

Guide to the James J. Sherman letters, 1943-1950

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Scope Note

This collection consists of 21 letters written by Staff Sergeant James J. Sherman, U.S. Army Air Force. Sherman was the son of Joseph and Florence Sherman of Newburgh, New York. The letters were written to his parents from May to October, 1943 while he was stationed at bases in Colorado, Florida, and Utah. After completing his training as an aerial gunner, he was sent to Italy and served with the 745th Bomber Squadron, 456th Bomber Group, Heavy. He was reported missing in action on Thursday, May 4, 1944, and is memorialized at Florence American Cemetery in Via Cassia, Italy. The letters were primarily written by Sherman to his mother and contain information about his progress and prospects, activities on and off post, and comments about family and friends. Of the 21 letters in the collection, 13 were written while he was training at the Flexible Gunnery School in Fort Myers, Florida during August and September, 1943. The collection also contains 3 letters written by Mrs. Sherman to her son in June, 1944 which were never received by him.

Arrangement Note: Chronological.

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FOLDER 1 : Guide & Biographical Information

FOLDER 2 : 1943, May – 2 letters, Miami Beach, Florida., 1943

FOLDER 3 : 1943, July – 3 letters, Lowry Field & Denver, Colorado, 1943

FOLDER 4 : 1943, August – 6 letters, Flexible Gunnery School, Ft. Myers, Florida., 1943

FOLDER 5 : 1943, September – 7 letters, Flexible Gunnery School, Ft. Myers, Florida. Letter dated 9/14/1943 accompanied by 3 snap shot photographs of Sherman at a beach with female friends., 1943

FOLDER 6 : 1943, October – 1 letter, Salt Lake City, Utah., 1943

FOLDER 7 : 1944, June – 3 letters from Florence Sherman to her son, returned with military stamp indicating "missing.", 1944

FOLDER 8 : 1949-1950

Scope/Content: Insurance receipt to Robert J. Sherman, 1949; Florence Sherman's New York driver's license renewal stub for 1950; Form letter from Church of the Holy Cross, New York, NY to Mrs. J. Sherman 11/3/1950 inviting her to attend the annual memorial mass in the Church's "Gold Star Chapel" dedicated to members of the Armed Forces lost in World War II.

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