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Guide to the

Sam Rosenberg letters

1917-1919

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Summary

Creator: Rosenberg, Sam, 1890-1977

Title: Sam Rosenberg letters

Date: 1917-1919

Size: .42 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract: Letters from Sam Rosenberg of Rochester, New York to his future wife Anna Cohen and others while stationed at Fort Hancock, New Jersey and in France during World War I.

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Creator History

Sam Rosenberg (1890-1977) was an executive of the B. Forman Company in Rochester, New York at the time he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Anna Cohen (1891-1972) was employed as the lingerie buyer for the Company which was a ladies specialty store. They married after the First World War.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is made up of letters from Sam Rosenberg to Anna Cohen written during World War I. Letters are from Fort Hancock, New Jersey where Rosenberg was stationed before being shipped overseas and, beginning in May, 1918, from "somewhere in France". Rosenberg, who served with the 43rd Railroad Artillery, describes army life, the conditions and morale of the men, their recreational activities, the celebration of Jewish holidays, the constant rumors of peace and finally the jubilant celebration at the signing of the Armistice in 1918. Letters also concern family matters, news of acquaintances and comments on the news of the B. Forman Company. Two letters from 1919 were written from New York City where Rosenberg was travelling on business. The collection also contains several letters from Rosenberg to his mother, Anna Rosenberg, and two letters to Anna Cohen from

Sam's brother Albert.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Occupations

Soldiers

Subjects

Soldiers -- Recreation

Soldiers -- Religious life

Soldiers -- United States

World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns -- France

Names

Cohen, Anna, 1891-1972

Rosenberg, Sam, 1890-1977

Rosenberg family