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**A Finding Aid to the  
Perry Milbauer Correspondence  
Manuscript Collection No. 828**

## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Perry Milbauer Correspondence
<b>Dates</b>	1943-1945
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-828
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Milbauer, Peretz (Perry), 1915-2010
<b>Extent</b>	0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

**Biographical Sketch** Peretz (Perry) Milbauer was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1915. Joining the U.S. Army in 1943, he served as a Sergeant in the 179th Engineer Combat Battalion, during World War II and at the end of the war was involved in the liberation of Jews from Nazi death camps. After returning home, he spent his career as a history teacher and administrator in New York City Public Schools. He died in 2010.

**Scope and Content** This collection consists of letters written by Peretz (Perry) Milbauer to his wife, Blanche Milbauer, during his time (1943-1945) as a Sergeant in the 179th Engineer Combat Battalion, US Army, in World War II. Letters written almost daily, sometimes more frequently, serve as a makeshift diary of daily life in the military from basic training through the end of the war. In April 1945, Milbauer's battalion encountered thousands of survivors on a death march who were abandoned on the road when Nazi officials fled as the US Army advanced. Several letters describe the profound effect this, and other encounters with Holocaust survivors, had on Milbauer, himself a Jew, as his battalion helped feed and supply survivors from various concentration camps throughout Europe. Included with the letters are handwritten notes by Milbauer providing further detail and explanation of the content and context of the correspondence.

Box 1, Folder 1 contains "Chosen Letters," which are letters of particular interest or historical value which were separated from chronological order by Milbauer. In addition, Box 2, Folder 11 contains miscellaneous explanatory information, written or compiled by Milbauer to provide context to his letters.

**Arrangement** This collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.

**Terms of Access** The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

**Preferred Citation** Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Perry Milbauer Correspondence and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-828. Perry Milbauer Correspondence. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Provenance** Received from Peretz (Perry) Milbauer, New York, N.Y., December 2004.

**Processing Information** Processed by Michelle Wirth, September 2011.

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## Index Terms

**Subjects** Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) / World War, 1939-1945 -- Participation, Jewish  
**Personal Names** Milbauer, Blanche, 1917-2010 / Milbauer, Peretz, 1915-2010

### Series A. General, 1943-1945

## **Box and Folder Listing**

- Box 1. Folder 1. "Chosen Letters" to Blanche Milbauer, 1943-1954
- Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1944 January 3 to 1944 February 5
- Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1943 August 20 to 1943 December 31
- Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1944 February 7 to 1944 February 21
- Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1944 March 15 to 1944 May 1
- Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1944 May 1 to 1944 July 15
- Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1944 July 18 to 1944 August 30
- Box 1. Folder 8. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1944 September 2 to 1944 October 3
- Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1944 October 4 to 1944 October 31
- Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1944 November 1 to 1944 December 25
- Box 2. Folder 3. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1945 January 4 to 1945 January 20
- Box 2. Folder 4. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1945 January 21 to 1945 March 5
- Box 2. Folder 5. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1945 March 8 to 1945 April 11
- Box 2. Folder 6. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1945 April 19 to 1945 May 18
- Box 2. Folder 7. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1945 May 19 to 1945 June 28
- Box 2. Folder 8. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1945 July 3 to 1945 July 31
- Box 2. Folder 9. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1945 August 2 to 1945 August 18
- Box 2. Folder 10. Correspondence with Blanche Milbauer, 1945 August 19 to 1945 November 29
- Box 2. Folder 11. Miscellaneous explanatory materials, 1943-1945