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Biographical Note

Arnold E. (Andy) Kauffman was born in New York City on October 4, 1922. Kauffman joined the National Guard in 1941, and after several months decided to volunteer for the Army Air Corps, entering active duty on August 21, 1942. Kauffman went through several training sessions, including Airplane Mechanics School in Amarillo Army Air Field in Texas, the B-17 Specialist School in Seattle Washington and the Aerial Gunnery School in Wendover, Utah. He finished his training in 1943 on the Heavy Bomber, B-17, the "Flying Fortress."

Sergeant Kauffman was assigned to the 457th heavy bombardment group. On the group's 23rd mission, Kauffman's B-17, called "Shepard's Flock," for which he was the Left Waist Gunner, was shot down over enemy territory. Kauffman parachuted safely but was captured as soon as he hit the ground, and before long he had been transferred to Stalag XVII-B, in Krems, Austria. He had officially become a prisoner of war, while at home his family was unsure whether he had survived.

Word of his imprisonment soon made it back to Kauffman's family, and he spent time in Stalag XVII-B corresponding with them. On April 8, 1945, his German captors began

marching all able soldiers out of the camp and west, towards Branua, Austria. They were determined to meet up with American forces rather than to face the Russian army pushing in from the east. Kauffman and his fellow soldiers endured an 18 day march of 283 kilometers, and were liberated by American forces on May 9, 1945. Kauffman was shipped back to the United States on May 20, 1945 and arrived on May 31. He was formally discharged from the Air Force on November 11, 1945 as a Technical Sergeant.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Arnold E. Kauffman Collection includes types of materials related to the military service of Arnold E. Kauffman as a B-17 gunner and Prisoner of War at Stalag XVII-B during World War II. The collection is a mix of documents, published materials, artifacts and photographs, most having to do with Kauffman's time as a POW.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no discernable order. PMML staff has arranged the collection based on military service and in chronological order. The collection consists of two series:

Series One: Arnold E. Kauffman's Military Service

This series contains documents and artifacts pertaining to Arnold E. Kauffman's time in the United States Airforce during World War II, most especially his time spent as a POW at Stalag XVII-B. It includes military records, published works, letters home, and artifacts brought back from Europe as well as documentation created by Kauffman himself to tell his story.

Series Two: Photographs

This series contains photos from Kauffman's time in the military, as well as negatives from a soldier's funeral and photos of a trip Kauffman took recently to Washington D.C. and Arlington, Virginia along with a group of World War II veterans.

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Separations

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80024001	REALIA 04250	American Ex-Prisoners of War Cap with Pins and Medals	
80024002	REALIA 04251	American M1 Helmet	
80024003	REALIA 04252	Eisenhower Jacket with Medals, Pins and Patches	
80024004	REALIA 04253	German Officer's M35 Flying Cap	
80024005	REALIA 04254	Nazi Belt Buckle with Piece of Belt	
80024006	REALIA 04255	Nazi "God is with Us" Belt Buckle Piece	
80024007	REALIA 04256	Nazi Luftwaffe Dress Cap	
80024008	REALIA 04257	Pieces of a Shot Down B-17	
80024009	REALIA 04258	Purple Heart Patterned Purple Tie	
80024010	REALIA 04259	Shadow Box Containing Medals Kauffman Earned as a Tech-Sergeant, Including a Purple Heart	
80024011	REALIA 04260	Shadow Box Containing Nazi Medals and Insignia	
80024012	REALIA 04261	Yellow Nazi Pennant	
80024013	REALIA 04262	Nazi Stahlhelm (helmet)	

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

Stalag XVII B (Krems/Gneisendorf, Austria : Concentration camp) -- Archives.
United States. -- Air Force. -- Air Force, 8th.
World War, 1939-1945 --Aerial operations, American.
World War, 1939-1945 -- Concentration camps -- Austria -- History -- Sources.
World War, 1939-1945 -- Prisoners and prisons, German.

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
Series 1: Arnold E. Kauffman's Military Career				
1	1		Air Force Training	1943, n.d
		80024001	Diploma in Airplane Mechanics at the Army Air Forces Technical School	27-Jan-43
		80024002	Certificate of Graduation from the Boeing Flying Fortress School	8-Mar-43
		80024003	Army Air Forces Technical School Booklet	n.d
	2		Captured by the Enemy	1944
		80024004	Newspaper Article "Posen is Blasted"	10-Apr-44
		80024005	Information Regarding Arnold Kauffman's Internment	22-May-44 - 28-Apr-45
		80024006	Note to Kauffmans from Mr. John E. Ryan About Son's Imprisonment	31-May-44

80024007	Note to Kauffmans from Mr. W.C. Danneman About Son's Imprisonment	31-May-44
80024008	Note to Mr. Harry Kauffman from Mrs. H.H. Moore About Son's Imprisonment	31-May-44
80024009	Note to Mr. Kauffman from Mr. Sandford Lowe About His Son's Imprisonment	31-May-44
80024010	Note to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kauffman from Mr. Richard M. Blanchard About Son's Imprisonment	31-May-44
80024011	Note to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kauffman from Mrs. F.A. Higgins About Son's Imprisonment	31-May-44
80024012	Note to Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman from Mrs. C. P. Skilton About Their Son's Imprisonment	31-May-44
80024013	Notice to the Kauffmans from Dad MacMannis' Listening Post That Their Son is a POW	31-May-44
80024014	Overseas Broadcast Memo to the Kauffman Family From Miss Helen M. Taafe About Son's Imprisonment	31-May-44
80024015	War Prisoner Message	31-May-44
80024016	Note to Mr. Harry Kauffman from George W. Kennedy About Son's Imprisonment	1-Jun-44
80024017	Note to Mr. Harry Kauffman from Mrs. WM. F. Wagner About Son's Imprisonment	1-Jun-44
80024018	Western Union Telegram About Arnold Kauffman's Possible Imprisonment	1-Jun-44
80024019	Note to Mrs. Kauffman About Her Son as a POW	5-Jul-44
80024020	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kauffman from Robert L. Listen About Son's Imprisonment	28-Jul-44

3	During Imprisonment in Stalag XVII-B	1944-1945, n.d
80024021	Instructions on How to Send Mail to POWs for Next of Kin	April-44 - 17-Jun-44
80024022	Report on Stalag 17B Created by the Military Intelligence Service	15-Jul-44
80024023	Report on Stalag 17B Created by the Military Intelligence Service (copy)	15-Jul-44
80024024	Letter Regarding the Presentation of an Award by the Army Air Force	19-Sep-45
80024025	The Kitten	25-Apr-45
80024026	Assurance of Red Cross Care to American POWs for Next of Kin	Apr-45
80024027	German Currency (10 Reichspfennig)	n.d
4	Correspondence	1944-1945, n.d
80024028	Letter from Andy to His Parents Telling Them to Give His Regards to the Family	18-Apr-44
80024029	Letter from Andy to His Parents Asking After Family and Giving Them Love	1-May-44
80024030	Letter from Andy to His Parents Telling Them a Little About His Life	9-May-44
80024031	Letter from Andy to His Parents About Wanting to Get Back Home	14-May-44
80024032	Letter from Andy to His Parents Asking After Friends	22-May-44
80024033	Letter from Andy to His Parents Assuring Them He is Okay and That They Must Have Heard About His Status from the Red Cross	23-May-44
80024034	Letter from Andy to His Parents Updating Them On His Life	6-Jun-44

80024035	Letter from Andy to His Parents Asking After People	11-Jun-44
80024036	Letter from Andy to His Parents Asking After Family	12-Jun-44
80024037	Letter from Sgt. Lester Fifield Jr. Informing Andy He is a POW	12-Jun-44
80024038	Letter from Andy to His Parents Asking After Family and Telling Them Not to Worry	18-Jun-44
80024039	Letter from Andy to His Parents Telling Them About His Life	28-Jun-44
80024040	Letter from Andy to His Parents with Updates on His Life	29-Jul-44
80024041	Letter from Andy to His Parents Updating Them On His Life	5-Aug-44
80024042	Letter from Andy to His Parents Letting Them Know He is Okay	7-Sep-44
80024043	Letter from Andy to His Parents Giving Love to the Family	13-Sep-44
80024044	Letter from Andy to His Parents to Wish His Father Happy Birthday	25-Sep-44
80024045	Letter from Andy to His Parents Wishing them Merry Christmas	28-Sep-44
80024046	Letter from Andy to His Parents Telling Them About His Birthday	9-Oct-44
80024047	Letter from Andy to His Parents Asking After Family and Friends	14-Oct-44
80024048	Letter from Andy to His Parents Stating He Was Happy to Hear From Them	4-Nov-44
80024049	Letter from Andy to His Parents Thanking Them for Letter	19-Nov-44
80024050	Letter from Andy to His Parents Wishing them Merry Christmas	6-Dec-44

	80024051	Letter from Andy to His Parents Asking About Personal Items	1-Feb-45
	80024052	Postcard to Andy from Friend Damian, Visiting Poznan	n.d
5		End of the War	1945-1952, n.d
	80024053	Medical Advice to Recovered Allied Military Personnel	1-May-45
	80024054	Certificate Explaining Captured Enemy Equipment Brought Back to the U.S. by Kaufmann Conforms with Regulations	15-May-45
	80024055	"Comedy on Nazi Prison Planned for Broadway" Newspaper Article	19-May-45
	80024056	Western Union Telegram About Arnold Kauffman's Return to the United States	30-May-45
	80024057	Caterpillar Club Member Identification Card	2-Jul-45
	80024058	AAF Residential Identification Card	1-Aug-45
	80024059	Pioneer Parachute Company, Inc. Letter About Caterpillar Pin	19-Oct-45
	80024060	World War II Air Force Identification Card	8-Nov-45
	80024061	N.C.O. Club, No. 1 Identification Card	1945
	80024062	Letter Presenting the Book "The Yankee Kriegies"	8-Apr-46
	80024063	Honorable Discharge from the United States Army	4-Oct-48
	80024064	Letter Explaining WD AGO Form 55	6-Oct-48
	80024065	Honorable Discharge from the United States Ari Force	4-Aug-52
	80024066	Army Air Forces Certificate of Appreciation for War Service	n.d

80024067	Blank Details of Atrocities Form	n.d
80024068	Caterpillar Club Membership Certificate	n.d
80024069	Letter of Gratitude for Fighting in the War from President Truman	n.d
80024070	Letter Thanking Men for Their Time in the Air Force	n.d
80024071	Newspaper Clipping "Staff Sgt. Arnold E. Kauffman..."	n.d
80024072	Overseas Honorary Member of The Travel Association of Great Britain and Ireland Identification Card	n.d

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Civilian Life

**2005-2007,
n.d**

80024073	"POW for 1 Year in Stalag 17" Newspaper Article	22-Jul-2005
80024074	Obituary for Robert Rosenthal, WWII Pilot	30-Apr-2007
80024078	Memorial Program for Arnold E. Kauffman's Wake	2016
80024075	Flyer Advertising Andy Speaking at the Aviation Club	n.d
80024076	"The Eighth Air Force, Early Days '42- Pre D-Day and Stalag XVII-B" by Arnold E. Kauffman	n.d
80024077	Letter from Bill Coombs About Andy Speaking to the CAF About His Imprisonment	n.d
80024079	Pamphlet for Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial	n.d

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Published Works

1913-1941

80024080	The Soldier's Handbook for Use in the Army of the United States	1913
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	80024081	Geist der Zeit	1939
	80024082	Basic Field Manual Infantry Drill Regulations	1941
8		Published Works	1943
	80024083	German Language Guide	24-Jun-43
	80024084	North African Arabic Language Guide	25-Jun-43
	80024085	German Phrase Book	30-Nov-43
	80024086	Hitler's Second Army by Dr. Alfred Vagts	1943
9		Published Works	1943-1946
	80024087	Target: Germany	1943
	80024088	"The Yankee Kriegies" by Colonel C. Ross Greening and Sergeant Angelo M. Spinelli	1945
	80024089	"The Yankee Kriegies" by Colonel C. Ross Greening and Sergeant Angelo M. Spinelli	1945
	80024090	Kriegie Memories by Ben H. Phelper	1946
10		Published Works	n.d
	80024091	Manual for Soldiers in France	n.d
	80024092	Operation Overlord	n.d
	80024093	Yesterday's Supermen? To-Day's P.W.'s	n.d
11		Miscellaneous	1943-2005, n.d
	80024094	Overseas Forces Hospitality Scheme Card of Introduction	21-Jan-43
	80024095	History Webpage on Stalag 17	18-Aug-2005

80024096	Computer Print Out Images of a Plane and a Soldier in Uniform	n.d
80024097	Computer Print Out Images of WWII Planes	n.d
80024098	The Confederate Air Force Business Card	n.d
80024099	Map of Normandy Attack on D-Day	n.d
800240100	Photo Pages 17-18 of a German Book	n.d
800240101	Photo Pages 19-20 of a German Book	n.d
800240102	Photo Pages 23-24 of a German Book	n.d
800240103	Photo Pages 25-26, 31-32 of a German Book	n.d
800240104	Photo Pages 27-30 of a German Book	n.d
800240105	Photo Pages 33-34 of a German Book	n.d
800240106	Projector Screen Including Three Pictures of Soldiers	n.d
800240107	Willie and Joe Comic Strip	n.d

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Series 2: Photographs

1	War Time Photos	1943-1944, n.d
800240108	Arnold E. Kauffman Holding a Machine Gun	1943
800240109	Arnold E. Kauffman in Uniform	17-Feb-44
800240110	Arnold E. Kauffman in Greatcoat with Battleship in the Distance	n.d
800240111	Arnold E. Kauffman Smiling in Uniform	n.d
800240112	Arnold E. Kauffman in Uniform, Upper Body Shot	n.d
800240113	Arnold E. Kauffman Standing in an	n.d

Encampment

800240114	B-17 "Flying Fortress"	n.d
800240115	Flight Crew Posing in an Airfield	n.d
800240116	Group of Soldiers Marching in Formation	n.d
800240117	Kauffman's Mug Shot for Stalag 17 Front View	n.d
800240118	Kauffman's Mug Shot for Stalag 17 Side View	n.d
800240119	Men Riding on a Wagon	n.d

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82nd Airborne Parade

1946

800240120	Back View of Soldiers Carrying Flags Down a Street	12-Jan-46
800240121	Soldiers Carrying Flags Marching Down a Street	12-Jan-46
800240122	Tank with a Man Up Top Rolling Down a Street	12-Jan-46
800240123	Tanks Rolling Down a Street	12-Jan-46
800240124	82nd Airborne Marching in the City Street	12-Jan-46

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Negatives

800240125	Flag Draped Coffin with Soldiers Standing Around It	n.d
800240126	Large Group of People Around a Coffin	n.d
800240127	Large Group of People Outside a Building with a Flag at Halfmast	n.d
800240128	Large Group of People Outside a Building with a Flag at Halfmast (copy)	n.d
800240129	Large Group of People Waiting in Line	n.d

800240130	An Older Woman in Front of a Coffin	n.d
800240131	Several People on a Set of Stairs Behind a Barrier	n.d
800240132	Shot Through a Doorway Looking Into a Coffin Surrounded by Soldiers	n.d
800240133	Side View of Three Soldiers Standing at the Head of a Coffin	n.d
800240134	A Soldier at the Head of a Coffin	n.d
800240135	Soldier's Funeral	n.d
800240136	Soldiers Saluting	n.d
800240137	Soldiers Standing Respectfully	n.d
800240138	Three Soldiers Standing at the Head of a Coffin	n.d
800240139	Two Soldiers at the Foot of a Coffin	n.d

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**Washington D.C and Arlington,
Virginia Trip**

800240140	Back View of Soldier Marching at Arlington Cemetery	n.d
800240141	Close Up of Group of WWII Veterans	n.d
800240142	Close Up of Group of WWII Veterans	n.d
800240143	Close Up of Kauffman Standing in Front of the WWII Memorial Fountain	n.d
800240144	Close Up of Three Marching Soldiers at Arlington Cemetery	n.d
800240145	Group of WWII Veterans at Base of Marine Corp. Memorial	n.d
800240146	Group of WWII Veterans in Front of the Marine Corp. Memorial	n.d
800240147	Group of WWII Veterans in Front of the WWII Memorial Visitor's Center	n.d

800240148	Group of WWII Veterans Watching Marching Soldier	n.d
800240149	Group of WWII Veterans Watching Marching Soldiers	n.d
800240150	Group of WWII Veterans Watching a Soldier Stand at Attention	n.d
800240151	Far Shot of Group of WWII Veterans in Front of Marine Corp. Memorial	n.d
800240152	Front View Close Up of Group of WWII Veterans	n.d
800240153	Front View of Marching Soldier at Arlington Cemetery	n.d
800240154	Kauffman and Friends at the Bottom of the Lincoln Memorial	n.d
800240155	Kauffman and Friends at the Top of the Lincoln Memorial	n.d
800240156	Kauffman in Front of the Korean War Memorial	n.d
800240157	Kauffman in Group of WWII Veterans	n.d
800240158	Kauffman and a Pilot	n.d
800240159	Kauffman in Front of Reflecting Pool and Washington Monument	n.d
800240160	Kauffman Standing in Front of the WWII Memorial Fountain	n.d
800240162	The Lincoln Memorial	n.d
800240163	Section of a Group of WWII Veterans	n.d
800240164	Side View of Group of WWII Veterans	n.d
800240165	Side View of Marching Soldier at Arlington Cemetery	n.d
800240166	Side View of Three Soldiers Standing at Attention	n.d

	800240167	Six WWII Veterans	n.d
	800240168	Three WWII Veterans, Including Kauffman	n.d
	800240169	Two Soldiers Standing at Attention at Arlington Cemetery	n.d
	800240170	Wide Shot of Group of WWII Veterans	n.d

Miscellaneous Photos

5	800240171	Plane Sitting in a Hanger	n.d
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3		Oversized	1944, n.d
	800240172	"New Yorkers in Nazi Hands" from the Sunday News	29-Oct-44
	800240173	The Longest Mission	n.d