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**ERNEST REIMAN STEEG  
PAPERS, 1941–1946; 2012**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box; 1 oversized manuscript folder; 1 folder photographs

COLLECTION DATES: 1941–1946; 2012

PROVENANCE: Ted Steeg, New York, New York, June 2012

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

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NOTES:

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Ernest Reiman Steeg (23 August 1925–1 October 1944) was raised in Indianapolis and attended Shortridge High School where he was active in sports and wrote for the school newspaper, *The Echo*. After graduating in June, 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and qualified for the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) in Fort Benning, Georgia. After completing the training program he was assigned to the 94<sup>th</sup> Division training in Camp McCain, Grenada, Mississippi. In July, 1944, the unit was shipped to England and then to France where their orders were to clean out the pockets of Germans that were bypassed by General Patton's Normandy breakout. Steeg was killed on 1 October 1944 when his patrol attacked a German force near the village of LaTemple du Notre Dame.

Sources:

Information in collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of letters and related items pertaining to Ernest Steeg. The materials were originally contained in three folders assembled by his mother, Kathryn Hart Steeg, 22 October 1943–30 September 1944. Letters were written from Army camps in Georgia and Mississippi as well as from England and France. Most of the subjects are about life in the Army and news from home. There also are condolence letters to Mrs. Steeg from fellow soldiers who were in Ernest's unit in France, politicians and military leaders. Other materials include copies of the Shortridge *Echo* containing articles written by Steeg and one issue with a story regarding his death, photographs of Steeg with his mother and his grave marker in France, items from his training with the ASTP at Fort Benning, Georgia, and a paper written by Steeg's brother, Ted, in 2012 describing the items and his relationship with Ernest.

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