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## Register of the Siegfried Oppenheim papers

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### **Collection Summary**

**Title:** Siegfried Oppenheim papers

**Date (inclusive):** 1934-1952

**Collection Number:** 2000C27

**Contributing Institution:** Hoover Institution Archives  
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**Language of Material:** English

**Collection Size:** 4 manuscript boxes, 2 oversize boxes (3.7 linear feet)

**Physical Location:** Hoover Institution Archives

**Creator:** Oppenheim, Siegfried.

**Abstract:** Correspondence, orders and other military documents, photographs, and miscellany, relating to American military operations in China at the end of World War II.

#### **Access**

The collection is open for research; materials must be requested at least two business days in advance of intended use.

#### **Publication Rights**

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#### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item], Siegfried Oppenheim papers, [Box number], Hoover Institution Archives.

#### **Acquisition Information**

Acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 2000.

#### **Accruals**

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#### **Related Collections**

Norwood F. Allman papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Oliver J. Caldwell papers, Hoover Institution Archives

William J. Donovan Memorial Foundation records, Hoover Institution Archives

J. Arthur Duff papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Carl Frederick Eifler papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Suzanne Norman Malloch papers, Hoover Institution Archives

Gilbert Stuart memoirs, Hoover Institution Archives

#### **Biographical Note**

Siegfried Oppenheim, who was a master sergeant assigned to the Office of Strategic Services from 1945 to 1949, was born in Germany in 1909 and attended Columbia University. He worked as a stenographer in New York, serving at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in the Bronx and Bellevue Hospital.

Oppenheim enlisted with the United States military after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and in 1942 became a confidential stenographer with Major General Thomas A. Terry of the Second Service Command. He worked in the Police Department of the Military Service Bureau in New York, and was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant from court stenographer in September 1943. He was stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, in 1944 and 1945.

Oppenheim began his work for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in 1945. He was stationed in China starting in 1945, and continued his work for the OSS after the end of World War II. He also performed duties for External Survey Detachment #44 of the United States Navy. Oppenheim died in 1998.

#### **Scope and Content of Collection**

The papers document the military career and family life of Siegfried Oppenheim. Materials include correspondence, orders and other military documents, photographs, and miscellany related to American military operations in China at the end of World War II.

The collection contains correspondence that Oppenheim sent and received during his service in World War II. Much of the correspondence is with his mother, Regine, and his brother, Irving. In their letters, the Oppenheims discuss family matters, Siegfried Oppenheim's work at the Office of Strategic Services, his experiences in China, and the procurement and

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shipment of various items.

Photographs in the collection include images of China and the Oppenheim family.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

United States. Office of Strategic Services.

Secret service--United States.

World War, 1939-1945--China.

World War, 1939-1945--Secret service.

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Box/Folder 1 : 1	<b>Advertisements and menus, undated</b>
Box/Folder 1 : 2	<b>Alien registration booklet of Tillie Hopfenmain, undated</b> <b>General note</b> Aunt of Siegfried Oppenheim
Box/Folder 1 : 3	<b>Booklet for United States personnel in China, 1945</b>
Box/Folder 1 : 4	<b>Certificates from physicals, medical clearance, 1945</b>
Box/Folder 1 : 5	<b>Changchun House Haunting Company, joke advertisement, undated</b>
Box/Folder 1 : 6	<b>Clippings, 1945-1952, undated</b> <b>Correspondence</b> <b>General, incoming letters</b> <b>Scope and Contents Note</b> Includes letters from Bill Braden, Lewis Byrns, Chao Chih-Ke, Joe Dooley, F. T. Farrell, Vincent R. Fiore, Harrison Hsia, Michael A. Lyons, Herbert Naas, William Rauch, Mary Lou Richardson, Rhea S. Schneider, and Frank Wernimont
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	<b>Outgoing letters</b>
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Box/Folder 3 : 6	<b>1944-1945</b>
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Box/Folder 4 : 5	<b>Drawing of Irving Oppenheim, undated</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 6	<b>Instructions for ditching a plane, undated</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 7	<b>Inventory for shipping, 1946</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 8	<b>Invitations, 1947-1948, undated</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 9	<b>Memoranda, 1945, 1952</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 10	<b>Miscellany, 1922, 1942, undated</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 11	<b>Notice to report for active duty, 1942</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 12	<b>Notices, 1948</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 13	<b>Notices of classification, 1942</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 14	<b>Office of Strategic Services bulletins and circulars, 1945</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 15	<b>Orders, 1942-1949</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 16	<b>Pay record, receipts, and other financial documents, 1945-1949, undated</b>
Box 5	<b>Photographs, 1936-1949, undated</b>
	<b>Scope and Contents Note</b>
	Includes photographs of Oppenheim family, including Irving Oppenheim, and images of buildings, landscapes, and street scenes in China, including in Kunming and Shanghai. Includes photographs of American and Chinese military officials and troops. Housed in oversize box.
Box 6	<b>Photographs (continued)</b>
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	<b>Scope and Contents note</b>
	For External Survey Detachment #44
	<b>Subject file</b>
Box/Folder 4 : 18	<b>Retirement, 1942, 1952</b>
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Box/Folder 4 : 21	<b>Typing assignment, undated</b>
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	<b>General note</b>
	Published by Special Services Office