelope. 2 March 1943.

Insert 7 Talks about returning to base late after the weekend at home, the way he felt the next morning, and the good night's sleep that followed. Aberdeen. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 10 March 1943.

Insert 8 Writes with news of new job, mail received, teaching, parades, and the Spring weather. Boasts about schoolwork and his ability to "get away with murder in class." Aberdeen. With envelope. 27 March 1943.

Insert 9 Letter regarding teachers' training and guard duty. Was invited to New York with a friend but may not get a weekend pass. Aberdeen. Aberdeen stationery. With envelope. 29 March 1943.

Insert 10 Reassures his mother of the haircut incident, explains teachers' training, and writes about hitchhiking to Baltimore for a night of food and sightseeing. Also visited New York for some entertainment. Aberdeen. Aberdeen stationery. With envelope. 5 April 1943.



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Folder 2 Correspondence from Harold to his Mother: from Enlistment to the end of Basic Training

Insert 1 Relates his tardy return to base after a weekend home. He is having fun in school and requests the pictures he forgot while he was home. Aberdeen. Ordnance School stationery. With envelope. 19 April 1943.

Insert 2 Easter Sunday, pleasant weekend on base, and no KP. Went to the Service Club for ping-pong, laments about new rules, passed college exam, and wavers over whether to go to New York again. Apologizes for not sending Easter cards or mail to friends and family. Aberdeen. Ordnance School stationery. With envelope. 25 April 1943.

Insert 3 Bought new shoes. Discusses decision to go to New York. Tells his mother that he contributed to the church collection. Easter service bulletin enclosed. Aberdeen. Ordnance School stationery. With envelope. 28 April 1943.

Insert 4 Compliments to his mother on her letters. Discusses their recently deceased dog. Feels guilty about not going home for the weekend but had fun in New York. Observes random fire outside window. Aberdeen. Ordnance School stationery. With envelope. 3 May 1943.

Insert 5 Postcard, "Mother's Day Greetings, 1943." Generic printed card for the soldiers to send home. Notes on back that he has made Corporal. With envelope. 10 May 1943.

Insert 6 Writes of his recent responsibilities as a leader of a squad, explains his daily routine, and plans to go home for the weekend. Aberdeen. Ordnance School stationery. With envelope. 12 May 1943.

Insert 7 Harold's birthday. Writes about birthday cake and cards, and his week filled with classes and retreats. States that he likes to receive letters, so he should also send them, and apologizes for being behind. Aberdeen. Ordnance School stationery. With envelope. 20 May 1943.

Insert 8 Returned from the weekend late and did not get much sleep the following night. Discusses his overworked grandmother and also the rough drills his Cadre have been receiving. Aberdeen. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 1 June 1943.

Insert 9 States that we will catch up on correspondence. Received letters from Miss Rohrer, Dr. Laird, and Nancy Bonham. Begins as a teacher the following week. Writes of pictures, laundry, and stripes and then apologizes for the boring letter. Aberdeen. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 6 June 1943.

Insert 10 Once again has CQ duty and worries about catching up on his sleep. Writes of a "super-duper" weekend, the dance, and visiting with some friends from Franklin & Marshall College. Aberdeen. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 14 June 1943.



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Folder 3 Correspondence from Harold to his Mother: from Enlistment to the end of Basic Training

Insert 1 Had CQ duty, Corporal of the Guard duty, a formal Guard Mount ceremony, and a mile walk. He's tired but attended the Bowes Broadcast for amateur night. Reminds Mom to send trousers. Aberdeen. With envelope. 18 June 1943.

Insert 2 Discusses CQ duty, his buddy Gil getting out of Cadre, the two shows he saw over the weekend, and winning room inspection. Aberdeen. U.S. Army Stationery. With envelope. Postmarked 23 June 1943.

Insert 3 Thanks his mother for a great three-day vacation. Saw the "Stage Door Canteen" picture show and a U.S.O. camp show when he returned. Aberdeen. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 4 July 1943.

Insert 4 Apologizes for not writing more often. Complains about being so busy and that he and the other guys are fed up, then apologizes for complaining. Still loves army life and the satisfaction of being patriotic. Aberdeen. U. S. Army stationery. With envelope. 7 July 1943.

Insert 5 Discusses the "dog tag" incident and how impossible Aberdeen is. The Phillies came to the camp, but his regiment didn't get to see the game. Breaks the news to his mother that there are no more three-day passes. Yearns for an outfit that will do some "soldiering." Aberdeen. Aberdeen stationery. 16 July 1943.

Insert 6 Spending the night in Philadelphia enroute to Atlantic City. Will attend an indoor-outdoor canteen and have a good meal at the English Grill. Philadelphia. Broadwood Hotel stationery. With envelope. 25 July 1943.

Insert 7 Writes of his disappointment in missing a hike for guard duty and his swell weekend in Philadelphia and Atlantic City. He is ashamed that his mother is now the only one receiving letters from him because he is so busy. Aberdeen. Aberdeen stationery. With envelope. 29 July 1943.

Insert 8 Craving overseas service but got a furlough instead. Went with Gil to see a movie and then went dancing. Aberdeen. Aberdeen stationery. With envelope. 1 August 1943.

Insert 9 Wanted to go out during the weekend but had guard duty instead and is angry about the change of plans. Went to another movie with Gil and had a steak dinner. Saw a baseball game. Aberdeen. Aberdeen stationery. With envelope. 8 August 1943.

Insert 10 V-mail from Paul Robb in Algeria to Mrs. Morrin in Millersville. Thanks Mrs. Morrin for her letter. Relates how dirty Africa is and his intention to leave as soon as possible. With envelope. 1 August 1943.



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Folder 4 Letters Harold to his Mother: from Unit Training in Mississippi to transfer to Texas

Insert 1 Laments about his luck in having to move to Mississippi. Requests lots of mail to curb loneliness. Includes special orders showing his promotion to sergeant. Aberdeen. With envelope. 12 August 1943.

Insert 2 Writes from train enroute to Flora, Mississippi. Discusses the train's course, perks, and food offerings. With envelope. 13 August 1943.

Insert 3 "Living in the sticks in the ugliest state in the Union." Jackson, Mississippi. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. 15 August 1943.

Insert 4 Announces end of the picnics and the beginning of work. Has been assigned as a supply sergeant. The men are a mixed bunch, some nice and others undesirable. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. With envelope. 26 August 1943.

Insert 5 Works most of the day and night, even on Sundays. Tells his mother not to send food because of the ants and that there are cockroaches in the mess hall. Part of letter has questions and answers to Gerald. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. 28 August 1943.

Insert 6 Reminds his mother about the camera, bathing suit, and dollar bill he requested. Visited Jackson for the weekend, attended a formal servicemen's dance, and went home with the names of many pretty southern girls. Went to church, had a big meal, and went to the zoo. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. 23 August 1943.

Insert 7 Attended another formal and another church service. Town is quiet on Sundays. Met some nice girls but needs more time to have them mean anything. Jackson. The Walthall Hotel stationery. With envelope. 5 September 1943.

Insert 8 Requests film. Talks of leaving Aberdeen and starting over in Jackson. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. With envelope. 8 September 1943.

Insert 9 Explains current position and introduces his "best pal." Tells of news from Aberdeen and asks how things are back home. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. With envelope. 12 September 1943.

Insert 10 Writes of the army's new found love of his mother's chocolate chip cookies. Still busy with newly appointed position. Almost charged with AWOL. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. With envelope. 19 September 1943.

Folder 5 Letters Harold to his Mother: from Unit Training in Mississippi to transfer to Texas

Insert 1 More drama on the army base as compared to the likes of Aberdeen. Writes about the coming week's state fair. Detailed explanation of recent infiltration course. Jackson. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 30 September 1943.

Insert 2 There was a change in command at the base and he's had no letter for a month. Lost his faith in army chaplains over an incident in the barracks. Jackson. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 14 October 1943.



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Insert 3 Has a lot of time on his hands—he's sleeping, writing letters, and has gone into Jackson in the evenings to attend African American basketball games. Jackson. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 19 August 1943.

Insert 4 Has taken weekend trips to Jackson and Vicksburg. Complains about USO shows and one-sided chaplains, and asks for a scarf and a sweater for Christmas. Jackson. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. Jackson. U.S. Army stationery. 18 October 1943.

Insert 5 Explains the adventure of his first bivouac. Shares the juxtaposition of spending a night in a hole to dancing at the Hotel Heidelberg on his day with Beverly. Took another job answering mail for an illiterate soldier. Jackson. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 24 October 1943.

Insert 6 Writes home that he's broke because of his two dates with Beverly. Requests that his personal items will be cared for. Jackson. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 30 October 1943.

Insert 7 Asks for a leather belt and a subscription to *Reader's Digest* for Christmas. The company is still mixed up, but Harold and Rex enjoyed their "loaf" weekend. Jackson. Edwards Hotel stationery. With envelope. 7 November 1943.

Insert 8 Asks his mother's advice on Christmas shopping and writes about a high school football game. First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, bulletin enclosed. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant. With envelope. 14 November 1943.

Insert 9 Asks his mother to write Rex. Explains that he has seen a lot of shows because it's the only entertainment he can afford. Jackson. With envelope. 18 November 1943.

Insert 10 Craving a new experience and enjoyed another bivouac. Played in the base basketball tournament. Thanks his mother for all the candy she sent. Jackson. U.S. Army stationery. With envelope. 22 November 1943.

Folder 6 Letters from Harold to his Mother: from Unit Training in Mississippi to transfer to Texas

Insert 1 Writes about weather, Thanksgiving, and being confined to the base. Original and photocopy of newspaper article, "This Might be a Good Use of M.O.P. if It is Abandoned." Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. With envelope. 28 November 1943.

Insert 2 Writes of visit to Yazoo City, depot company, and the upcoming Christmas. Jackson. With envelope. 14 December 1943.

Insert 3 Writes about his visit home for Christmas, the train ride to Mississippi, and seeing how things are on the base. Jackson. The Walthall Hotel stationery. With envelope. 29 December 1943.

Insert 4 Writes about his low morale because of a new commanding officer, the troops getting ready to move out, and another trip to Yazoo City. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. With envelope. 3 January 1944.



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Insert 5 Writes about the company in field operation, being inspected by colonels from Washington, being a supply sergeant, rumors of leaving Mississippi, and Christmas thanks. With envelope. 7 January 1944.

Insert 6 Writes about being in the camp, the end of the M.O.P. for him, Ivan being home, and a new captain. Sending money and pictures home. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. With envelope. 10 January 1944.

Insert 7 The colonel was pleased with Harold's company. Writes about Ivan being home, the weather, going to Texarkana, a new commanding officer, and people back home getting married. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. With envelope. 11 January 1944.

Insert 8 Writes about going to Texas and leaving M.O.P., censorship of letters, Ivan, Grandma, marriage back home, and leave from the post. Jackson. Mississippi Ordnance Plant stationery. With envelope. 22 January 1944.

Folder 7 Letters from Harold to his Mother: from the Ordnance Depot in Texarkana, Texas (Automotive and Tank Park)

Insert 1 Sends new address. Writes about the train ride and being in Texas. Texarkana, Texas. With envelope. 25 January 1944.

Insert 2 Starting to work in the depot, played sports, is in a small camp, and is not able to visit the city of Texarkana. Texarkana. With envelope. 29 January 1944.

Insert 3 Is worried about not receiving mail and is ready for the mission that they have been training for since August. This camp is so much better than M.O.P. Texarkana. With envelope. 1 February 1944.

Insert 4 Describes Texas and goes to a basketball game and to church. He visits Mrs. Charles W. Johnson. Texarkana. With envelope. 3 February 1944.

Insert 5 Mentions that Ruth is expecting, and news of Emma and Betty. He likes this camp better than the M.O.P. He's going to send some views of Texarkana and mentions shows, a club, and a bowling alley as things to do. The border between Texas and Arkansas is the only interest thing to look at. Made Expert at the rifle range. Texarkana. With envelope. 7 February 1944.

Insert 6 Writes of his dependence on Fern. Sad to hear that Mrs. [Hready] passed away. Went on a date last Saturday, but won't get serious. There is friction between the new and old groups of soldiers. Worked at the Red Riverford Depot. Goes into great detail about a street fighting requirement. Texarkana. With envelope. 13 February 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Harold to his brother, Gerald, in Millersville about arguing with other soldiers about baseball and being invited to dinner by Mrs. Levan's mother in Texarkana. Jokingly scolds brother for failing due to flirting. Is enjoying the Depot. Texarkana. Ordnance Unit Training Center stationery. With envelope. 15 February 1944.



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Insert 8 Describes job at the Depot and a service held for Washington's birthday. Was unable to attend dinner with Mrs. Levan's mother, but receives another invitation from the Holmans (friends of Mrs. Levan). Texarkana. Ordnance Unit Training Center stationery. With envelope. 22 February 1944.

Folder 8 Letters from Harold to his Mother: from the Ordnance Depot in Texarkana, Texas (Automotive and Tank Park)

Insert 1 Reminds his mother of the code he'll use to tell her where he'll be. Tow of his close friends are leaving the camp and he is very sad. Tells of an important inspection and that he received several compliments. May not expect furloughs any time soon. Texarkana. USO stationery. With envelope. 18 February 1944.

Insert 2 Tells his mother not to tell anyone anything that he might write that could be important. He will send home items such as pictures, shoes, and money. Received health shots and saw two movies and a USO camp show. Texarkana. Ordnance Unit Training Center stationery. With envelope. 25 February 1944.

Insert 3 He and Rex spent the day with the Holmans and he comments on their nice possessions and two beautiful daughters. Saw a funny movie and was on guard duty. Asks his mother to send him a watch. He's happy to be keeping up with correspondence. Texarkana. Ordnance Unit Training Center stationery. With envelope. 27 February 1944.

Insert 4 Enjoyed his pass and visited Dallas. Would like to see other parts of Texas, but will probably be moving out. Tells of a thief from another company who was caught stealing wallets; the incident provided much excitement. Sending more belongings. Used his pay on his pass and to help a friend. Hopes to get his mother a birthday present himself. Texarkana. Ordnance Unit Training Center stationery. With envelope. 7 March 1944.

Insert 5 Thanks his mother for the watch. Send home his Hamilton watch and pictures of Chuck and Fern. Worked C.L. duty. Texarkana. Ordnance Unit Training Center stationery. With envelope. 12 March 1944.

Insert 6 Eager to see real action, but no need for his mother to worry because depot duty is far from the fighting. Encloses his tax report. Texarkana. Ordnance Unit Training Center stationery. With envelope. 14 March 1944.

Insert 7 Very happy to see old friends from his section in Aberdeen. Thanks Gerald and the Open House gang for their letter. Encloses his certificate of membership to the Red Cross. Texarkana. Ordnance Unit Training Center stationery. With envelope. 16 March 1944.



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Folder 9 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; East Coast, U.S. and then England

Insert 1 Tells of seeing shows and bands at fancy restaurants and Radio City Music Hall. Also saw basketball games at Madison Square Gardens. Some of his letters have been rejected recently for saying too much. Encloses allotment forms and thanks his mother for the money she sent. East Coast, U.S. With envelope. 26 March 1944.

Insert 2 Thanks friends and family for all of the letters and Easter cards; reminds them to keep writing. He is enjoying army life and seeing more shows in New York City, including Frank Sinatra. Attended church on Palm Sunday. East Coast, U.S. With envelope. 3 April 1944.

Insert 3 He's now in England. Writes of terrible meals and living conditions on the trip over. Attended church on Easter and thanks his mother for the candy and *Reader's Digest*. England. V-mail. With envelope. 20 April 1944.

Insert 4 Describes England's streets, buildings, and "funny" words. Good food is hard to find, so he often eats at the Red Cross. Will begin setting up living quarters soon. Requests a fountain pen. England. V-mail. With envelope. 23 April 1944.

Insert 5 Copy of Insert 4. With envelope.

Insert 6 Is finally receiving mail from friends, family, and church. Now works in the transportation office doing clerical work but may have a chance to see the country later. The food is good and he wants to be kept posted on his favorite sports teams. England. V-mail. With envelope. 26 April 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Harold to his brother, Gerald. He saw an Air Force show and has been to town several times. Lots of new customs and language to get used to. Has great food, a good set-up, and is having a good time. England. V-mail. With envelope. 26 April 1944.

Insert 8 Asks for stationery and sweets; the rations are really small. Has helped to build the set-up the last few nights and it will be "really swell." England. V-mail. With envelope. 30 April 1944.

Insert 9 Mail is welcome as a source of news from home. "Stars and Stripes" is a newsletter that keeps them updated. Went to a dance, which is different from home, and the music is good. Mentions how crowded it is and that the pubs are a means of social entertainment. Likes fish and chips but wants more candy. England. V-mail. With envelope. 5 May 1944.

Insert 10 He will be 21 soon and wants to register to vote. He is keeping up with sports from the daily newsletter. Likes the food and his location near a large city. Requests two pillowcases. Asks about friends and family back home. England. V-mail. With envelope. 9 May 1944.



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Folder 10 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from England

Insert 1 Mother's Day wishes and an apology that he can't find a gift in England. Has received lots of birthday cards and inquires about Gerald. England. V-mail. With envelope. 14 May 1944.

Insert 2 Harold asks for Hershey Almond Bars, t-shirts, washcloths, and stationery. Mentions that no one has been killed in battle from Millersville, yet, but that Paul Martin may have been captured. Describes the different means of transportation in England. Enjoyed seeing Birmingham. England. V-mail. With envelope. 14 May 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Harold to his brother, Gerald. He states that Gerald is at the age to have fun (senior in high school). He thinks England is a very "picturesque country" and it reminds him of Lancaster. Hopes to play some softball, but the big sports in England are cricket and dog racing. Four days until his birthday. England. V-mail. With envelope. 16 May 1944.

Insert 4 Writes that he did volunteer work instead of going to a dance. Enjoyed seeing *The Merchant of Venice* and a funny USO show. Found a British boxing match to be different since the audience drinks tea! Has gotten addresses of some old college friends. England. V-mail. With envelope. 22 May 1944.

Insert 5 So far, most of his friends from home are far from him, except Capt. Johnson. He's still very confident with his situation. Asks for candy again. England. V-mail. With envelope. 26 May 1944.

Insert 6 Played baseball. Has had beautiful summer weather and enjoys spending time in the many pretty parks. Attended a Church of England service and found it interesting. England. V-mail. With envelope. 30 May 1944.

Insert 7 Wishes for more candy. Asks about the amount of money he has saved and the allotments. He's in good health and spirits. England. V-mail. With envelope. 31 May 1944.

Folder 11 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from England

Insert 1 Saw a boxing match with Joe Louis and got his autograph, saw *Hamlet*, taking lots of pictures, and listening to American music on the radio. England. With envelope. 16 June 1944.

Insert 2 Attended church and a chicken dinner that Sunday. He has a new job which is more complicated than his old one, his Nan sent him a yearbook which he enjoyed, and he wants to know how Gerald likes his new job at Armstrong working with Dick and Bud. England. With envelope. 18 June 1944.

Insert 3 Has been receiving packages from people with candy, nuts, pillow cases, etc. and many letters from friends. He is in the best of health, but has been eating a lot and gaining weight. Has been learning dance steps and meeting nice girls. England. With envelope. 23 June 1944.



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Insert 4 He hasn't been sleeping and is going on sick leave to have his warts burned off. He was stationed to a hospital where they opened his tear duct and gave him eye drops. Visited Warwick Castle which he liked very much and has met some girls. England. With envelope. 2 July 1944.

Insert 5 Received a package from his mother containing washcloths, t-shirts, and shoe polishing equipment. Saw *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and met some nice girls at a birthday party. England. With envelope. 7 July 1944, 9 July 1944.

Insert 6 He did a lot of work on Sunday. His watch, a present from his mother, was stolen and he asks that she take money out of his account to get a new one. Is waiting for a package from his mother containing Hershey Almond Bars (his favorite) and cigarettes (to sell). England. With envelope. 10 July 1944, 13 July 1944.

Insert 7 Received a dollar bill from Aunt Blanche and is going to save it to remind him of the U.S. He is gaining weight, but still wants candy! He goes out in the evenings because of the good weather and the nice girls that are out. Read about an explosion in Lancaster, but no details. Gave blood and heard interesting news about Normandy. Will enclose some belongings to be kept. England. With envelope. 19 July 1944.

Insert 8 [Interesting letter!] Writes out a puzzle about all the WWII leaders and predicts the end of the war. Again encloses belongings for his mother to keep. Has heard from Ivan, believes Ivan will marry Nell. Harold is now corresponding with Ruth. England. With envelope. 21 July 1944.

Insert 9 Had the day off and slept in. Describes a great meal he had, despite harsh food rations in England. There are few cars, no central heating, and a shortage of clothing. The British enjoy simple walks, biking, and socializing in pubs. Visited Coventry which is now basically in rubble. Enjoys reading "Sad Sack" because he identifies with it. England. With envelope. 23 July 1944.

Insert 10 Mentions that Ivan is on furlough and spending time in Florida with Nell. Wishes he could get film to take pictures. Describes British houses as brick and old with the lawn being their pride and joy; not as many appliances as in the U.S. Goes out a lot on dates, walks, to shows, and dances. England. With envelope. 26 July 1944.

Folder 12 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from England

Insert 1 Watch was stolen. He visited Southampton and enjoyed the beautiful scenery and old houses. Will appreciate civilian life after the war with the freedom and sports clothes. Mentions random British customs. Saw a Vaudeville show with his girlfriend. Sends home an issue of "Stars and Stripes." England. With envelope. 1 August 1944.

Insert 2 He's trying to locate Eddie. Went to a party and had a good time. Attended a church service. Encloses more pictures and thanks his mother for sending candy bars. England. Airmail. With envelope. 5 August 1944.

Insert 3 He visited London with Jim and thinks it much like American cities. Describes Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, and mentions several other places. England. With envelope. 11 August 1944.



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Insert 4 Is in good health and is sending pictures home. Begs for film. Doesn't know what he'll be doing at Christmas time but tells his mother to save his money. The mail service has been awful and this letter is marked to have been read by E. Cady. England. With envelope. 17 August 1944.

Insert 5 Describes in great detail his visit to Lichfield Cathedral and all its beauty. Went to a botanical garden with his girlfriend. Found his "home away from home" with the Jacksons, friends of Lloyd Carlson. He says they are very nice people and will probably see them often. Wonders what Ivan has decided about marrying Nell. Encloses more pictures. England. With envelope. 17 August 1944.

Insert 6 Comments on the weather changing and bringing more rain. Saw *Knickerbocker Holiday* and received candy from Emma. Some soldiers gave up their rations and gave them to evacuees from London. He loves his new watch. England. With envelope. 21 August 1944.

Insert 7 Visited the Jackson family again and really enjoys having a quiet place to go. Hopes to go home soon and mentions a few battle victories. Wishes he could be at Ivan's wedding and is surprised to hear of other engagements. England. With envelope. 24 August 1944.

Insert 8 Received package of cookies, nuts, candy, cigarettes, and gum. Bad news about Ivan's wedding; he may have been deployed. Wishes he could buy gifts for everyone, but they are too hard to find. Saw a stage show and a movie. Writes an insult to/regarding a man named Ted M. England. With envelope. 25 August 1944.

Insert 9 Took his girlfriend to Dudley Castle for picturesque scenes of the country. Saw *Chip Off the Old Block* and *Cover Girl*. Exclaims that he will probably always be a bachelor as everyone else is getting married. Comments on weather. England. With envelope. 28 August 1944.

Insert 10 Comments on weather and saw *Broadway Rhythm*. Still wonders about Ivan. Discusses point system for discharging soldiers and seems that he may be one of the last, and he will probably be in Ft. Dix. Gets a laugh out of his mother's "lover." England. With envelope. 30 August 1944.

Folder 13 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from England

Insert 1 Doesn't want to correspond with Nelda. Went to the Jackson's again and they treat him like family. Asks his mother to send cigars to give to Mr. Jackson. Had a fun company party and received his ballot for the Presidential election in the mail. Airmail from England. With envelope. 4 September 1944.

Insert 2 Demobilization plans are very vague and not promising. Saw a good British movie, *Fanny by Gaslight*, with a girlfriend and also saw a stage show and another movie. He's anxious to hear about Jerry and Ivan. Airmail from England. With envelope. 7 September 1944.



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Insert 3 He's working very hard and is eager to hear about his mother's weekend in Atlantic City. Really enjoying being overseas, but he thinks America is the best. Went to the Jackson's for Rita's Anglo-American birthday party. Joined an all-service club and likes it. Nancy's photograph was "glamorous." Airmail from England. With envelope. 9 September 1944.

Insert 4 He and Rex visited Liverpool and met Sgt. Chuck Johnson again, who used to be in their company. Went to New Brighton and felt like civilians again. Airmail from England. With envelope. 11 September 1944.

Insert 5 Weather is cold and clear; he's catching a cold. Plans to finish school in the future. Stills wants to hear about Gerald and Ivan. Encloses a bracelet for his mother. Airmail from England. With envelope. 12 September 1944.

Insert 6 GI food not very good but could be worse. His girlfriend's name is Ivy and they just saw a movie together. He visited the Jackson's again. Encloses more pictures and requests film, shaving brush, comb, toothpaste, and American coins. Airmail from England. With envelope. 14 September 1944.

Insert 7 Letters from home are the biggest morale-booster. He attended church and enjoyed a nice dinner and tea at the Jackson's again. Asks for stamps to be sent to Barry; he collects them. Just wants food and money for Christmas. Airmail from England. With envelope. 17 September 1944.

Insert 8 Had a long pass and went to London with some others. Tells his mother to use his money to buy Christmas gifts from him. He's broke from the bracelet he sent her, trips, etc. Requests \$25 from his savings. Airmail from England. With envelope. 22 September 1944.

Insert 9 Looked for gifts in London, but everything is more expensive than in peacetime and is 100% taxed. Took a hot bath at the Jackson's, the first in months. Describes the church service. Airmail from England. With envelope. 24 September 1944.

Insert 10 The mail call is finally getting straightened out. He's anxious for film and money to arrive. Plans on taking another pass to Edinburgh and Scotland. Encloses a picture from *York Magazine*. England. With envelope. 30 September 1944.

Insert 11 Had a great time traveling to Scotland by train. Went through Lancaster, Cumberland, and other beautiful counties. Describes the Scottish people and many interesting sites in Scotland. Writes that the countryside and the city of Edinburgh as picturesque. Will send home a few gifts. England. With envelope. 4 October 1944.



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Folder 14 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from England, and then from France

Insert 1 It's Sunday and since he's broke, he'll do laundry and such. He's sending home packages of pictures and gifts from Scotland. Went to a party at the Tipson's where he always meets girls and has a good time. Also visited the Jackson's and went on a business trip. Describes his good dinner. Airmail from England. With envelope. 8 October 1944.

Insert 2 Asks for an overseas cap. Writes that he has been on a few trips on the trucks, saw *Oxford University* and another movie, and visited the Jacksons. Talks about the terrible rationing of food. Visits his girlfriend, Winnie, and is invited to a party. Airmail from England. With envelope. 12 October 1944.

Insert 3 He's now on a boat on the English Channel doing odd seamen jobs. To pass the time, he reads and sleeps. Enjoys driving a large Dodge with Rex when on land. Is having a lot of fun but doesn't like the living conditions too much. English Channel. With envelope. 21 October 1944.

Insert 4 Now he's in France and has seen very gruesome sights like demolished cities, the spot where the D-Day invasion occurred, and fields of graves. He's still enjoying himself, but the living conditions are tough. They are staying in a former German camp. Airmail from France. With envelope. 25 October 1944.

Insert 5 Has visited several exciting sites in Paris, such as the Louvre, Napoleon's grave, and Notre Dame, and describes them in great detail. Rations aren't as bad in Paris, so he hopes to get his Mother some nice gifts. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 29 October 1944.

Insert 6 Began job at depot but would rather do physical work. Hopes to go shopping for some Christmas gifts soon. Describes France as being very rainy and muddy. Paris. With envelope. 31 October 1944.

Insert 7 Mail is still mixed up. He has a pretty easy job. The munitions work exploded and one of the shells landed near him, which was quite an experience. Paris. With envelope. 2 November 1944.

Insert 8 Saw a USO show with French actors and thought it was very good. Will try to buy Frances a wedding gift and send Uncle Elmer some German cigars. Sends home French, German, and American money. Paris. With envelope. 4 November 1944.

Insert 9 Mail call is very slow. Shopped in Paris for little things for people in addition to Christmas presents. Would like cigarettes, candy, and Grandma's cookies. Encloses some postcards of Paris. Paris. With envelope. 6 November 1944.

Insert 10 Election is closer than he thought. States that the conduct of some people is unfit to tell and only "seeing is believing." Encloses more cards and writes that Paris is beautiful. Paris. With envelope. 10 November 1944.



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Insert 11 Uses the metro to go to downtown Paris where the best places are nice hotels and theatres used for English-speaking allies. They have USO shows, show girls, dance bands, and lots of talent. Hopes to see Follies Bergiere. Encloses more cards and asks for cigarettes and candy. He's glad to hear about his mother's raise and thanks her for the stamps. Paris. With envelope. 14 November 1944.

Insert 12 Will be sending a package of gifts home soon. Has seen several good shows, such as the Follies Bergiere and a British show, *Gay Salute*, that were all very good. He also went to the Café de la Parix. The mail is terrible. Encloses bus and subway tickets to be kept. Paris. With envelope. 17 November 1944.

Insert 13 Complains about the huge delay in mail and letters not being received. Describes his Thanksgiving dinner. Paris. With envelope. 22 November 1944.

Folder 15 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from France

Insert 1 It's St. Catherine's Day; he describes the day's events. Toured Versailles and describes the beautiful interior and exterior. Also toured other houses of royalty such as Marie Antoinette's Hamlet. He is glad to hear from everyone including the Jacksons. Paris. With envelope. 26 November 1944.

Insert 2 Sends home some Christmas cards, photographs from England, and a French equivalent of a gift he sent his mother from England. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 27 November 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Harold to his brother, Gerald. He's having a good time in "Gay Paree." Explains how expensive things are and the awful weather. Asks for more groceries and magazines. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 28 November 1944.

Insert 4 He's sorry he couldn't send Jerry a nice birthday present. Had off the day before and saw the Paris Zoo and two plays, *Rose Marie* and *Lady of Edinburgh*. Describes the beautiful theatre and plays. Requests some addresses of friends. Airmail from France. With envelope. 5 December 1944.

Insert 5 He received a Christmas card from the Rohrerstown Band with a \$5 money order, which really boosted his morale. Send five photographs home of the Jacksons and explains who they are. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 6 December 1944.

Insert 6 He's glad to be receiving more letters and Christmas cards and is still excited about being in France. Met and talked with a French priest and saw a great USO show. Encloses more pictures and thanks his mother for sending newspaper clippings. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 9 December 1944.

Insert 7 Glad to receive pictures from home. He hopes to be able to find a pillow at some point. He's on CQ duty. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 10 December 1944.



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Insert 8 His morale was raised tremendously when he received five packages in one day and opened them for an audience. The contents included Grandma's cookies, candy bars, tobacco and pipe, bologna, peanut butter, film, book, razor, and deviled ham. He was switched to night work for two weeks, but doesn't mind. Sends more pictures of Liverpool and New Brighton. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 13 December 1944.

Folder 16 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from France

Insert 1 Hasn't received mail recently. Went downtown and saw a tapestry exhibit at the Louvre and had his sketch drawn, which was very bad. The packaged sweets have been good. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 14 December 1944.

Insert 2 It has been two weeks since he received any letters but thanks his mother for the package she sent of Hershey bars, cigarettes, and toiletries, as well as Aunt Etta and Uncle Elmer's package. He encloses more pictures and reminds his mother to keep them in an album for him. He's not getting the fair amount of francs he should be getting for pay. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 17 December 1944.

Insert 3 Received a nice package from Nell Freeman and will send home gifts for her and her family. Received a package possibly from the church. He hopes now that Jerry is 18 that he won't get drafted. The war news is looking bad. Writes that there is little Christmas celebration in Paris and that the weather is foggy and muddy. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 20 December 1944.

Insert 4 He is willing to work through the holidays due to his "German drive." Thanks his mother for the packages of candy, tie, cap, pillowcases, film, coins, etc. Received other packages from the church and Helen Battson. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 24 December 1944.

Insert 5 Went to a service at the Depot Church on Christmas Eve. On Christmas, he wasn't allowed to go downtown, but he had a fine breakfast and a hot shower. He also had a delicious dinner and helped to feed poor children at a recreation hall; he gave away a lot of his candy and gum, and his hat. Although he couldn't be home, he's thankful for the beautiful weather and for being so fortunate to have great family and friends. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 26 December 1944.

Insert 6 Tells his mother not to worry—the alert in Paris on the 26th did not affect him. he recounts all the exciting things he's done and places he has seen in 1944. Doesn't want to mention all the unpleasant sites. Asks about the possibility of Jerry being drafted; hopes he will stay and finish school. Thanks everyone for the packages. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 30 December 1944.

Insert 7 He has been very busy and now does his boss's job which is a little better. Saw *Merchant of Venice* and a boxing exhibition. Also visited with the mayor of a nearby town; had a very good meal and conversation. Asks for knitting wool for the mayor's expectant daughter. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 6 January 1945.



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Insert 8 They had their first snow. Still no news from home and wonders about Jerry. Went to the American Dance and had a great time. Really likes the entertainment variety provided. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 9 January 1945.

Insert 9 Has been a month since he heard from home and is anxious to hear about everyone's health, Christmas, Ivan, and Jerry. Has been working hard night and day, but is happy and safe. It's still snowing, which makes everything beautiful. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 11 January 1945.

Insert 10 Mail call has been deplorable; letters are his biggest morale-boosters. He keeps busy seeing shows and attended a service at the Depot Chapel. Encloses more pictures of London. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 14 January 1945.

Folder 17 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from France

Insert 1 He finally received two letters from home and is glad to know all is well. Saw a great Vaudeville show with lots of talent, too several pictures of Paris in the snow, saw another USO show, and met the actors from yet another show. Encloses more pictures and hopes Jerry goes into the Navy if he has to go at all. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 16 January 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from John F. Wesch to Hilda Morrin. He thanks her for the card. Describes the rainy weather and the natives and some of their customs. He is living in a tent on the plantation and the mud is terrible. Airmail from the Philippines. With envelope. 16 January 1945.

Insert 3 Harold went downtown on his day off. Things are very gloomy due to the cold weather and having few resources for anything. He's glad to hear of the Russian advance. Encloses pictures of the British Isles. Wishes his grandmother a happy birthday and asks his mother to get her a gift from him. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 18 January 1945.

Insert 4 The snow makes everything beautiful and people are out having fun with snowballs in spite of the hardships. Saw two shows. Encloses some souvenir money and will soon send a package for his mother's birthday. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 22 January 1945.

Insert 5 Finally received a lot of the delayed mail. Mentions that he can wear ribbons, but he doesn't. Went to the opera in Paris to see excerpts of *Romeo and Juliet*. Sends more pictures and writes that he attended church again. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 28 January 1945.

Insert 6 The winter has been hard on Paris because there is no electricity, gas, or food. People go through garbage cans for food. White wine, beer, and champagne are plentiful and the beverages of choice. Sends more pictures and tells his mother to ask if she wants anything, but the exchange rate is bad. Airmail from Paris. American Red Cross stationery. With envelope. 30 January 1945.

Insert 7 Mentions the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge in Quarryville. Sends more pictures. Asks about things back home. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 2 February 1945.



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Insert 8 Writes about finally receiving mail, being in good health, and hoping for a fast victory. He is expecting a money order. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 3 February 1945.

Insert 9 It's a very good day. He is excited to hear about his brother Ivan's marriage and Jerry's physical. Will try to buy a nice wedding present and is still waiting for the money order. Mentions that some soldiers are dealing in the back market because they don't get enough money. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 6 February 1945.

Insert 10 He's surprised to get a package from his mother and a phone call from a friend. Mentions the weather and how he always reads about what's going on at home. Can't wait to meet his sister-in-law, Nell, and believes that he will be a bachelor forever. He smokes pipes a lot now. Encloses an operetta program. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 11 February 1945.

Folder 18 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from France

Insert 1 Thanks his mother for the Valentine's package. Comments on the weather and his views of the Big Three meeting. He is having fun working with Frenchmen and is beginning to understand French. Encloses some pictures from Christmas. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 17 February 1945.

Insert 2 Briefly states his schedule which is work and going downtown at night, which includes smoking, reading, seeing shows, etc.). Writes about his camp, food, water, and other situations. Sends home a birthday gift for his mother. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 21 February 1945.

Insert 3 Had Sunday off, so he went on a walk with some others from Notre Dame to the Eiffel Tower and lists all they walked by. Attended a U.S. Army Band concert and is improving his French. He receives gifts all the time from his section. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 27 February 1945.

Insert 4 Received letters and has had contact with some hometown friends. News of the war sounds good. Answers a few questions his mother had about the people he knows and some of the things he's done. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 3 March 1945.

Insert 5 Mentions two boys from home that were wounded in action. Asks his mother to use his money to buy a sterling silver place setting as a wedding gift for Ivan and Nell; prices are too high in Paris. Saw two shows but is ready to move on from Paris. Sends birthday love to his mother. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 7 March 1945.

Insert 6 Had dinner at Monsieur Baticle's house, one of his French co-workers, and had a long meal. Went to St. Germain to meet up with Johnny Fralich, a friend from home, and had a good time catching up. Thanks his mother for the package he received. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 12 March 1945.



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Insert 7 Hasn't had a furlough in over a year and there is not much hope of getting one any time soon. Saw pictures of the flood in Marietta and says the weather is beautiful in Paris. Went to a company party, visited the Baticles, and took a girl to a show. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 16 March 1945.

Insert 8 Glad to hear that Ivan is home on furlough and wishes he could meet Nell. Keeps hearing that all the girls he's dated are getting engaged and he hasn't met any prospects in Europe. Asks about family and neighbors. Thinks Paris the most beautiful city and hopes to see more of France. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 18 March 1945.

Insert 9 Happy birthday wishes to his mother. Names some of his friends from home and wonders how they are doing. Hopes Ivan's furlough at home with Nell is going well. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 20 March 1945.

Insert 10 Visited Fontainebleau on a Red Cross tour and saw a royal palace where Napoleon once lived and describes it in detail. Went to a concert in the evening and has visited the Paris stage door. Wishes to be home. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 26 March 1945.

Folder 19 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from France

Insert 1 Attended a service at the base of the Eiffel Tower on Easter Sunday and then had to work. Asks for a cap for his birthday; his other new one was stolen. Sorry to hear about Mel Kreisley's death. Saw another show. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 1 April 1945.

Insert 2 Has been working a lot, even at night. Saw the lighting of the Arc de Triumphe, the first time in five years. Visited again with Mr. Baticle and had a long meal as usual. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 4 April 1945.

Insert 3 Saw a movie and went dancing. Can now wear two overseas bars. Sends perfume to Aunt Nell and his mother. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 7 April 1945.

Insert 4 Had a surprise reunion with a hometown friend, Eddie Lingle. They caught up, saw a show, and walked around Paris. Also saw Charlie Johnson, a friend from Texas. Has been seeing a very beautiful French girl named Michele Guyot-Jeannin. Collects coins. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 12 April 1945.

Insert 5 Heard about President Roosevelt's death. Mentions the weather and visited another French home. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 16 April 1945.

Insert 6 Met up with Richard Bender, another soldier from Millersville, and had a good time. Also saw an opera and the opening of the Red Cross Club at the depot. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 23 April 1945.

Insert 7 He answers his mother's questions about his eye that waters, wanting a wallet for his birthday, and the ribbons he has received. Saw the movie *Wilson* and sends home more pictures. Heard tonight of Mussolini's capture. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 27 April 1945.



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Insert 8 Has high hopes of the war's end with all the good news. He and his girlfriend are teaching each other English and French, but the relationship is nothing serious. Would like some articles from *Life Magazine* and sends more pictures. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 30 April 1945.

Insert 9 The war in the European Theatre will end tomorrow. Saw a stage play and got the actress's autograph. Spent an evening with his girlfriend, and went to church, the horse races, a ping pong exhibition, and softball practice. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 7 May 1945.

Insert 10 Describes in length the victory celebrations in Paris and all the happiness surrounding them. Got to enjoy it with Ed Lingle, another soldier from home. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 9 May 1945.

Folder 20 Letters from Harold to his Mother: APO New York; from France

Insert 1 Went on a 48-hour pass with Johnny Fralich, another soldier from home, and the two took a plane ride and visited Rheims. Asks for his bathing suit and wishes his mother a "happy Mother's Day." Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 13 May 1945.

Insert 2 Thanks his mother for the birthday package. Censorship has loosened, so he describes his journey from Texas to England. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 18 May 1945.

Insert 3 M. Baticle threw a birthday party for his daughter and Harold, so his birthday was nice. Describes more of his work in England. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 21 May 1945.

Insert 4 Explains more about the work he did in England and his travels to Paris, since he could not write about that before. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 22 May 1945.

Insert 5 Went to Paris and saw a French and British military ceremony and went up the Eiffel Tower. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 25 May 1945.

Insert 6 Describes his work in France and writes that he could have been sent to infantry. Met and talked with Bob Aument, another soldier from home. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 27 May 1945.

Insert 7 Writes that he's doing well and send pictures of VE Day celebrations. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 29 May 1945.

Insert 8 He's writing to say hello, but doesn't have anything new to share. Will send a package of souvenirs and pictures home. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 30 May 1945.

Insert 9 He's anxious to hear if Ivan will go overseas. He loves Paris and is glad he got to see it. Nothing new to share. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 31 May 1945.

Insert 10 Lost his first softball game after three wins. Work has slowed down now that the war is over. Nothing new to share. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 1 June 1945.

Insert 11 Played softball, visited M. Baticle, and met up with Johnny Fralich again. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 6 June 1945.



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Insert 12 Glad to hear of Gerald's high school graduation. Visited Paris again. Airmail from Paris. With envelope. 8 June 1945.

Folder 21 Letters from Harold to his Mother: from Texarkana, Texas

Insert 1 Visited home and recounts his trip from Millersville to Texarkana, going through Pittsburgh, Ohio, Illinois, St. Louis, Arkansas, and Texas. Requests a few things. Texarkana, Texas. With envelope. 7 August 1945.

Insert 2 They have cleaning up work to do. He has seen a few shows and went dancing at the USO. Texarkana. With envelope. 10 August 1945.

Insert 3 The army sounds like too much fun right now with mainly sports and recreation going on. He gets every weekend off now from 11:00 Saturday until Monday. Texarkana. With envelope. 11 August 1945.

Insert 4 The war is finally over, but he doesn't know what that means for him yet. He might go to a friend's home in Michigan while on pass. Texarkana. With envelope. 15 August 1945.

Insert 5 Visited Chicago and Michigan and had a good time. Training for the Pacific has begun and many are complaining about leaving again. Texarkana. With envelope. 21 August 1945.

Insert 6 He is disgusted by the thought of having to go back abroad because there are soldiers in camp who never went overseas and probably never will. He imagines that it will be hard to get a job or go back to school after everything he has seen and done. Has seen a few movies, but otherwise has little motivation to do anything. Texarkana. With envelope. 24 August 1945.

Insert 7 There is little work to do at the Depot, most people are just goofing off. Took Abe out for a weekend because he is leaving and had a good time. Lost his first ball game. U.S. Army stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 27 August 1945.

Insert 8 Many of his friends are leaving due to their points, age, transfer, etc. He's being treated for a few medical issues. Lost another softball game and saw a disappointing show. U.S. Army stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 30 August 1945.

Insert 9 Things are looking up as he might stay in the states. Mentions hot weather and little to do except movies, bowling, and cheap night clubs. USO stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 1 September 1945.

Insert 10 He was on duty most of Labor Day, but he did see two shows and had a steak dinner. Every day the requirements for overseas duty seem to change. He enjoys firing carbines. Texarkana. With envelope. 4-5 September 1945.



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Folder 22 Letters from Harold to his Mother: from Texarkana, Texas

Insert 1 Spends most of his time in recreation such as movies, dancing, ping pong, horseshoes, softball, volleyball, and tennis. He may be put with another company going overseas since most of his company has enough points to stay in the states. Texarkana. With envelope. 8 September 1945.

Insert 2 He's in Oklahoma for swimming training, but is having fun boating, fishing, and playing ball. Saw a funny show starring Shirley Temple. Written in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Mailed from Texarkana. With envelope. 10 September 1945.

Insert 3 He's having a great time on his training trip in Oklahoma and doing almost all leisurely things. Many of his friends have left, but he doesn't know what will happen to him. Written in Broken Bow. Mailed from Texarkana. 13 September 1945.

Insert 4 He has been spending a lot of money. Has heard that the army may want him to stay and work at headquarters instead of going overseas. Thinks Gerald is crazy for wanting to go into the army and advises him against it. USO stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 16 September 1945.

Insert 5 Asks for a few things such as film, shoes, a belt, a wallet, and shaving lotion. Texarkana. With envelope. 16 September 1945.

Insert 6 He still might go overseas. Lost another softball game. U.S. Army stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 21 September 1945.

Insert 7 He is changing to the 1839th Service Command Unit where he will write newspaper articles at headquarters. He saw a high school football game in Texarkana and hitchhiked to Louisiana to see another football game. USO stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 23 September 1945.

Insert 8 His new job isn't too bad and he still plays ball with his old company. Hopes to travel on weekends and visit Dallas. USO stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 28 September 1945.

Insert 9 He comments on the weather. Took a weekend trip to Dallas and Fort Worth and enjoyed both places. Saw a movie. Might try to go home for his five days of leave. Many of his friends are being discharged. Texarkana. With envelope. 1 October 1945.

Insert 10 He's depressed due to all of his friends leaving and the bad news in the headlines. USO stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 4 October 1945.

Folder 23 Letters from Harold to his Mother: from Texarkana, Texas

Insert 1 Still very sad and lonely. He writes that taking his new job was a mistake. Went to Texarkana for dinner. USO stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 7 October 1945.

Insert 2 Army life has given him a love for traveling and he hopes to continue to move after leaving the army. Has seen movies, watched football games, and played bingo. He's thinking about taking a night course on Industrial Psychology for something to keep him busy. Texarkana. With envelope. 9 October 1945.



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Insert 3 Sends film for Ivan and sends pictures and souvenirs home. Went to the "Four States Fair" which was a little disappointing. Texarkana. With envelope. 11 October 1945.

Insert 4 He's writing from the USO in New Boston where he often enjoys shows, ping pong, and refreshments. Took a weekend trip through Arkansas; visited Hot Springs Park and other smaller towns. Would like a good camera for Christmas. USO stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 14 October 1945.

Insert 5 He assures his mother that he is not depressed, that he likes his job, and is glad that some of the old boys are still around. USO stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 16 October 1945.

Insert 6 He took a weekend trip to Oklahoma City and thought the trip was beautiful. Texarkana. With envelope. 21 October 1945.

Insert 7 Will try to get a furlough over Thanksgiving and believes he may get home by January. He's taking the class on Industrial Psychology. Texarkana. With envelope. 24 October 1945.

Insert 8 Glad to hear Ivan is okay after the typhoon and asks for candy. He's glad to hear that his mother is now on Civil Service. Red River Ordinance Depot, Texarkana. With envelope. 30 October 1945.

Insert 9 Took a weekend trip to Houston and describes the city and trip. Hope Gerald doesn't go into the army because it would be a terrible affair during peacetime. Texarkana. With envelope. 5 November 1945.

Insert 10 Hopes to get a furlough for November 19 to December 5. He travel to New Orleans before then. Texarkana. With envelope. 7 November 1945.

Folder 24 Letters from Harold to his Mother: from Texarkana, Texas

Insert 1 Traveled through Baton Rouge and in New Orleans. Describes the many sites he saw. He's playing bingo. Texarkana. With envelope. 12 November 1945.

Insert 2 He's leaving on his furlough at home in two days. Hopes to see some hockey games, an Eagles game, and some of the Pearl Harbor hearings in Washington, DC. Texarkana. With envelope. 15 November 1945.

Insert 3 He's back from his furlough and hasn't been very busy at work. The trip back wasn't bad. He has already seen a movie and gone to a dance. He's one of the high-point men in camp now. Texarkana. With envelope. 6 December 1945.

Insert 4 Camp is quiet. He spent the evening with his friend Rex and his wife. Saw several lousy movies. Texarkana. With envelope. 11 December 1945.

Insert 5 He is busier at camp and wishes he had waited to take his furlough. He may spend the weekend in Dallas to see a football game. Describes a session of his psychology class. Texarkana. With envelope. 14 December 1945.



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Insert 6 He's sad that he probably won't make it home for Christmas; he'll spend the holiday with Rex and his wife. He played golf, saw a few movies, and spent Sunday with Rex. Has a idea for a business to sell used clothes to veterans who can't find good clothing. Texarkana. With envelope. 17 December 1945.

Insert 7 Took a three-day trip to Central Texas, Austin, and San Antonio. Spent Christmas at Rex's house, and later at the New Boston USO where there were gifts, games, dancing, and entertainment. Most of the money he has saved has to be used for car repairs. He's thinking about finishing school and then possibly going to a better school. Texarkana. With envelope. 27-28 December 1945.

Insert 8 He's in Texas for New Year's Eve with a USO girl. He'll see the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day. White Plaza Hotel stationery. Dallas. With envelope. 31 December 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from friend, Gil, to Harold. Gil is in Aberdeen and hopes to visit home and family while there. Writes about his army life and reminisces about times when he and Harold were younger. Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. With envelope. 1 January 1946.

Insert 10 Describes his New Year's trip to Dallas in detail and the Campbell family he went with. Texarkana. With envelope. 2 January 1946.

Folder 25 Letters from Harold to his Mother: from Texarkana, Texas

Insert 1 His morale is low and he *cannot* wait to leave the army. He saw a few movies and had a free steak dinner at a nice restaurant. Texarkana. With envelope. 5 January 1946.

Insert 2 He's a little bitter about still being in the army. There's not much too do and he gets really bored. Texarkana. With envelope. 9 January 1946.

Insert 3 He's at the USO in New Boston which is about as quiet as camp. Has seen a few movies. He really wants to go home. Written in New Boston, Texas and mailed from Texarkana. USO stationery. With envelope. 12 January 1946.

Insert 4 It snowed in Texarkana, which is very rare. He's disgusted with the army because he doesn't know when he'll be done and people are outranking him because they cheat or do favors. Saw a few movies. Texarkana. With envelope. 16 January 1946.

Insert 5 He doesn't regret his experiences but wants to get out. He writes about his economic opinions on topics such as labor, fair employment practices, housing, etc. Has seen more movies. Texarkana. With envelope. 17 January 1946.

Insert 6 He now plans to be home in mid-February and will enroll at Franklin and Marshall College again. He worries about getting clothing, money, insurance, and the Enlisted Reserves. Texarkana. With envelope. 24 January 1946.



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Insert 7 He begins his farewell rounds by attending parties and dinners. He finished his psychology course and went to the dentist for the first time since being in the army. He may hitchhike or take a train home. Enclosed is a prayer for Harold. Red Cross Canteen stationery. Texarkana. With envelope. 31 January 1946.

Folder 26 Two letters on record from Harold to his mother: From Aberdeen, Maryland. 78 rpm. Courtesy of Pepsi-Cola; From Jackson, Mississippi. Courtesy of a USO Club operated by the National Catholic Community Service.

Folder 27

Broadside to retailers and wholesalers on how to ration items. On reverse: Official Table of Point Values for Processed Foods. U.S. Office of Price Administration. OPA Form No. R-1313. Government Printing Office: 1943 16-32760-2.

A pledge from Edna H. Brandt to do her part on the home front. No date.

An application for sugar by Edna H. Brandt. With envelope. Stamped 11 June 1945.

Folder 28 An unused envelope stating "A letter from home. Floor Division, Lancaster, PA." [Armstrong].
Blank V-mail stationery (2).