

## Guide to the Oliver J. Kaneft Letters, 1940-1943

**Title:** Oliver J. Kaneft Letters, 1940-1943

**Creator:** Kaneft, Oliver J.

**Extent:** .4 linear foot

**Inclusive Dates:** 1940-1943

**Collection Number:** 0795

**Provenance:** Gift of Wade Hall, 2001

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### ABSTRACT

Contains letters from Oliver Kaneft to his girlfriend, Teddy Love, who later became his wife. Many of the letters were written while Kaneft was a flight instructor for WWII fighter pilots at the Alabama Institute of Aeronautics in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

Oliver Jack Kaneft, a native of Chicago, Illinois, received training as a pilot in the United States Army and later became a flight instructor for WWII fighter pilots at the Alabama Institute of Aeronautics, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS:**

The collection contains letters from Kanefit to his girlfriend, Teddy Love, who later became his wife. Twelve of Kanefit's letters are sent from St. Louis, Missouri, and 89 from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The letters describe a range of emotions that Kanefit experienced as a pilot trainee and trainer. Each letter contains many endearments for Teddy. Some letters include information on the difficulties of finding alcohol during training in a dry county. Also included are some of Kanefit's feelings about flight training, and his joy of flying. Accompanying the collection are: three letters to Kanefit from his relatives, five letters from friends and pilots he trained, one postcard, and one invitation addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. O. Jack Kanefit".

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
5977	1	Letters, 1940
	2	Letters, January 1941
	3	Letters, February 1941
	4	Letters, March 1941
	5	Letters, April 1941
	6	Letters, May 1941
	7	Letters, 1942
	8	Letters, January 1943
	9	Invitation, Postcard, n.d.