Correspondence of Allen Grover and Earl M. Freligh
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<td>Correspondence, 1941-1945, between Allen Grover (ca. 1903-ca. 1996) and Earl M. Freligh (1917-2005), the former on the staff of Time Magazine, the latter an ambulance driver for the American Field Service in Italy and North Africa during World War II.</td>
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Biographical/Historical note

Allen Grover (ca. 1903-ca. 1996) joined Time Magazine in 1930 or 1931, writing for the business section. He became an editor of Fortune, where he corresponded with many people. After 1941, he became Assistant Director of the Office of Facts and Figures (OFF), which later became the Office of War Information (OWI), which even later became the CIA. At OFF and OWI, his immediate supervisor was the poet Archibald MacLeish. After about a year, he returned to work at Time, where he remained for more than 30 years. He likely met Earl M. (Mort) Freligh in early 1941. He was married to Beatrice --.

Information from Robinson Grover (son)

Earl M. (Mort) Freligh (1917-2005) worked for the American Field Service during WW II as an ambulance driver in Italy and North Africa. He lived in McLean, VA

Information from Robinson Grover and Ancestry.com

Scope and Contents note

The Grover-Freligh correspondence, 1941-1945. Almost all the correspondence is between Allen Grover and Earl Freligh, thus the letters highlighted below indicate who the letter writer is. There are a few letters to Mort's mother and wife, but none of those are among the highlighted letters. ca. 90 items.

Highlights include:

Freligh. 1942 8/26. Has taken job with the War dept. which will be a Civil Service job

Grover: telegram, n.d. Freligh asking for character reference for 7th regiment

Freligh. Ca. 1943 May. Hand-written c.v. stating he will be in the Middle East as an ambulance driver and at times will be attached to the Fighting French armies

Grover: 1943 6/11. Notes the surrender of Pantelleria and probably other Italian Island possessions, popular events, e.g. Frank Sinatra and “zoot suiters”

Freligh: APO NY, no date [1943]. Has been on leave in Cairo, Alexandria and CENSORED

Freligh. Am. Field Service. [1943] 9/15. “A group of us are down at the beach on the Med to enjoy a nice rest (from what I don’t know)”

Grover. NY, 1943 11/20. Refers to Morton’s V-mail note in which he said they were backing up the British 8th Army (copy attached). Reports what Americans are asking and hopes for good outcomes from meeting of the Big Four
Freligh. [1943] 11/26. Has seen a lot of action
Freligh. [1943] 12/3. In a New Zealand hospital recuperating from malaria and jaundice
Grover: NY, 1944 3/15. Jack Belden, one of their correspondents was wounded at Salerno and wrote a piece for LIFE about what it’s like to be in a hospital just back of the front. Had dinner with head of Red Cross in Italy and N. Africa. Mentions someone who is also with the American Field Service who became a Quaker when the war came along, but couldn’t get CO status. Possibility of a National Service Act not great
Grover: NY, 1944 4/26. Wilkie is out of the race; if the invasion is a catastrophe, Roosevelt will surely lose, but he will also lose if it’s a huge success and Germany collapses, "but if we get across the Channel and have lots of hard fighting ahead, he may win"
Freligh: Washington, D.C. [1944 12/?] Working for the B.C.C.

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