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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Clarence D. Brenner World War II V-Mail Collection
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0571
Date:	1942-1945.
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet
Creator:	Brenner, Clarence D.
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift.

Related Archival Materials

The History of Photography Collection, National Museum of American History, has additional V-mail materials and examples. Call 202-357-2059 for further information.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

V-mail was a mailing system, using microfilm, provided to World War II soldiers by the U.S. Army Signal Corps. It was encouraged and promoted because regular mail consumed cargo space.

Scope and Contents

V-mail and related ephemera: letters, envelopes, printed material promoting the use of V-mail, printed information about how V-mail worked, a photograph of a V-mail station, targets for microfilming, labels for shipping, and microfilm roll boxes.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Microphotography -- History
Postal service
V-mail
World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:

Correspondence -- 1940-1950