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Arthur Cerf Mayer Collection

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Biographical Note

Arthur Cerf Mayer was born May 27, 1922 in Chicago, IL to Henry Mayer and Myrtle Ettlinger. He graduated from Chicago public school, attended the Art Institute of Chicago, and then went to the University of Michigan.

He enlisted in the Army in 1942, served with the 101st Airborne Division - Glider Infantry, and fought in the Normandy Campaign, Airborne assault on Holland, and the defense of Bastogne, Belgium. While in the Army, Mayer was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and French Crois de Guerre.

After being honorably discharged in 1945, Arthur returned to finish his degree at University of Michigan. From there, Arthur moved to New York where he worked in advertising and volunteered tutoring school children.

Arthur Cerf Mayer passed away June 22, 2010 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Arthur Cerf Mayer Collection consists primarily of photocopied military documents and certificates pertaining to Mayer's service in the United States Army during World War II. The photocopied documents contain information and records on Mayer's service as well as awards he received. The collection also contains one photograph of Mayer and a photocopied sheet of two newspaper articles mentioning Mayer.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no discernable order and original order has been maintained. The collection consists of one series:

Series One: Military Documents.

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Key Subjects

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Subjects

United States.--Army.--Glider Infantry Regiment.
World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations.

Container List

800103001	Photograph: Arthur Cerf Mayer in uniform	n.d.
800103002	Enlisted Record and Report of Separation: Honorable Discharge form. (photocopy)	9/19/1945
800103003	Citation for the Bronze Star Medal for Arthur C. Mayer - Glider Infantry. (photocopy)	n.d.

800103004	Citation for the Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star. Campaigns for the Liberation of France - Decision No. 332. (English translation) (photocopy)	1/25/1945
800103005	Citation for the Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star. Campaigns for the Liberation of France - Decision No. 332. (French) (photocopy)	1/25/1945
800103006	State of Illinois: Service Recognition Certificate - Awarded to Arthur C. Mayer. (photocopy)	1947
800103007	Newspaper clippings: "Chicagoan Is Decorated For Bravery in Normandy" & "Airborne Man's D.S.C. Second Highest U.S. Award" about Arthur C. Mayer. (photocopy)	7/13/1944