**Abraham Mandel Papers**

**Record Group 202**

**Title:** Abraham Mandel Papers

**Dates:** 1942-1945

**Accession Number:** RG-202

**Extent:** 0.2 linear feet (1 box)

**Provenance:** Donated by Abraham Mandel.

**Biographical Note:** Abraham Mandel was assigned to “L” Company, 385th Infantry Regiment during World War II. In late 1944, the company arrived in Europe and was on French soil by early 1945. They relieved the 87th Division overlooking the Sauer River on the border of Luxembourg and Germany in late January. The company then marched to Echternach, Luxembourg where they relieved “C” Company of the 417th Infantry Regiment at the front.

On February 20, 1945, near Irrel, Germany, an enemy artillery shell exploded near the dugout Abraham was in. He immediately left the safety of his position, though injured, to provide first aid to a wounded soldier. For this heroic act he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Abraham was evacuated for his own injuries soon after.

**Restrictions on access:** No restrictions on access.

**Restrictions on use:** No restriction on use.

**Language:** English

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**Scope and Content:** The Abraham Mandel Papers focus largely on the wartime experiences of the 385th Infantry Regiment and L Company in particular. These papers include Army documentation, photographs, and ephemera pertaining to Abraham’s own experiences.

Folder 1 contains two historical accounts: one of the 385th Infantry Regiment and one of L Company. Folder 2 has several originals and copies of official Army documentation of Abraham’s Bronze Star. Folder 3 holds a photograph of Abraham, and Folder 4 has ephemera, specifically a souvenir card from the return of the S.S. Argentina. Finally, Folder 5 has research on the Nazi Youth Leader’s dagger.

**Inventory**

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| 1 | 1 | Army Historical Reports |
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**Indexing Terms**

Mandel, Abraham H (b. unknown, d. October 3, 2015)

Irrel, Germany

Echternach, Luxembourg

U.S. Army

L Company, 385th Infantry Regiment

Bronze Star Medal

S.S. Argentina