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Guide to the

**Gaffney-Ahearn family correspondence**

1917-1949

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## Summary

**Creator:** Gaffney family

**Title:** Gaffney-Ahearn family correspondence

**Date:** 1917-1949

**Size:** .8 linear feet (3 boxes)

**Source:** Gift, Gaffney family, 1952

**Abstract:** Collection consists of correspondence, 1917-1919, of Joseph F. Gaffney while a member of the 29th Engineers, stationed at Camp Devens, Mass., and later with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, describing camp life, duties, recreation, and other subjects; letters from his sisters, brothers and friends describing conditions at home in New York City; correspondence, 1942-1949, of John and William Ahearn and Robert Tice, nephews of the Gaffneys, while in the Army and Air Force, sent from various Army posts in the United States, describing Army life and training, from New Guinea, Dutch East Indies, Philippine Islands, Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa, and Japan, describing their service in the Air Force and Army Ordnance Dept., living conditions, and the war in the Pacific area, and from Texas, where John Ahearn was stationed after the war.

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## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Military bases -- United States  
World War, 1914-1918 -- France  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Indonesia  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Japan  
World War, 1939-1945 -- New Guinea  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Pacific Area  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Participation, American  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Philippines

### **Geographic Names**

New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs

### **Names**

Gaffney family  
Ahearn, John  
Ahearn, William  
Gaffney, Joseph F  
Tice, Robert  
Ahearn family  
United States. Army Air Forces  
United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces  
United States. Army. Corps of Engineers Regiment, 29th  
United States. Army. Ordnance Department  
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