

# **George Silverton collection**

**AFC 2001/001/66610**

**Guides to the Collections in the Veterans History Project**



**Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress  
Washington, D.C.  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** George Silverton collection: Veterans History Project (U.S.)

**Inclusive Dates:** 1908-2002

**Bulk Dates:** 1941-1947

**Call No.:** AFC 2001/001/66610

**Creator:** Silverton, George, 1908-2002

**Extent:** 1028 items.

**Extent (folders):** 66 folders.

**Extent (correspondence):** correspondence: 1000 letters.

**Extent (graphic images):** graphic images: 5 photographic prints : black and white ; various sizes.

**Extent (manuscripts):** manuscripts: 3 folders.

**Language:** In English.

**Location:** Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/2015655444>

**Summary:** A collection of correspondence, military papers, printed matter and photographs relating to George Silverton's service as a doctor in the United States Army during World War II.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Silverton, George, 1908-2002.

Silverton, Sara

### Organizations

American Folklife Center.

Veterans History Project (U.S.)

### Subjects

Radiologists--United States--Correspondence.

World War, 1939-1945--Veterans--Maryland.

### Form/Genre

Clippings.

Correspondence

Manuscripts.

Photographs.

## Arrangement

Arranged in two series: Manuscripts and Photographs. Manuscripts are arranged alphabetically by type of material with oversize items located at the end of the collection. Correspondence is divided into four parts: Letters from Dr. Silverton to his wife (MS01); letters to Dr. Silverton from his wife (MS02); letters to Dr. and Mrs. Silverton from various friends and family (MS03); and a copy of a 1944 letter from the veteran to his wife (MS18).

## Acquisition

Accessioned, 2009.

## Copyright Status

Duplication of collection materials may be restricted.

## Access and Restrictions

Collection is open for research; access restrictions apply. To request collection materials, please contact the Veterans History Project at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/vhp.contact>

## Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

George Silverton was born on July 6, 1908, in Ansonia, Connecticut. He earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1928, and graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1932. In 1933 he married Sara Silberstein. Dr. Silverton practiced medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, and was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Officers' Reserve Corps in 1934. At the outbreak of World War II he began active duty with the Army Medical Corps, and trained as a radiologist.

After training at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, Dr. Silverton deployed to the European Theater with the 2nd Evacuation Hospital, serving throughout the British Isles, France, Belgium, and Germany. Dr. Silverton was assistant radiologist from March 1942 until July 1943, when he became chief radiologist. As chief, Dr. Silverton designed and employed improvements to available x-ray equipment to ensure x-ray images were created with maximum accuracy and efficiency.

Dr. Silverton returned from Europe and was discharged from the Army in July 1945. He continued his career in radiology, working at hospitals in New York, North Carolina, and Maryland, and retired in 1993. He died on April 18, 2002.

## Scope and Content

The George Silverton collection is primarily comprised of correspondence between the veteran and his wife. Topics covered in the veteran's letters to his wife include: travel to and within Europe; leisure activities; living conditions; mail service; job duties; daily routine; news of the war; theater and musical performances attended; weather; holiday observances including attending a Passover Seder; food; work in the x-ray department; his daughter's activities and development; playing the violin; work in a prison camp; homesickness and desire to see his wife and daughter (1942-1945). Topics covered in Mrs. Silverton's letters to the veteran include: work as a teacher; daily routine and activities; news of friends and family; news of her pregnancy and their daughter's birth; daughter's development and activities; health; veteran's father's health (1941-1945, undated). Many letters have brief responses from veteran written on the back. In addition to correspondence, the collection includes military papers, such as War Department documents, certificates, financial records, and a recommendation for the Bronze Star Medal; printed matter consisting primarily of theater programs and local information pamphlets collected in the United Kingdom; and several photographs.

## Description of Series

Container

Series

Series I: Manuscripts

Series II: Photographs

# Container List

Container	Contents
<b>Series I: Manuscripts</b>	
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1584/1	Clippings, undated 1 folder MS04: "Artie in the Stalls," Artie Greengroin, PFC, YANK, the Army Weekly. "What is the Matter with George," by Marjorie Lederer.
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1584/2-4	Correspondence, September 3, 1942-December 29, 1942  3 folders MS01: Correspondence from veteran to his wife, Sara, and their daughter, Deborah, who lived in Baltimore, Maryland. Topics covered include: Travel to and within Europe; leisure activities; living conditions; mail service; job duties; daily routine; news of the war; theater and musical performances attended; weather; holiday observances including attending Passover Seder; food; work in the x-ray department; his daughter's activities and development; playing the violin; work in a prison camp; homesickness and desire to see his wife and daughter.
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1612/1-6	Correspondence, December 29, 1942-July 30, 1943  6 folders MS01
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1613/1-6	Correspondence, August 1, 1943-February 16, 1944  6 folders MS01
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1614/1-6	Correspondence, February 18, 1944-November 2, 1944  6 folders MS01
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1615/1-6	Correspondence, November 3, 1944-July 13, 1945  6 folders MS01
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> OVZ134/1	Correspondence, 1945 1 folder MS01
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1616/1-5	Correspondence, 1942-1945  5 folders MS01: envelopes
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1616/6-7	Correspondence, September 1, 1941-November 19, 1942  2 folders MS02: Correspondence to veteran from his wife, Sara, and his daughter, Deborah, who lived in Baltimore, Maryland. Many letters have brief responses from veteran written on the back. Topics covered include: Work as a teacher; daily routine and activities;

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	news of friends and family; news of her pregnancy and their daughter's birth; daughter's development and activities; health; veteran's father's health.
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1617/1-6	Correspondence, November 21, 1942-November 1, 1943  6 folders MS02
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1619/1-6	Correspondence, October 3, 1943-October 1, 1944  6 folders MS02
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS1621/1-7	Correspondence, October 3, 1944-July 15, 1945  7 folders MS02
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS2671/1	Correspondence, 1945 1 folder MS02: envelopes
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS2671/2-3	Correspondence, 1942-1945  2 folders MS03: Correspondence to veteran and his wife. Correspondents include Mrs. Anthony, Captain Meyer Bloom, Hyman Cohen, Rosalie Racusin, Captain Frank Schultz, Louis Silberstein, Jacqueline Wendel, and Rose Zatz. Also includes correspondence from Sara Silverton to Mollie Eisenberg.
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS2671/4	Correspondence, July 30, 1944 1 folder MS18: Copy of correspondence from veteran to his wife.
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS2671/5	Military Papers, 1941-1947 1 folder MS05: War Department Identification Cards, Statement of Service, Classification Questionnaires, Orders, Certificates, financial records, Separation Record, War Department Correspondence.
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> OVZ134/2	Military Papers, 1941-1947 1 folder MS05
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS2671/6	Military Papers, 1945 1 folder MS19: Recommendation for Bronze Star Medal.
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS2671/7	Printed Matter, 1941-1943 1 folder MS06-MS17: Hospital bulletin, theater programs, guide to Bristol, English and German postcards.

## Series II: Photographs

<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS2671/8	Original Photographic Prints, undated 1 folder PH01-PH03: Images of Silverton, Captain Kohn, 2nd Evacuation Hospital Staff in Ireland.
<b>BOX-FOLDER</b> MSS2671/9	Original Photographic Prints, undated 1 folder

## Series II: Photographs

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**BOX-FOLDER**  
MSS2671/10

PH06: Five people posed in front of the World War II Memorial, Washington, DC.  
Photocopy of photographic print, undated

PH04: Image of Silverton in uniform.