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Summary Information

Repository:	Brandeis University
Creator:	Lehman, Franz
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Title:	Franz Lehman letters and other material
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Biographical / Historical

Franz Lehman served with a military government unit of the U.S. Army during the Second World War and after, beginning as a Private First Class and ending the war as a Corporal. His service took him to the United Kingdom, France, Luxembourg and Germany. After the Allied invasion of Germany in spring 1945, Lehman became part of the military government of Hesse-Palatinate in Neustadt. There he was responsible for finding, compiling and analyzing Nazi party archives in order to aid in the task of Denazification, a legal purge of former Nazis. When the French army took over from the Americans in the region, Lehman asked to be reassigned and joined the History, Political Intelligence, Arts and Monuments Department, responsible for tracking down and preserving both Nazi archives and art and artifacts. During his time in Europe, he undertook a personal mission to send aid to a relative, Aunt Hedi, held at Theresienstadt Concentration Camp in Czechoslovakia, and even attempted to visit her in person there. In 1946, Lehman was demobilized and moved to New York, New York. He maintained correspondence with friends in Germany for years afterward.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists mostly of letters, both handwritten and typed, most of which were written by Franz Lehman to members of his family and recount his experiences with a military government unit of the U.S. Army in the European Theater of World War Two and in postwar occupied Germany (1943 to 1946). Other letters relate to Lehman's relationships with friends in Germany after his departure for the United States, from 1947 to 1949. A few letters are to and from other members of Lehman's family. Some of the letters have attached photographs. The collection also includes a note of permission, signed by his commanding officers, allowing Lehman to send war trophies home. The collection addresses many topics of interest to historians, including the experience of soldiers during the Allied campaign in Western Europe 1944-45, American preparations for military government in postwar Germany, the conduct of military government and Denazification, Allied efforts at locating Nazi archives and protecting art and artifacts, and Lehman's efforts to find and aid a relative, Aunt Hedi, held at the German concentration camp at Theresienstadt in Czechoslovakia. Lehman's letters include lengthy reflections on the difference between the French Zone of Occupation and the American one, as well as reflections on relations between the American occupiers and the Germans and on the Displaced Persons issue in postwar Germany.

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Arrangement

Arranged in two series: 1. Letters to and from Franz Lehman, 1943-1949, undated, and 2. Letters to and from others, 1944 to 1945. Material in both series is arranged chronologically

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated by Barbara Halpern, Franz Lehman's niece, in January 2016.

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Controlled Access Headings

- World War, 1939-1945
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives
- Photographs
- Letters
- Denazification -- Germany
- Halpern, Barbara

Collection Inventory

**Letters to and from Franz Lehman,
1943-1949, undated**

Box 1

Date [inclusive]: 1943-1949, undated

Scope and Contents

This series is made up of letters to and from Franz Lehman as well as one official document related to Lehman's military service. Material is arranged chronologically.

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Lehman, Franz to family, ALS, England, June 11, 1944 <u>Date:</u> June 11, 1944	box 1	Folder 3
Lehman, Franz to Mrs. H. Lehman, ALS, England, June 21, 1944 <u>Date:</u> June 21, 1944	box 1	Folder 4
Lehman, Franz to family, ALS, England, July 13, 1944 <u>Date:</u> July 13, 1944	box 1	Folder 5
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Lehman, Franz to family, TLS, Germany, April 15, 1945 <u>Date:</u> April 15, 1945	Box 1	Folder 58
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Date: January 9, 1946

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Date: October 7, 1947

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Date: February 27, 1948

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Date: March 30, 1949

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Date: undated

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Date: undated

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Date: undated

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Date: undated

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Date: undated

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Letters to and from others, 1944 to 1945

Box 1

Date [inclusive]: 1944 to 1945

Scope and Contents

This series contains letters to and from friends and relatives of Franz Lehman. Material is arranged chronologically.

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Gern, Henry to Herbert Heuman, ALS, April 26, 1944 <u>Date</u> : April 26, 1944	Box 1 Folder 90
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Date: July 12, 1945

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