



## **John H. Edelman, Jr. Correspondence (K1437)**

**Collection Number:** K1437

**Collection Title:** John H. Edelman, Jr. Correspondence

**Dates:** 1944-1945

**Creator:** Edelman, John H., Jr., 1917-2004

**Abstract:** The John H. Edelman, Jr. Correspondence contains letters addressed to Katherine Guilfoyle Edelman, primarily written by her son John H. Edelman, Jr. during WWII.

**Collection Size:** .25 cubic foot  
(8 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-kansas-city). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the John H. Edelman, Jr. Correspondence can be found in the following collections:

*Katherine Guilfoyle Edelman Papers*, (K0281)

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**Historical Note:**

Lieutenant John Harrison Edelman, Jr. served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the 94<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, 410<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, Cr 150 (APO 16500 AJ 150). Edelman served as a Navigator on the 42-97268 Million Dollar Baby aircraft carrier. On November 10, 1944, while flying over Wiesbaden, Germany, the crew's plane was so badly damaged by flak that they had to leave the formation and fly alone back to Belgium. The pilot, Edgar Ray Prigmore and co-pilot, Jack Malay, successfully landed the plane in a farmer's field. Prigmore, Malay, and the crew all survived; they went on to fly several more successful missions together.

To learn more about Edelman and the crew he served with, visit the American Air Museum in Britain [website](#).

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged alphabetically.

**Scope and Content Note:**

John's correspondence to his mother details his experiences serving overseas in England in the Army during World War II. The remaining correspondence is from Myrtle W. Prigmore, the wife of Edgar Ray Prigmore, to Katherine Edelman.

**Container List:**

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	f. 8	Correspondence from Myrtle W. Prigmore, 1944-1945

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