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## Avery Jacobek Memorial Collection

**Creator:** Avery A. Jacobek  
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## Biographical Note

Avery “Bud” Jacobek was born in Forest Park, Illinois on March 15, 1924. He was one of three sons born to Myra and Arthur Jacobek.

Jacobek served as an infantry medic in World War II. His time overseas took him to parts of Italy, including Florence, where he studied architecture. Upon his return home, he built a career in architectural contracting, retiring in 1990.

Avery Jacobek died on November 9, 2009.

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## Scope and Content of the Collection

The Avery Jacobek Memorial Collection consists of mostly World War II memorabilia, including hundreds of letters, photographs, postcards, official government documents, personal effects, and more. The items belonged to Avery “Bud” Jacobek of Illinois, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II as an infantry medic.

## **Arrangement**

The collection contains thirteen series.

### **Series One: Official Government Documents (1943-1946)**

These items mostly pertain to Avery Jacobek's time in the military from 1943 to 1946. They include his official discharge papers, pay records, and travel papers. Baggage tags, change of address forms, and other practical items are included.

### **Series Two: University Study Center (1945)**

This is a collection of items from Avery's studies at the University Study Center in Florence, Italy. It includes seven program completion certificates, an identification card, a course catalogue, and other official items pertaining to the Center.

### **Series Three: Field Notes (N.D.)**

These are Avery's field notes that pertain to his military training, such as principles of cover and individual field fortifications.

### **Series Four: Correspondence (1943-1947)**

This series includes over a hundred letters sent to Avery and a few written by him from 1943-1947. Family, friends, co-workers, army buddies, and others sent him letters regarding things such as popular culture, current events, local news, and the weather.

### **Series Five: Postcards (1945)**

This is a large collection of postcards mostly from Avery's time in Italy, including Rome and Venice. Many of the postcards are blank, but a few have descriptions written on the back and a few others were mailed home.

### **Series Six: Journals (N.D.)**

This series includes two blank journals and several items found stuck in one of the journals. The items include telegrams, newspaper clippings, and official government messages.

### **Series Seven: Newspapers and Clippings (1943-1945)**

This is a collection of newspapers and clippings Avery acquired mostly while overseas, including several full issues of Stars and Stripes. There are also a few news clippings sent to him from home.

### **Series Eight: Pamphlets (N.D.)**

These are official government pamphlets given to Avery upon arrival back in the States. They include information about settling back into civilian life and veteran benefits.

### **Series Nine: Souvenirs (N.D.)**

These are souvenirs from Avery's time overseas, most notably from Italy. The series also includes pamphlets and foreign currency.

### **Series Ten: Religious Items (1945)**

The series includes items used for religious services and spiritual reflection.

### **Series Eleven: Miscellaneous (N.D.)**

These are three miscellaneous items that didn't fit into any other category, such as a portrait of a vase of flowers.

### **Series Twelve: Maps (N.D.)**

This includes maps of Florence and Venice that Avery acquired overseas.

### **Series Thirteen: Photography (1943-1945)**

This is a large collection of photos separated into six categories: photos of Avery, photos taken by Avery, photos of his family and friends, panoramic photos, miscellaneous photos, and photos from the Correspondence series.

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## **Separations**

<b>Item ID</b>	<b>Description</b>
800107396	Brass GI Belt Buckle

800107397	Electric Razor
800107398	Sewing Kit
800107399	Custer Division Scarf - "Florence"
800107400	Army blanket, green
800107402	Camera
800107404	Old Monopoly Money
800107405	Red Cross Bag
800107407	Slippers, size small
800107408	Pin-up playing cards
800107409	1940 Nazi ten-cent coin
800107411	Box that contained a journal

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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.

## **Names**

Jacobek, Avery. -- 1924-2009.  
Jacobek, Avery. -- Correspondence.

## **Subjects**

World War, 1939-1945 -- Medical Care -- United States.  
United States -- Army -- Infantry Regiment, 109th  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns -- Italy.  
University Study Center (Florence, Italy).  
World War, 1939-1945 -- United States -- Correspondence.  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal Narratives, American.

## Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1	1		<b>Series One: Official Government Documents</b>	
		800107001	Card issued by State of Illinois in appreciation of service	N.D.
		800107002	Identification Card from U.S. Veterans' Administration for Chicago Technical College	N.D.
		800107003	Soldiers' Individual pay record	N.D.
		800107004	Service Recognition Board notice regarding received application	N.D.
		800107005	Baggage tags (2)	N.D.
		800107006	Change of address slip	N.D.
		800107007	State of Illinois card notifying of a Veteran's Bonus awarded to Illinois men and women or their survivors	N.D.
		800107008	Honorable Discharge papers (2)(small copies)	N.D.
		800107009	Immunization register (2)	N.D.
		800107010	Pre-embarkation Health certificate	N.D.
		800107011	Receipt for items used during stay at 427 Repl. Co.	N.D.
		800107012	Authorization for Allotment of Pay	N.D.
		800107013	Order to report for induction	11-Jun-43
		800107014	Certificate of ownership papers related to Beretta (3)	N.D.
		800107015	Certificate of ownership for Beretta	N.D.
		800107016	Army Ground Forces Liasion paper asking soldiers to consider re-enlisting in regular Army	N.D.
		800107017	Certificate of payment to Avery for \$287 in U.S. currency	N.D.

800107018	State of Illinois Service Recognition certificate	N.D.
800107020	War-Navy Departments Official Records envelope	N.D.
800107021	Application for Servicemen's Readjustment Allowance	N.D.
800107022	Blank claim for settlement - unused leave papers (2)	N.D.
800107023	Papers from Veterans' Administration regarding insurance (2)	N.D.
800107024	"Veteran Aid Provisions of the 'G.I. Bill of Rights.'"	N.D.
800107025	Temporary pass (2)	N.D.
800107026	War Department memorandum for enlisted men	20-Aug-45
800107027	Certificate "A" claiming that package mailed to Mrs. Jacobek does not contain unauthorized items	N.D.
800107028	Travel Orders papers that includes list of names	25-Nov-45
800107029	Headquarters 310th Medical Battalion, 85th Infantry Division letter of commendation	Jun-45
800107030	Certificate of thanks from President Truman	N.D.
800107031	Administration Regional Office envelope	N.D.

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**Series Two: University Study Center**

800107032	Student Identification Card	N.D.
800107033	University Study Center Course Catalogue	N.D.
800107034	Map of University Study Center	N.D.
800107035	Promotional Pamphlet	N.D.
800107036	Army Education Program Certificate: Elementary Italian	N.D.

800107037	Army Education Program Certificate: General Chemistry	N.D.
800107038	Army Education Program Certificate: Music Appreciation	N.D.
800107039	Army Education Program Certificate: Psychology of Marriage	N.D.
800107040	Army Education Program Certificate: Public Speaking	N.D.
800107041	Army Education Program Certificate: Office Management	N.D.
800107042	Army Education Program Certificate: Sociology	N.D.

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**Series Three: Field Notes**

800107043	Note cards on foxholes and entrenching tools (3)	N.D.
800107044	Notes on principles of cover and individual field fortifications (2)	N.D.

**Series Four: Correspondence**

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**Correspondence from Mrs. A.A. Griffiths 16-Jan-45**

800107045	Letter regarding her recent move, husband Bob, weather, and family news.
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**Correspondence from Agnes and Elmer Zink 11-Jan-1945 to 6-Jul-1945**

800107046	Letter regarding family and a cousin late reporting back to duty because of trains. Includes comic strip	11-Jan-45
800107047	Birthday card, mentions cousin Bob stationed at Pearl Harbor, family news, farm news	1-Mar-45
800107048	V-Mail regarding family and weather, mentions Avery's bad ankle	3-May-45

800107049	V-Mail regarding new farm equipment, mentions cousin Bob in "thick of it" at Okinawa	28-May-45
800107050	Letter regarding Bob getting hit in face with shrapnel, farming/weather updates, 7th division going into combat on May 21st and on the announcement on the 22nd that they made a 1000 yard gain	7-Jun-45
800107051	V-mail regarding Elmer going to see cattle, Bob in hospital for blood clot in muscle on 22 June	6-Jul-45

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**Correspondence from Ann Freer**

**5-May-1945 to 19-Sep-1945**

800107052	Letter regarding business at Marshall Fields in Oak Park, coworkers' lives, son Larry's engagement and being shipped out. Written on Marshall Fields letterhead.	5-May-45
800107053	Letter regarding business at Marshall Fields, son Larry in the Pacific, vacation plans. Written on Marshall Fields letterhead	8-Jun-45
800107054	Letter regarding gift Avery sent, his schooling in Italy, work news	19-Sep-45

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**Correspondence from Arlene**

**6-Dec-44**

800107055	Letter about her new job, new car, and friend Lee who is now a widow
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**Correspondence from Barbara**

**27-Oct-1946 to 12-Jun-1947**

800107056	Letter regarding senior year, preparation for graduation, asking Avery to go to a dance with her.	27-Oct-46
800107057	Letter regarding social affairs and asking if Avery would visit one weekend.	12-Jun-47



1	9	<b>Correspondence from Mrs. Bennet</b>	<b>1-Jul-44</b>
	800107058	V-Mail regarding family news and a three-day holiday	
1	10	<b>Correspondence from Betty</b>	<b>10-Jan-45</b>
	800107059	Letter regarding weather, her new job and residence in Evanston. Thanks him for the snapshot and encloses one of herself (not included).	
1	11	<b>Correspondence from Bob Leonard</b>	<b>10-Feb-1945 to 18-Aug-1945</b>
	800107060	Letter regarding move to Elmhurst and his new home trailer.	10-Feb-45
	800107061	Letter includes two photographs [included in Photography series], a drawing of his new trailer, and postwar plans	18-Aug-45
1	12	<b>Correspondence from Chuck Kolwitz</b>	<b>3-Oct-1943 to 20-Nov-45</b>
	800107062	Letter from Camp Wolters discusses training, weather, family news	3-Oct-43
	800107063	Letter regarding army life, women, postwar plans	3-May-45
	800107064	Letter from the Philippines, mentions having 67 points, being in a rest camp with amenities, the 34th division relieving the 10th.	21-Aug-45
	800107065	Letter from Japan, discusses Avery's points, Japanese customs, postwar plans.	20-Nov-45

<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Correspondence from Craig Petermann</b>	<b>17-Jul-1945 to 12-Mar-1946</b>
	800107066	Letter regarding Avery's ankle injury, his hospital stay and personal news.	17-Jul-45
	800107067	Letter from Okinawa regarding news from home, Avery not going home with the 85th, postwar plans.	16-Aug-45
	800107068	Letter from Korea talks about going to college, asks about Avery's job.	12-Mar-46
<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Correspondence from Dale Hein</b>	<b>1-Feb-1944 to 9-Sep-1945</b>
	800107069	Letter mentions Avery being stationed in North Africa, a local loan drive, working overtime, Craig's new car, music.	1-Feb-44
	800107070	Letter mentions how she and her friends spend their free time, a male friend classified as 4F, popular music.	18-Apr-44
	800107071	Letter about Bob Leonard being 4F, Italy being in the headlines, Craig joining the service, her favorite music.	12-May-44
	800107072	Letter regarding family, activities, local graduation, jokes	31-May-44
	800107073	Letter thanking him for a bracelet, discussing a recent vacation, and music.	27-Jun-44
	800107074	Letter thanking him for the 5th Army Song clipping, mentions social activities and sports.	28-Jul-44
	800107075	Letter about social activities, seeing schoolmates now in the military, includes newspaper clipping.	29-Sep-44
	800107076	Letter includes list of hit parade and her bowling activities.	21-Oct-44

800107077	Letter talks about popular music, bowling, a friend's engagement, the weather.	5-Jan-45
800107078	Letter talks about seeing "Blossom Time" and "Oklahoma," her eye surgery, and includes list of popular songs.	14-Mar-45
800107079	Letter talks about a friend who is MIA and a going away party for a friend.	14-Apr-45
800107080	Letter mentions V-E Day and describes celebrations, and friend who is still MIA.	9-May-45
800107081	Letter talks about work and her days off.	19-Jun-45
800107082	Letter talks about weather, upcoming vacation, seeing friends, car breaking down, popular music.	1-Aug-45
800107083	Letter regarding a recent vacation, bowling scores, and the war's end,	9-Sep-45

1	15	<b>Correspondence from Dan Housel</b>	<b>3-May-46</b>
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800107084	Letter discusses Dan's job, women, and other personal news.	
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1	16	<b>Correspondence from Ellen Nelson</b>	<b>27-Nov-1944 to 31-Jul-45</b>
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800107085	Letter includes a poem, Ellen's singing audition, her cooking and other hobbies.	27-Nov-44
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800107086	Letter talks about her USO tour, postwar plans, her crush on Avery in school.	23-Apr-45
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800107087	Letter discusses a recent Cubs game, golf, and cutter riding.	31-Jul-45
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1	17	<b>Correspondence from Emily</b>	<b>31-May-45</b>
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800107088	Letter discusses her car tires blowing out, her house, Avery's leg in a cast, family news.	
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<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Correspondence from Etta</b>	<b>27-Mar-45</b>
	800107089	Letter thanks him for the purses he sent to his cousins, farm work, family life.	
<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Correspondence from Eunice Jacobek</b>	<b>10-Oct-1944 to 6-July-1945</b>
	800107090	Letter discusses her new job, family news, the snapshots Avery sent.	10-Oct-44
	800107091	Letter discusses family news, weather, a trip down to the lake, baking activities.	17-Feb-45
	800107092	V-Mail regarding family news and a box of cookies she sent.	25-Feb-45
	800107093	Letter includes two photos [in Photography series], a joke, and news about her getting a driver's permit.	3-May-45
	800107094	Letter includes family and weather news.	6-Jul-45
<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Correspondence from Frances Peterman</b>	<b>16-May-1945 to 7-Feb-1945</b>
	800107095	V-Mail asks for news from Avery, mentions not having heard from him and others	7-Feb-45
	800107096	V-Mail talks about going on postwar double dates, Craig losing money gambling, other news from home.	22-Feb-45
	800107097	V-Mail talks about her birthday celebration and fiance Chuck..	23-Apr-45
	800107098	Letter mentions V-E Day, Avery's sprained ankle, the 1st Marine division in Okinawa, and weather.	16-May-45

<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Correspondence from George Bennet</b>	<b>11-Mar-45</b>
	800107099	Letter discusses merchandise sales and rationing, war news, weather.	
<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Correspondence from Geory</b>	<b>12-May-45</b>
	800107100	Letter discusses schoolmates stationed overseas and the local prom.	
<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Correspondence from Gram (Louise Petermann)</b>	<b>27-Nov-1944 to 26-Dec-1944</b>
	800107101	Letter discusses weather, family news and friends being shipped overseas.	13-Jan-44
	800107102	Letter regarding family and farming news.	27-Nov-44
	800107103	Letter regarding family and farming news, holiday plans.	26-Dec-44
	800107104	V-Mail discusses family news and weather.	30-Apr-45
	800107105	Letter discusses Avery's possible homecoming, family news, a recent trip.	28-Oct-45
<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Correspondence from Harold</b>	<b>8-Jan-1944 to 18-Dec-44</b>
	800107106	Letter discusses family news, weather, furlough	8-Jan-44
	800107107	Letter discusses furlough, camp conditions, weather, planes flying overhead where Avery is	18-Dec-44
<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Correspondence from Jackson Kurschner</b>	<b>4-Mar-1945 to 8-Jan-1946</b>
	800107108	Letter discusses Jackson's lengthy bout with scarlet fever and his outfit leaving without him.	4-Mar-45

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| 800107109 | Letter from Hawaii describes camp conditions and a childhood friend.             | 10-Aug-45 |
| 800107110 | Letter talks about postwar plans, life in Hawaii, Avery being in Civilian Corps. | 8-Jan-46  |

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**Correspondence from Jean Phillips**

**Christmas  
1944 to  
19-Jul-  
1945**

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| 800107111 | V-Mail includes Christmas card greeting.  | Christmas<br>1944 |
| 800107112 | Letter describes Christmas celebrations, news about mutual friends going overseas, weather.       | 2-Jan-45          |
| 800107113 | Letter describes weather in New Guinea, Irving Berlin performing nearby, judo tricks she learned. | 18-Jan-45         |
| 800107114 | Letter describes weather, her swimming lessons, the movie "And Now Tomorrow," a dance.            | 12-Feb-45         |
| 800107115 | Letter mentions sunburn, the movie "Strike Up The Band," and a dance.                             | 19-Feb-45         |
| 800107116 | Letter mentions weather, "Meet Me in St. Louis," swimming.  | 12-Mar-45         |
| 800107117 | Letter describes life in New Guinea and slow package service.                                     | 3-Apr-45          |
| 800107118 | Letter describes the places Jean has seen, reactions to V-E Day.                                  | 14-Jun-45         |
| 800107119 | Letter describes Avery's move to the 34th, movies, and weather.                                   | 13-Jul-45         |

<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Correspondence from Jewel Jacobek</b>	<b>8-Oct-1944 to 7-Feb-1945</b>
	800107120	Letter describes a football game at Proviso, a dinner party, family news.	8-Oct-44
	800107121	Letter discusses recent presidential election, skating, social activities.	11-Nov-44
	800107122	Letter describes weather, ice-skating, latest war news.	7-Feb-45
<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Correspondence from Joe Long</b>	<b>6-Aug-45</b>
	800107123	V-Mail regarding Joe preparing to go to the Pacific.	
<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Correspondence from Johnny Kramer</b>	<b>12-Feb-45</b>
	800107124	Letter describes Johnny's new life as a civilian, including attending classes.	
<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Correspondence from June M.</b>	<b>25-July-1944 to 14-Jan-1946</b>
	800107125	Letter describes June's social activities and includes addresses of girls to write to.	25-Jul-44
	800107126	Letter describes June's studies and her roommate.	17-Oct-44
	800107127	Letter includes a comic strip called "V-Mail," mentions Avery's cousin in battle in Okinawa, weekend plans.	11-Jul-45
	800107128	Letter describes Avery's time in Italy, June's social activities.	30-Jul-45
	800107129	Letter describes V-J Day celebrations in Chicago, college plans.	21-Aug-45
	800107130	Letter inviting Avery for a visit, describes her social activities and college life.	14-Jan-46

<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Correspondence from Louise Kuich</b>	<b>8-Mar-1945 to 6-Aug-1945</b>
	800107131	Letter describing social activities including seeing "Blossom Time," "Guest in the House" and reading "The Razor's Edge."	8-Mar-45
	800107132	Letter includes horoscopes. Describes a friend, social activities, shared memories.	2-May-45
	800107133	Postcard thanking him for a picture he sent.	3-Jul-45
	800107134	Letter thanking him for a bracelet, describing life on home front including food shortages.	6-Aug-45
<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Correspondence from Marilyn Kurschner</b>	<b>22-Oct-1944 to 14-Jun-45</b>
	800107135	V-Mail regarding her college plans and her friends.	22-Oct-44
	800107136	Letter regarding college life and her friends' lives.	9-Dec-44
	800107137	Letter regarding college life including a description of her classes and plans to visit Avery.	15-Jan-45
	800107138	Letter regarding college life, family life, and plans for the summer.	10-Apr-45
	800107139	Letter regarding Avery's upcoming trip home, family and college life.	14-Jun-45
<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Correspondence from Marilyn Litster</b>	<b>20-Apr-1945 to 13-Feb-1946</b>



800107140	Letter mentions President Roosevelt's death, family news and Marshall Fields news.	20-Apr-45
800107141	Letter regarding work and family news.	30-Dec-45
800107142	Short note that included a photo (photo not included).	19-Jan-46
800107143	Valentine's Day card.	13-Feb-46

<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Correspondence from Marjorie</b>	<b>8-July-1945 to 7-Nov-45</b>
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800107144	Letter regarding Avery's homecoming, family news, a friend named Donald serving with Avery.	8-Jul-45
800107145	Letter asking Avery if anything has happened to Don, whose letters have become infrequent.	13-Sep-45
800107146	Letter thanking Avery for news of Don, citing a misunderstanding.	7-Nov-45

<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Correspondence from Mary Lou Shay</b>	<b>9-Nov-1944 to 26-Oct-1945</b>
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800107147	Letter regarding a local football game, her classes and friends.	9-Nov-44
800107148	Letter regarding her new assignment to Maryland, family news and holiday plans.	30-Dec-44
800107149	Letter regarding life as a nurse.	4-Jan-45
800107150	Letter discusses life as a nurse and Avery's homecoming.	5-Jan-45
800107151	Letter discusses life as a nurse and social activities.	12-Jan-45
800107152	Letter regarding hospital experiences.	16-Jan-45
800107153	Letter regarding her weekend activities, including bowling.	2-Mar-45

		800107154	Letter regarding her work as a nurse at the University of Pennsylvania.	10-Apr-45
		800107155	Letter regarding nursing life and an upcoming leave.	24-Apr-45
		800107156	Letter regarding her recent bout with appendicitis and news about mutual friends.	6-Sep-45
		800107157	Letter regarding family news including her brother being drafted, and a mention of Eisenhower jackets.	26-Oct-45
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>Correspondence from Maxine Hansen</b>	<b>N.D.</b>
		800107158	V-Mail mentions seeing a show at Navy Pier and gives updates on mutual friends.	
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>Correspondence from Mrs. Melvin Kolwitz</b>	<b>11-Jan-45</b>
		800107159	Letter gives details of Chuck's injuries and whereabouts, which includes Guam and Guadalcanal.	
<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>Correspondence from Mildred Jacobek</b>	<b>31-Dec-1944 to 1-Jan-1945</b>
		800107160	V-Mail describing holiday plans, family news, weather, packages sent to Avery.	31-Dec-44
		800107161	V-Mail describing family news including newly-discovered relatives and friends.	1-Jan-45
<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>Correspondence from Myra Jacobek</b>	<b>6-Oct-1943 to 20-Oct-45</b>
		800107162	Letter discusses family news including Warren possibly shipping out soon.	6-Oct-43
		800107163	Letter regarding family news and advice.	1-Jan-45

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| 800107164 | News clippings including: "Detailed Plan for Redeployment of Fifth Army in Italy Revealed," "Portraits," and jokes. | 18-Jul-45 |
| 800107165 | Letter discusses family news including Warren's wedding and discusses the number of points Avery has.               | 10-Oct-45 |
| 800107166 | Letter discusses family news, the house, new car, friends overseas.   | 20-Oct-45 |

<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Correspondence from Pat Clark</b>	<b>11-Jan-1945 to 17-Jun-1945</b>
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| 800107167 | Letter includes family news and details of social activities. | 11-Jan-45 |
| 800107168 | Graduation announcement for Beloit High School.               | 16-Jun-45 |
| 800107169 | Letter includes family news and work news.                    | 17-Jun-45 |

<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Correspondence from Phyllis</b>	<b>2-Jan-52</b>
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| 800107170 | Letter thanking him for a gift, mentions friend Don, her favorite pastimes, and a recent vacation. | 2-Jan-52 |
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<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Correspondence from Phyllis Smith</b>	<b>21-Nov-1944 to 10-Jun-45</b>
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| 800107171 | Letter discusses a family wedding and her breakup with Avery's friend Chuck.            | 21-Nov-44 |
| 800107172 | Letter discusses writing to Avery's mother, family news and local gossip.               | 28-Jan-45 |
| 800107173 | Letter describes a radio show, weekend plans, and social activities.                    | 11-Feb-45 |
| 800107174 | Letter regarding visit to the hospital with appendicitis, books, guitar, gossip, family | 22-Feb-45 |

news.

800107175 Letter regarding social activities and Chuck. 2-Apr-45  
800107176 Letter mentions V-E Day, Chuck, homecomings around town and popular movies. 10-Jun-45

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**Correspondence from Mrs. R. Hermann**

**1-Dec-1944 to 5-May-1945**

800107177 V-Mail wishing him a Merry Christmas, asking for a pin and mentions family news. 1-Dec-44  
800107178 Letter discusses weather and family news, thanks Avery for a gift. 22-Jan-45  
800107179 V-Mail thanking Avery for Easter card, mentions ankle injury, weather, and brother Warren. 5-May-45

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**Correspondence from Shirley Ginter**

**12-Jul-1944 to 22-Dec-1944**

800107180 Letter describes a recent storm, past weekend plans, work, upcoming Republican and Democratic conventions. 12-Jul-44  
800107181 Letter discusses family news, local war efforts, social activities. 2-Aug-44  
800107182 Letter describes vacation plans and her new dog, along with family news. 13-Sep-44  
800107183 Letter describes a recent trip and family news. 22-Dec-44

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**Correspondence from Shirley Stephenson**

**20-Jan-1945 to 30-Apr-45**

800107184 V-Mail discusses her new job and news about 20-Jan-45

friends stationed overseas.

800107185 V-Mail mentions peace rumors and family news. 30-Jan-45

**2 12 Correspondence from Syl Leitch 7-Mar-45**

800107186 V-Mail regarding family news and friends on the front.

**2 13 Correspondence from Warren Jacobek 18-Jun-1945 to 6-Nov-1945**

800107187 Letter regarding Warren's whereabouts and when they will be heading home and Avery's trip to Venice. 18-Jun-45

800107188 Letter regarding possible furlough, war rumors, men from his unit. 4-Jul-45

800107189 Letter regarding Warren's homecoming, family news, his impending marriage, a new car they bought. 19-Sep-45

800107190 Letter regarding Warren's extended furlough, job hunt, whether the amount of points needed will lower, when Avery will come home 10-Oct-45

800107191 Letter regarding Warren's work, family news, house hunt, the new car waiting for Avery. Enclosed mother's letter which discusses family news. 6-Nov-45

**2 14 Correspondence from Wray Jacobek 24-Apr-1945 to N.D.**

800107192 V-Mail mentions Avery's injured ankle, school and family news. 24-Apr-45

800107193 V-Mail describing a recent trip. N.D.

<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Correspondence from Avery Jacobek</b>	
		800107194 V-Mail of a Mother's Day Card.	1-May-45

<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
		800107195 V-Mail regarding the actions of the 85th division in Italy	N.D.
		800107196 Airmail stamp	
		800107197 Blank Airmail envelopes (5)	
		800107198 Blank Postal Card	
		800107199 Photography envelope addressed to Avery	9-May-44
		800107200 Christmas package envelope	
		800107201 War and Navy Departments V-Mail service envelope	
		800107202 Illinois State Employment Service envelope	
		800107203 Selective Service envelope	
		800107204 Veterans Administration Envelope	
		800107205 Brooks envelope addressed to Avery	
		800107206 Stamped and addressed envelope to Avery	

**Series Five: Postcards**

<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Blank Postcards</b>	
		800107207 Belluno - con prealpi, Effetto Invernale	N.D.
		800107208 Belluno - Panoramas sul Piave	N.D.
		800107209 Carmagnola - Via Umberto I. Caption: "Bought this card here, 10-July-1945"	10-Jul-45
		800107210 Roma - Basilica di S. Paolo fuori le mura	N.D.
		800107211 Roma - Basilica di S. Paolo fuori le mura (interno)	N.D.
		800107212 Roma - Basilica di S. Paolo fuori le mura	N.D.

(interno)

800107213	Roma - Citta del Vaticano - Piazza S. Pietro e Palazzi Apostolia	N.D.
800107214	Roma - Foro Mussolini - Monolite	N.D.
800107215	Roma - Il Pantheon	N.D.
800107216	Roma - Il Quirinale	N.D.
800107217	Roma - La Scala Santa	N.D.
800107218	Roma - Monumento a G. Garibaldi al Gianicolo	N.D.
800107219	Roma - Monumento a Vittorio Emanuele	N.D.
800107220	Roma - Palazzo di Giustizia	N.D.
800107221	Roma - Piazza dell'Esedra	N.D.
800107222	Roma - S. Giovanni in Laterano	N.D.
800107223	Roma - Piazza e Palazzo Venezia	N.D.
800107224	Roma - Trinita dei Monti	N.D.
800107225	Roma - Via dell'Impero	N.D.
800107226	Roma - Villa Umberto - III Laghetto	N.D.
800107227	Venezia - Basilica di S. Marco	N.D.
800107228	Venezia - Basilica di S. Marco	N.D.
800107229	Venezia - Basilica di S. Marco (color)	N.D.
800107230	Venezia - Ca' d'Oro	N.D.
800107231	Venezia - Ca' d'Oro (color)	N.D.
800107232	Venezia - Canal Grande e Chiesa della Salute	N.D.
800107233	Venezia - Chiesa Madonna della Saluta	N.D.
800107234	Venezia - Chiesa Madonna della Saluta (color)	N.D.
800107235	Venezia - I cavalli di bronzo	N.D.
800107236	Venezia - I cavalli di bronzo	N.D.
800107237	Venezia - Il Molo	N.D.

800107238	Venezia - Isola San Giorgio	N.D.
800107239	Venezia - Palazzo Ducale	N.D.
800107240	Venezia - Palazzo Ducale (color)	N.D.
800107241	Venezia - Piazza S. Marco e Campanile	N.D.
800107242	Venezia - Piazzo S. Marco - I piccioni	N.D.
800107243	Venezia - Panorama	N.D.
800107244	Venezia - Panorama dall'Isola S. Giorgio	N.D.
800107245	Venezia - Ponte di Rialto (2)	N.D.
800107246	Venezia - Ponte dei Sospiri	N.D.
800107247	Venezia - Ponte dei Sospiri (color)	N.D.

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**Postcards with writing on back**

800107248	Belluno - I giardini di Piazza Campitello	N.D.
800107249	Belluno - Piazza Campitello, Giardini e Chiesa Santo Stefano	N.D.
800107250	Marmolada e monte Civetta vista dal Passo Fedaia	N.D.
800107251	U.S. Army Ship "Ernest Hinds" Arrives at Port of Embarkation, Charleston, S.C.	N.D.
800107252	Venezia - Canal Grade e Palazzo Franchetti	N.D.
800107253	Venezia - Ponte di Rialto	N.D.

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**Mailed Postcards**

800107254	Belluno - Stazione Ferroviaria	30-May-45
800107255	Carmagnola - Scuola Elementari	13-Jul-45

**Series Six: Journals**

<b>2 20</b>	800107256	"My Stretch in the Service" blank journal	N.D.
<b>2 21</b>	800107257	"Life in the Service" blank journal	N.D.



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**Items from "Life in the Service" Journal**

800107258	Army Exchange Ration Card (3)	N.D.
800107259	Special Order of the Day from H.R. Alexander	2-May-45
800107260	Telegram from Warren Jacobek	12-Sep-45
800107261	Telegram from Avery Jacobek that includes arrival date	30-Nov-45
800107262	Clipping of Avery's name among those serving overseas in the <i>Chicago Times</i>	10-Mar-45
800107263	Newspaper clipping: "Pfc. Avery Jacobek Completes 4 Weeks Schooling in Italy"	27-Sep-45
800107264	Newspaper clipping: "Voice of the People" regarding conscription of women and signed by Avery and Warren Jacobek, among others	N.D.
800107265	Headquarters 15th Army Group Presidential Message	3-May-45
800107266	Headquarters 15th Army Group message to the Soldiers of the 15th Army Group	1-May-45

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**Series Seven: Newspapers and Clippings**

Newspapers

*The Bataan Bullsheet*

800107267	Volume 1, No. 1	1-Dec-45
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*Combateer, The*

800107268	Volume 1, No. 3	May-45
800107269	Volume 1, No. 3	Jun-45
800107270	Volume 1, No. 5	Jul-45

*Field Glass, The*

800107271	Volume 11, No. 6	19-Jul-43
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*Litter Post, The*

800107272 Volume 1, No. 9 (2) Jun-45

*Stars and Stripes*

800107273 Mediterranean, Volume 2, No. 72 21-Apr-45

800107274 Mediterranean, Volume 1, No. 22 22-Apr-45

800107275 Mediterranean, Volume 2, No. 149 30-Nov-45

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**Newspaper Clippings**

800107276 Clipping of Avery's name among those serving overseas in the *Chicago Times* 10-Mar-45

800107277 Clipping from *The Field Glass* 14-May-45

800107278 "Berlin Writes Fifth Army Song" N.D.

800107279 "The Neighbors" comic strip N.D.

800107280 Clipping of Avery and Warren's names in *The Field Glass* N.D.

800107281 Clipping from Parade War Album N.D.

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**Series Eight: Pamphlets**

800107282 "Going Back to Civilian Life" (2) N.D.

800107283 Information for Veterans of WWII About Readjustment Allowances for Unemployment N.D.

800107284 "What Illinois Veterans Can Get From the Nation, State, and Community" N.D.

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**Series Nine: Souvenirs**

800107285 A Soldier's Guide to Florence (2) N.D.

800107286 A Soldier's Guide to Naples N.D.

800107287 Ricordio di Venezia N.D.

800107288 Pamphlet: "Welcome Home: Camp Patrick Henry, Va. Hampton Roads Port of N.D.

Embarkation."

800107289	Pamphlet: "Road to Rome"	N.D.
800107290	Pamphlet: "Flags of the United Nations"	N.D.
800107291	Postcard envelope (empty)	N.D.
800107292	Pamphlet: "Two down and one to go -"	N.D.
800107293	Lira - denomination: one	N.D.
800107294	Lira - denomination: two	N.D.
800107295	Lira - denomination: five	N.D.
800107296	Lira - denomination: ten	N.D.
800107297	Franc - denomination: five	N.D.
800107298	"Garter" Ration Card	N.D.
800107299	Marshall Field and Company photo envelope	N.D.

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**Series Ten: Religious Items**

800107300	Pocket Prayer Book	N.D.
800107301	Catechism mini-booklet: "Life Eternal"	N.D.
800107302	Easter Services program 1945	28-Apr-45
800107303	St. Stephen's Service Club card	N.D.
800107410	Prayer and Testament Book	N.D.

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**Series Eleven: Miscellaneous**

800107304	Bass Camera Co. photograph envelope	N.D.
800107305	Brown photograph envelope with Avery's name on it	N.D.
800107306	Portrait of a vase of flowers	N.D.
800107401	Dictionary	N.D.
800107403	Address Book	N.D.

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### Series Twelve: Maps

800107308	Map of Florence	N.D.
800107309	Map of Venice	N.D.

### Series Thirteen: Photography

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#### Photos of Avery

800107310	Caption: "Pfc. Avery Jacobek, Italy, 1944."	1944
800107311	Caption: "Two G.I. Joes on troop train - about 20 miles above Casino [sic], Italy. Dinkerson of Detroit and Jacobek of Chicago. November 19th, 1945.	19-Nov-45
800107312	Avery holding a girl's hand. Caption written in Italian (2).	1945
800107313	Avery in his helmet with a friend	N.D.
800107314	Caption: "Avery Jacobek and Joe Long"	N.D.
800107315	Avery and a friend with city in background (2)	N.D.
800107316	Avery on a dock	N.D.
800107317	Avery writing a letter (2)	N.D.
800107318	Avery and a friend in uniform	N.D.
800107319	Avery and friend petting livestock (2)	N.D.
800107320	Avery petting a cow (2)	N.D.
800107321	Avery and two friends (2)	N.D.
800107322	Avery and two friends smoking (2)	N.D.
800107323	Avery in uniform (2)	N.D.
800107324	Avery on a bicycle (2)	N.D.
800107325	Avery smoking a pipe in his tent (2)	N.D.
800107326	Dark photo of Avery and a friend (2)	N.D.
800107327	Avery staring down from a window	N.D.

800107328 Group photo of unit includes Avery N.D.

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**Photos of Avery's relatives and friends**

800107329 Caption: "Chuck - Phyllis Smith. Jan 1944." Jan-44

800107330 Caption: "Wray Jacobek, Billy Kales. Feb-12-44. Forest Park Ill. 12-Feb-44

800107331 Caption: "Moms [sic] new coat. March-1945." 1-Mar-45

800107332 Caption: "Mom and Gram, Mar-1945. 7535 Jackson Blvd. Forest Park, IL. USA. Mar-45

800107333 Photo of Chuck Kolwitz Aug-45

800107334 Caption: "Today, tomorrow and always friends." [name illegible] Napoli 28.11.45." 28-Nov-45

800107335 Caption: "Please send to Bud." N.D.

800107336 Caption: "Wray, Mother, Pfc. Warren Jacobek." N.D.

800107337 Caption: "Janet, Marilyn, Chelou Pottenger." N.D.

800107338 Photo of Bob Leonard. N.D.

800107339 Photo of a woman and child. N.D.

800107340 Photo of a man and woman in front of a car. N.D.

800107341 Photo of the car by itself N.D.

800107342 Photo of a family of seven N.D.

800107343 Two friends N.D.

800107344 Two friends again - dark photo (2) N.D.

800107345 Photo of a nurse N.D.

800107346 Ellen Nelson's publicity photos (4) 9-May-44

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**Photos Taken By Avery**

800107347 Caption: "Ancient Roman aqueduct. Picture taken from troop train. Nov 19th 1945. 19-Nov-45

800107348	Caption: "Old castle and wall - on the edge of Rome, Italy. Picture taken from train on November 19th, 1945.	19-Nov-45
800107349	Caption: "An American freightor [sic] loading trucks for a trip home. Part of Naples in the back-ground. A very foggy and misty day - Nov 30th, 45.	30-Nov-45
800107350	Caption: "Troops bording [sic] the carrier for trip home. Morning of Nov 30th 1945. Note ruined port buildings."	30-Nov-45
800107351	Caption: "Troops boarding the U.S.S Bataan. November 30th 1945.	30-Nov-45
800107352	Caption: "Troops waiting to board U.S.S. Bataan - Naples, Italy. Nov 30th 1945.	30-Nov-45
800107353	Caption: "Naples harbor on the misty afternoon of Nov 30th, 45. as seen from cat-walk under flight deck of carrier as it departed.	30-Nov-45
800107354	Caption: "Troops watching departure from Naples from flight deck. Late afternoon. November 30th 1945	30-Nov-45
800107355	Caption: "Two freighters pass each other in the straights. In the back-ground is Africa - in the other direction Spain can be seen but not in this picture. Taken from the U.S.S. Bataan Dec 3rd, 1945."	3-Dec-45
800107356	Caption: "Me, in front of the carrier super-structure - taken in about mid-Atlantic - December 3rd or 4th 1945. Note the ships' [sic] fine record against the Japs."	3 or 4-Dec-45
800107357	Caption: "A seaplane on the deck of the carrier - super-structure in background and a wall of a modern port building behind it."	N.D.
800107358	Caption: "Troops washing along tracks after 2 days and a night on the train. About 20 miles above Casino [sic] Italy. To [sic] dark for pictures of Casino."	N.D.

800107359	Caption: "Troop train stopped for water below Rome."	N.D.
800107360	Caption: "U.S. freighter 'Elihu Root' loading trucks across from the U.S.S. Bataan. Try to pick out sunken ships in the harbor ahead of the freighter."	N.D.
800107361	Caption: "Port of the 7th depot -Naples. Mussolini's worlds' fair. Note G.I.'s having a dice game on table in front of statue."	N.D.
800107362	Caption: "Taken from moving truck on way to [illegible] a castle in the bay of Naples."	N.D.
800107363	Caption: "Mt. Vesuvius from the deck of the carrier. We saw it erupting 2 years ago."	N.D.
800107364	Caption: "Elaborate fountain and gardens constructed by Mussolini to be a worlds [sic] fair. It was never completed - is modern but of poor material."	N.D.
800107365	Caption: "Entrance to dock at Naples - note modern design."	N.D.
800107366	Caption: "Speeding on calm water of the Mediterranean."	N.D.
800107367	Caption: "Ancient gate-way to Rome. Taken from train. Note smoke."	N.D.
800107368	Caption: "Modern apartments on the edge of Rome, Italy."	N.D.
800107369	Caption: "Our convoy of trucks departing from 7th replacement depot for pier. About 8 miles away."	N.D.
800107370	Caption: "Target of this shot was the flag at the mast."	N.D.
800107371	Caption: "Troops and [illegible] at dock."	N.D.
800107372	Caption: "Modern building constructed on fair grounds at Naples - now an American Red Cross club at 7th Replacement Depot."	N.D.

800107373	Caption: "Flight deck, old castle, and another castle on the hill top."	N.D.
800107374	Caption: "Wake of ship from side cat-walk. Speed about 25 knots."	N.D.
800107375	Caption: "Deck of the carrier with troops standing along the edge. Shell of modern building in back ground."	N.D.
800107376	Caption: "U.S. army [illegible] at pier - Naples, Italy. U.S.S. Bataan departing for the United States with 2,000 troops. November 30th, 1945."	N.D.
800107377	Photo of ocean and carrier	N.D.
800107378	Photo of troops on deck	N.D.
800107379	Photo of mast	N.D.
800107380	Photo of troops sitting around	N.D.
800107381	Photo of troops on carrier	N.D.
800107382	Photo of troops on carrier with airplane in background	N.D.
800107383	Photo of a large group of medics (2)	N.D.
800107384	Photo of a soldier in front of a car	N.D.
800107385	Photo of group of medics and soldiers eating their chow.	N.D.
800107386	Photo of three soldiers sitting at a table.	N.D.
800107387	Photo of medics lined up to get chow.	N.D.

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### Panoramic Photos

800107388	Caption: "Company D - 35th Medical Training Battalion - 8th Medical Training Regiment - 1643rd Service Unit - Camp Grant, Illinois, August 1943. Lt. Richard B. Price, MAC Co-Commander."	Aug-43
800107389	Group photo	N.D.



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**Photos from Correspondence Series**

800107390	Eunice and two of Avery's cousins (2)	1-Mar-45
800107391	Photo of Bob Leonard	29-Aug-45
800107392	Photo of Bob Leonard and a woman	29-Aug-45
800107393	Photo of a dog. Caption: "Butch."	N.D.

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**Miscellaneous Photos**

800107394	Photo of two men hanging from a tree. Caption: "Beretta Cal. 765, Brevettata No: 509635"	N.D.
800107395	Negatives of photos	N.D.