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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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Subjects

Germany -- Nuremberg.

Germany, Southern.

International Military Tribunal

Nuremberg Trial of Major German War Criminals, Nuremberg, Germany, 1945-1946

United States. -- Army. -- Signal Corps.

War crime trials -- Germany -- Nuremberg.

Container List

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1			Series 1: Scrapbooks	
		80024201	Black "Photographs" Scrapbook	1946, n.d
			Inside Cover - Restricted Orders	4-Apr-46
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			Page 3 - Tickets for Main Court, Press Section and Visitors' Gallery of Nuremberg Trials	n.d
			Page 4 - Photo of the Palace of Justice	n.d
			Page 5 - Photo of the Courthouse	n.d
			Page 6 - Photo of the Courtroom	n.d
			Page 7 - Photo of Members of the Tribunal	n.d
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			Page 9 - Photo of "The Boys" (Soldiers Standing at Attention)	n.d
			Page 10 - Official Photo of the Nuremberg Trials	n.d
			Page 11 - Photo of the Defendants and Counsel	n.d

Page 12 - Close Up Photo of the Defendants	n.d
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Page 18 - Close Up Photos of Court Interpreters	n.d
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Page 20 - Photo of the Defense Counsel	n.d
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Page 27 - Photo of the Prison Conference Room	n.d
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Page 34 - Photos of Sound Recording, the Main Gate of the Palace of Justice and the Judges' Chamber	n.d
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Page 41 - Photos of Men and Women at Work at the Trials	n.d
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Page 45 - Special Privilege Pass. Paladium Club Membership Card and Permanent Pass	19-Aug-46, 11-Oct-46, 1946

Page 46 - Photos of Bergen's Home in Nurnberg	n.d
Page 47 - Photos of Soldiers with the Dog Poncho	n.d
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	Page 69 - Photos of Soldiers' Visit to the Tiergarten	n.d
	Page 70 - Picturesque Shots of Nurnberg	n.d
80024202	Beige "Photographs" Scrapbook	1946, n.d
	Article "Goering Proudly Defends His Nazi Record"	1-Apr-46
	Print Photo of the Defendants at Nuremberg	29-Dec-46
	Photocopied Article "Robert Rosenthal, Leader in Bombing Raids and Lawyer at Nuremberg, Dies at 89"	29-Apr-2007
	Page 1 - "PJ Guard - Number 1 Occupation Duty"	n.d
	Page 2 - Allied Occupation Money and Old Weimar Inflation Money	n.d
	Page 3 - Nazi Patch and German Money	n.d
	Page 4 - "Changing of the Guard at the Palace of Justice"	11-May-46

Page 5 - International Military Tribunal, Nuremberg Germany Pamphlet	1945-1946
Page 6 - Schematic Diagram of Courtroom Sound Amplifying System	n.d
Page 7 - "Goering, Minus His Medals, Awaits IMT Verdict," The Stars and Stripes	n.d
Page 8 - "Rudolf Hess, Self-Appointed Diplomat, Faces His Future With Legal Lethargy," The Stars and Stripes	n.d
Page 9 - "Von Ribbentrop, Salesman of Nazism, Tries to Sell Own Innocence to Tribunal," The Stars and Stripes	n.d
Page 10 - "Keitel, Advocate of Strategic Murder, Offers Apology as 'Honorable Soldier,'" and "The Scene: Mauthausen...Aushwitz; The Actor: Kaltenbrunner; the Critic: IMT," The Stars and Stripes	n.d
Page 11 - "Rosenberg Spouts Nazism, Rationalizes War, Loot, Slaves," and "Hans Frank Wrote a Diary of 'His' Poland; 8 Justices May Enter the Last Sentence," The Stars and Stripes	n.d
Page 12 - "IMT Rendevous: Frick Faces Acquaintance," and "Striecher, Ex-Publisher of Jew-Baiting Der Sturmer, Pleads 'Unimportance' in Nazi Anti-Semitic Campaign," The Stars and Stripes	n.d
Page 13 - "'Nobody Deposits Gold Teeth in a Bank,' But Walther Funk's Bank Was Unusual," and "Hjalmar Schacht Pulled the Purse Strings of Nazi Finance," The Stars and Stripes	n.d

Page 14 - "Tapping Fingers of Karl Doenitz Clench At Charge of Building Up 'Phantom' Fleet," and "Raeder Flounders in Waves of Evidence As IMT Weighs His Treaty 'Navigation,'" The Stars and Stripes n.d

Page 15 - "Schirach, Educator for Death, Rewrites His Lectures," and "Sauckel 'Drafted' Labor; Now He Drafts Excuses," The Stars and Stripes n.d

Page 16 - "Jodl, Connoisseur of Victory and Defeat, Seeks One More Win in Legal Contest," and "Papen Won at Vienna, Lost at Ankara; Fate of His Nurnberg Mission Unknown," The Stars and Stripes n.d

Page 17 - "Modern Illiad - Seyss-Inquart Called 'Trojan Horse,'" and "IMT Studies Architect Speer's Blueprints Of Nazi Memorial Built in Rubble, Sweat," The Stars and Stripes n.d

Page 18 - "Sept. 23 Well Tell If Neurath 'Walks Out' Again, as in '33," and "The Voice Is 'Hans Fritzsche Speaking' But Goebbels' Echo Fills the Courtroom," The Stars and Stripes n.d

Page 19 - "Nazis Ask Exoneration of Germany," The Stars and Stripes 31-Aug-46

Page 20 - "Army in Feb. Nipped Nazi Plot To Sabotage War Crimes Trial," and "Only 12 Nurnberg Defendants Believe They Will Hang; 3 Expect to Escape," The Stars and Stripes n.d

Page 21 - "Speaking of Pictures...GI's Blowzy Frauleins Hurt Germans' Feelings" 24-Jun-46

Page 22 - "Speaking of Pictures" Cont. and Circus Franz Althoff Program 24-Jun-46, n.d

		Printed Photo of Goering Trying to Deliver a Speech at Nuremberg Trials	n.d
		"Civilization Tries 20 Top Nazis"	n.d
		"Report from Nurnberg"	n.d
		"IMT to Publish Trial Records in 40-Volume Set"	n.d
		Page 24 - "Nazi Leaders Sing Their Swan Song"	n.d
		Page 25 - "Nazi Leaders Sing Their Swan Song" Cont.	n.d
		Page 26 - Bavarian Winter Wonderland Pamphlet and Berchtesgaden Pamphlet	n.d
		Page 27 - Occupation-United States Forces in European Theater Booklet	n.d
		Page 28 - Tours in Austria and Bavaria Third U.S. Army Booklet and Berchtesgaden Guide	n.d
		Page 29 - Here it is, The A Army's Tour for You Pamphlet	n.d
2	80024203	Garmilch Partenkirchen Scrapbook	n.d
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		Page 1 - Printed Photo of Garmisch	n.d
		Page 2 - Printed Photo of Bergfuehling	n.d
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80024207	Letter to His Folks About Receiving Equipment and Army Life	19-Aug-46
80024208	Letter to His Folks About the Trial and Weather	20-Aug-46
80024209	Letter to His Folks About the Trial	21-Aug-46
80024210	Letter to His Folks Thanking Them for Sending Things and About the Trial	22-Aug-46
80024211	Letter to Folks About the Trial and Anticipation for New Equipment	22-Aug-46
80024212	Letter to His Folks About Family Matters	24/25-Aug-46
80024213	Letter to His Folks About Trans-Atlantic Phone Calls and the Trial	26-Aug-46
80024214	Letter to His Folks About Photos He's Taken and the Ending Trial	28-Aug-46

80024215	Letter to His Folks About the Trial, His Stay in Germany, and NBC Broadcasting	29-Aug-46
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80024217	Letter to His Folks About the Last Day of the Trial and Awaiting Verdict	31-Aug-46
80024218	Letter to His Folks About Labor Day and Sending Money	2-Sep-46
80024219	Letter to His Folks About Job When He Gets Home and Money Being Worthless in Europe	3-Sep-46
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80024221	Letter to His Folks Containing Small Talk - He's Going to See the Opera Carmen	5-Sep-46
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80024224	Letter to His Folks About Garmisch, the Weather and a New Club in Town	9-Sep-46
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80024232	Letter to Folks About Getting Tomato Juice and a Watch	18-Sep-46
80024233	Letter to Folks About Taking a Group Photo	19-Sep-46
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2 **Published Works** **1946**

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3 **Miscellaneous** **1945-1946, n.d**

80024240	Chicago High Schools Roosevelt Graduate Diploma for Harold Aaron Bergen	26-Jan-45
80024241	Original Woodcuts of Nuremberg	1945
80024242	The B Bag Newspaper Clipping	29-Aug-46
80024243	Special Orders No. 82	3-Sep-46

80024244	Interview with Dad - Nuremberg Cassette Tape	n.d
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Series Three: Loose Photographs

4	Loose Photos From Black "Photographs" Scrapbook	n.d
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80024245	Woman and Child in the Train Station	n.d
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80024246	Railroad Worker with a Train in the Background	n.d
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80024247	Man Standing in the Street	n.d
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80024248	Crowd of People Outside the American Red Cross Club	n.d
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80024249	Crowd of People on a Railroad Platform	n.d
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80024250	Photo of a Railroad Yard	n.d
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