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**The Papers of
William Earl Stivers**

The papers of William Earl Stivers, Army Air Corps cadet from Louisville, Kentucky.

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Size of Collection

1 cubic foot

Locator Number Mss.\A\S854

Scope and Content Note

Collection contains correspondence, 1943-1944, between Stivers and his family. Letters, on an almost daily basis, examine the life of an aviation cadet during World War II. Correspondence focuses on Stivers' loneliness and isolation from his family and girlfriend as well as his desire to be a pilot. Letters detail his physical training, flying lessons and academic studies at various bases in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas; and describe the importance of letters from home and what soldiers do in their free time.

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William Earl Stivers
Papers. 1943-1944.

Box 1

fl. 1 Correspondence, 1943 Jan.-Feb.
fl. 2 Correspondence, 1943 Mar.
fl. 3 Correspondence, 1943 Apr.
fl. 4 Correspondence, 1943 May.

Box 2

fl. 5 Correspondence, 1943 June.
fl. 6 Correspondence, 1943 July.
fl. 7 Correspondence, 1943 Aug.
fl. 8 Correspondence, 1943 Sept.

Box 3

fl. 9 Correspondence, 1943 Oct.
fl. 10 Correspondence, 1943 Nov.
fl. 11 Correspondence, 1943 Dec.
fl. 12 Correspondence, 1944 Jan.
fl. 13 Miscellaneous.