

**Collection #
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**LILLIAN AND ROY E. MELVIN
PAPERS, 1930–1945**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION: 2 boxes

COLLECTION
DATES: Inclusive, 1930–1945; bulk, 1943–1945

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Roy E. Melvin was born in 1907 in Illinois but later moved to Lake County, Indiana where he worked as a semi-skilled craneman. He married Lillian G. Hepler (b. about 1905) of Elkhart, Indiana, in either the late 1930s or early 1940s. Roy Melvin enlisted in the U.S. Army in November 1942 and served in Battery "B" 163rd AAA Battalion serving in the Southwest Pacific. .

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition accessed 9 May 2011.
<http://www.ancestrylibrary.com/default.aspx>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection primarily consists of over 300 letters written to Melvin while in the U. S. Army by his wife, Lillian, living in Elkhart and working as a secretary for the Metal Forming plant, August, 1943–May, 1945. Topics are general in nature and include family news, local events and war news being reported to the home front.

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