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MS 00036

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1943-1969

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English Portuguese

Creator

Lourenco, August

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.84 Linear Feet 2 legal size Hollinger boxes

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Content Description

The collection contains letters belonging to August "Auggie" Lourenco, a Portuguese-American from Newark, New Jersey, who served in the United States Army during World War II. Most letters are addressed to his girlfriend-then-wife, Anna "Ann" Lourenco (née Ertman), a second-generation Polish immigrant. Lourenco joined the United States Army in 1943 and completed his basic training at Camp Gordon, Georgia and Nashville, Tennessee, before being sent to Yuma, Arizona for additional training. Lourenco was then stationed across Europe, most often in Germany but also in France and Belgium. Most of Lourenco's work in the Army consisted of truck driving.

Many letters sent from August to Anna during his time in Europe are in the form of Victory Mail, or V-Mail. Several letters exchanged between August and Anna feature lipstick stains. These instances are noted in the individual folder's notes.

Other letters are from August Lourenco's relative, Gaspar Jose Lourenco, writing to August and Anna from his home in Arcos de Valdevez, Minho, a now former province of Portugal. Several of these letters are written partially in Portuguese.

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World War, 1939-1945

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Description of Subordinate Components

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272844

Unit Date 1943 March 24 - 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272845

Unit Date 1943 April 2 - 10

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272846

Unit Date 1943 April 15 - 26

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272847

Unit Date 1943 May 3 - 10

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272848

Unit Date 1943 May 11 - 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272849

Unit Date 1943 May 24 - 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Items 1, 2, and 3 of this folder are letters with clear lipstick stains. The final item of this folder mentions the United States Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC, or "Wack" or "Wacks," as it was known colloquially).

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272850

Unit Date 1943 June 1 - 11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Item 2 has attached religious memorabilia, including a Catholic pin. The last item of this folder has a visible lipstick stain.

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272851

Unit Date 1943 June 15 - 30

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272852

Unit Date 1943 July 1 - 16

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272853

Unit Date 1943 July 20 - 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Item 6 of this folder has a visible lipstick stain.

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272854

Unit Date 1943 August 17 - 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272855

Unit Date 1943 September 4 - 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Item 1 of this folder has a visible lipstick stain.

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272856

Unit Date 1943 October 3 - 10

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272857

Unit Date 1943 October 21 - November 13

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272858

Unit Date 1943 November 17 - December 27

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272859

Unit Date 1944 January 9 - March 10

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272860

Unit Date 1944 March 14 - July 1

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272861

Unit Date 1944 July 10 - October 7

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272862

Unit Date 1944 October 8 - November 5

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272863

Unit Date 1944 November 6 - 1945 January 12

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272864

Unit Date 1945 January 14 - March 20

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272865

Unit Date 1945 April 2 - May 30

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Item 6, a letter, is attached to an unexplained photograph of a young boy.

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272866

Unit Date 1946 October 28 - 1955 December 20

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Item 1 is a record of a baby burial, "Baby Lourenco," dated October 1946.

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272867

Unit Date 1956 January 28 - 1957 August 23

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272868

Unit Date 1957 September 14 - 1958 July 4

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272869

Unit Date 1958 August 22 - 1959 December 21

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The last item in this folder is a letter written entirely in Portuguese.

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272870

Unit Date 1960 March 16 - 1961 February 17

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272871

Unit Date 1961 February 27 - December 17

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 13 (folder)

Letters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/272872

Unit Date 1962 February 23 - 1969 July 17

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 14 (folder)