



Grosse, Arthur H., and Ruth. Wartime Letters, 1941-1945.

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Biographical/Historical Note

Arthur H. Grosse was born February 27th, 1917, in the Kew Gardens neighborhood of Queens, New York. He lived with his father, Frederick M. Grosse, a widower who emigrated from Germany in the early 1900s. After four years of public high school, Arthur took a job as a typist, until he was drafted into the army at the beginning of World War II. While serving in the Pacific, he wrote numerous letters to his girlfriend and future wife, Ruth Edwards, of Richmond Hill, New York. They were married while Arthur was on leave in the winter of 1943, and sustained their correspondence while he continued his service. Leaving from San Francisco, Arthur was stationed mainly in New Guinea and the Philippines, which he describes in his letters. After being promoted to the rank of technical sergeant, he returned home in November 1945, after which he and Ruth relocated to New Hyde Park, Long Island.

Scope and Content Note

This collection is composed of 821 letters written by Arthur and Ruth Grosse during Arthur's service in the army in World War II. It describes Arthur's time in the Pacific, including a letter that mentions the dropping of both atomic bombs in Japan.

Subjects

Names:

Edwards, Ruth, 1919-2011.

Grosse, Arthur H., 1917-2002.

Grosse, Frederick M., b.1879.

Grosse, Ruth, 1919-2011.

Subjects:

U.S. Army.

World War II-- home front.

World War II -- history.

World War II -- Pacific.

Places:

New Guinea.

New Hyde Park (N.Y.).

New York -- Queens.

Philippines.

San Francisco (C.A.).

United States -- History -- World War II 1941-1945.

Form and Genre Terms:
Correspondence.

Occupational Terms:
Typists.
U.S. Army -- Technical Sergeant.

The Arthur H. and Ruth Grosse Wartime Letters are arranged in One Series:

- I. Correspondence - arranged by author in chronological order within folders.

Series I: Correspondence

**Box/
Folder**

Title/date

Letters to Arthur H. Grosse from Ruth Edwards Grosse

1-1	Aug. 7, 1941 – Oct. 7, 1941
1-2	Oct. 8, 1941 – Nov. 18, 1941
1-3	Nov. 25, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1941
1-4	Jan. 2, 1942 – Mar. 30, 1942
1-5	Apr. 1, 1942- May 29, 1942
1-6	Jun. 1, 1942- Aug. 5, 1942
1-7	Aug. 6, 1942- Oct. 29, 1942
1-8	Nov. 1, 1942- Dec. 28, 1942
1-9	Jan. 17, 1943- Feb. 26, 1943
1-10	Mar. 1, 1943- May 11, 1943

Letters to Ruth Edwards Grosse from Arthur H. Grosse

2-1	May 4, 1942- Jul. 31, 1942
2-2	Aug. 1, 1942- Oct. 31, 1942
2-3	Nov. 3, 1942- Dec. 31, 1942
2-4	Jan. 1, 1943- Mar. 29, 1943
2-5	Apr. 1, 1943- May 15, 1943
2-6	May 31, 1944- Dec. 29, 1944
2-7	Jan. 1, 1945- Mar. 30, 1945
3-1	Apr. 2, 1945- Jul. 31, 1945
3-2	Aug. 1, 1945- Sep. 30, 1945
3-3	Oct. 1, 1945- Nov. 17, 1945