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## Ernest G. Aruffo Collection

**Creator:** Ernest G. Aruffo, Jr.  
**Dates:** 1942-1946  
**Quantity:** 1.5 linear feet, 1 box  
**Acquisition:** Donated by Sylvia Aruffo, August 1, 2016  
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## Biographical Note

Ernest G. Aruffo, Jr. was active in the United States Army from October 26th, 1942 to January 7th, 1946.

Aruffo attended the University of Detroit, majoring in Business Administration. Before active service Aruffo worked for Custom Floor Covering Co. in Detroit, Michigan. Ernest married Eva Rumberg in 1944 before departing for active duty overseas. While in service he was a platoon sergeant and supervised the personnel of a medical field hospital in the administration, care and treatment of the sick and wounded, for which he was awarded a Bronze Star Medal. He was stationed in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

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## Scope and Content of the Collection

The Ernest G. Aruffo Collection includes correspondence, publications, photos, and personal documents related to the life and military service of Ernest G. Aruffo, Jr. Aruffo served as a platoon sergeant and was on duty with the 65th Field Hospital for

which he was awarded a Bronze Star Medal. He was stationed in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

## **Arrangement**

The collection arrived in no particular order. Pritzker Military Museum & Library staff has arranged the collection according to material and date. The collection consists of four series:

### **Series One: Correspondence**

Series consists of letters primarily from Ernest to his wife Eva during his time in the service. Written from January to May 1945.

### **Series Two: Newspapers and Publications**

Series consists of a British newspaper, military publications, and fliers.

### **Series Three: Personal Documents and Papers**

Series consists of a vinyl recorded message to Eva, personal military documents and accomplishments, ID cards, marriage announcement.

### **Series Four: Scrapbook**

Series consists of seven pages out of a family scrapbook dating from 1942-1944.

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## **Separations**

<b>Call Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
800228035	Red Cross armband
800228036	SA Sport Badge Armband

- 800228037 German WWII Army Marksmanship cord
- 800228038 WWII Red Cross Armband
- 800228039 Nicht-Wehrmachtangehörige armband (Civilian member of Armed Forces armband)
- 800228040 Shoulder sleeve insignia of Third Army
- 800228041 Case containing Bronze Star medal, pin, and ribbon
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## Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

## Subjects

United States. -- Army  
 Soldiers -- United States -- Correspondence.  
 Command of troops.  
 Bronze Star Medal (U.S.)

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## Container List

1	1	<b>Correspondence</b>	1/29/1945- 5/24/1948
	800228001	Letter from Ernest to his wife Eva. Speaks about military life, and lists souvenirs he has picked up.	4/26/1945
	800228002	Letter from Ernest to Eva. Speaks about receiving her letters, telling her he is still in active duty, and gives an account of his time on duty.	5/24/1945
	800228003	Letter from Ernest to Eva. Speaks about his duties working at the hospital, details the building, and his living	5/11/1945

conditions.

800228004 Note stating "Darling carry these in your purse or any place - for effect-xxxxxxx." N.D.

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### **Newspapers and publications**

800228005 USS Augusta: Her Story 12/15/1945

800228006 Play flier. Dear Ruth: a comedy in 2 Acts N.D.

800228007 Military Memorandum regarding dress regulations N.D.

800228008 British Newspaper: The Evening News Friday, December 21, 1945 12/21/1945

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### **Personal documents and papers**

800228009 Vinyl recorded message from Ernest to Eva N.D.

800228010 Meal ticket and courtesy pass card, along with handwritten note 6/22/1945-6/29/1945

800228011 Paris Pass with handwritten note 9/19/1945-9/1945

800228012 Recommendation for Award of Bronze Star Medal for Ernest G. Aruffo, Jr. 8/2/1945

800228013 Ernest and Eva Aruffo Announcement of Marriage 1944

800228014 Army Separation Qualification Record: summary of military occupations N.D.

800228015 Thank you note from the White House N.D.

800228016 Honorable Discharge paperwork and card 1/7/1946

800228017 Special Order No. 85 granting Ernest a pass to Paris, France 9/18/1945

800228018	Fort Sheridan, Illinois Class A Pass	12/31/1944
800228019	War Department I.D. Card: Ernest G. Aruffo, Jr.	9/22/1944
800228020	Photocopy of notes written by Ernest detailing where he was located in his time with the Army	1944-1946

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**Scrapbook**

800228021	Page 1: three photos of Ernest and Eva on a dock	7/4/1942
800228022	Page 2: photo of Eva in a dress in front of trees	N.D.
800228023	Page 3: two photos of Eva and another individual posing in a box, captioned military material	10/25/1942
800228024	Page 4: two photos of Ernest and Eva embracing, captioned Battle Creek "Reunions are so sweet"	11/1/1942
800228025	Page 5: two photos of Eva and Ernest reuniting	11/1/1942
800228026	Page 6: photo of Ernest in a car, photo of Ernest in uniform, photo of a woman in a dress	Oct-43
800228027	Page 7: four photos of Ernest in uniform and Eva posing in a car	Oct-43
800228028	Page 8: three photos of Eva	N.D.
800228029	Page 9: one photo of Ernest with a car, two photos of Eva posing	N.D.
800228030	Page 10: two photos of Ernest kneeling in proposal and Eva standing captioned "won't you."	N.D.
800228031	Page 11: photo of Ernest in a car captioned "the winner", and photo of Eva posing captioned "the mortgage."	N.D.

800228032	Page 12: two photos from Ernest and Eva's wedding	6/19/1944
800228033	Page 13: photo of Eva in her wedding dress and a wedding photo, captioned "and then they were married."	6/19/1944
800228034	Page 14: photo of Ernest and three other men in uniform, captioned "and he went overseas."	10/11/1944