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Abstract

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Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from the Military & Wartime Cookery Collection must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The Military & Wartime Cookery Collection was purchased by Special Collections in April 2017. Possible accruals may be added in the future.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Military & Wartime Cookery Collection was completed in August 2017. Five additional items were received and added to the collection in September 2017.

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Scope and Content

The Military & Wartime Cookery Collection consists of a variety of manuscript and ephemeral materials relating to the history of military and wartime food and cooking. Items in the collection date from 1884 to 1965, though the bulk of the collection covers parts of World War I through World War II (1917-1945). Formats and items include (but are not limited to) menus, U.S. Government publications from various agencies, corporate sponsored pamphlets, ration books, recipes, and a photograph album. While the majority of the collection relates to U. S. military and wartime cooking or food history in America, there are some items relating to British military or U. S. military abroad.

Separated Materials

The following books and publications were purchased as part of this collection and are cataloged for Special Collections Rare Book Collection. The list below is organized by conflict/era to reflect the organization of the manuscript materials. Within each era, items are listed in chronological order by publication date.

Pre-World War I Military (1897-1908)

- *General Orders No. 37*, 1897
- *The Vital Question and Our Navy*, 1898
- *The Army Baker: A Manual Prepared for the Use of Students of the Training School for Bakers and Cooks*, 1908

World War I (1916-1918)

- *Recueil de Recettes Culinaires*, c.1914-1918?
- *British French Italian Russian Belgian Cookery*, 1916
- *Manual for Army Cooks*, 1916
- *Mess Accounts and Messing*, 1916
- *Manual for Army Bakers*, 1917
- *War-Time Cook and Health Book*, Lydia E. Pinkham Company, 1917
- *Food and Victory*, 1918
- *How to Use Corn Meal, Oat Meal, Barley, Buckwheat,...*, Royal Baking Powder Co., 1918
- *Mary Elizabeth's War Time Recipes*, 1918
- *Official Recipe Book: What to Eat How to Cook It*, 1918
- *Twentieth Century Club War Time Cook Book*, 1918

Post World War I Military (1927-1939)

- *The Cook Book of the United States Navy*, 1927
- *Favorite Navy Recipes*, 1931
- *Army Chow*, 1939

World War II (1940-1946)

- *Feeding the People in War-Time*, 1940
- *Food in War Time*, 1940
- *Manuel du Cuisinier a la Campagne*, 1940
- *The Nation's Larder and the Housewife's Part Therein*, 1940

- *Army Baker*, TM 10-410, 1941
- *British War Relief Cookery Book*, 1941
- *Favorite Navy Recipes*, 1941
- *Old and New British Recipes Collected for Your Pleasure...*, 1941
- *Two Hundred War-Time Recipes*, 1941
- *American Woman's Cook Book*, 1942?
- *The Army Cook*, TM 10-405, 1942
- *Canned Food Manual*, 1942
- *Recipes Compiled by Fort Ord Army Daughters*, 1942
- *Respectfully Yours, Annie*, 1942
- *The Soldier and His Food*, 1942
- *Albers Victory Recipes*, 1943
- *The Bakeshop Trouble Shooter*, 1943
- *Baking Manual for the Army Cook*, 1943
- *Cooking Dehydrated Foods*, TM 10-406, 1943
- *Cooking on a Ration: Food is Still Fun*, 1943
- *Eat to Live: The Blue Book of Cooking*, 1943
- *Food Planning for Victory*, 1943
- *Vegetable Gardening in Wartime*, 1943
- *Victory Vitamin Cook Book for Wartime Meals*, 1943
- *Wartime Cooking Guide*, 1943
- *164 Recipes/Recettes*
- *Fare-Ye-Well with Ladies of the Realm*, 1944?
- *Food in War and in Peace*, 1944
- *Health for All Wartime Recipe Book*, 1944
- *Health for Victory Meal Planning Guide*, March—June, August 1944
- *Victory Gardening, Cornell Extension Bulletin*, 1944
- *You Said a Mouthful*, 1944
- *The Cook Book of the United States Navy*, 1945
- *The Impact of the War on Civilian Consumption*, 1945
- *Manual of Army Catering Services Part II-Recipes*, 1945
- *An Experimental Study of Rationing*, 1946
- *Recipes Out of Bilibid*, 1946
- *Food Facts for the Kitchen Front*
- *120 Wartime Meat Recipes*
- *Pillsbury's 40 War Time Recipes*
- *Ration Time Recipes*
- *Sun-Maid Wartime Recipes that Taste Good!*
- *War Cook Book for American Women*

Post World War II Military (1948-1990)

- *Naval Catering Handbook and Manual*, BR 97 (48), 1948
- *Operation Vittles*, 1949
- *A Cook's Tour of Quantico*, 1952
- *Army Brats' Cookbook*, 1953
- *Army Recipes (Meat, Poultry, Fish, Gravies, Sauces, and Dressings)*, TM10-412-1, 1957
- *Army Recipes (Eggs, Cheese, and Sandwiches)*, TM 10-412-2, 1957
- *Cooks' Tour*, 1960
- *Army Recipes (Salads and Salad Dressings)*, TM10-412-4, 1961
- *NCOWC Souvenir Cook Book*, 1962
- *Dare to Excel in Cooking*, 1966
- *Peace de Resistance*, c.1970
- *Military Lifestyle: Entertaining and Party Guide*, 1990
- *Manual for the Chef of Staff*

Related Materials

Other World War Food-Related Collections in Special Collections

- Culinary Pamphlet Collection, c.1870s-1990s (Ms2011-002). Finding aid available online.
- Food Advertisement Collection, 1894-1962 (Ms2017-020). Finding aid available online.
- State/Regional Home and Agricultural Publications, 1934-present (Ms2012-040). Finding aid available online.
- National Agricultural Publications, 1917-present (Ms2011-022). Finding aid available online.
- World War II Sugar Rationing Pamphlets, 1941-1945 (Ms2015-048). Finding aid available online.

Keywords

Civil War
History of Food and Drink
World War, 1914-1918
World War, 1939-1945
Culinary pamphlets
Ephemera
Menus
Pamphlets

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in series by conflict/era using the broadest wartime dates: The American Civil War (1861-1865); Mid- and Late 19th/Early 20th Century (1866-1914); World War I (1914-1919); Between the World Wars (1920-1938); World War II (1939-1945); Post-World War II (1946-). Within each time period, materials are grouped by format. Each folder has a list of individual items in the contents list of the finding aid.

Please note: materials are located within the conflict or era to which they are relate and may not date only from that specific time period. For example, the Civil War series contains menus from reunions that took place between 1884 and 1905.

Description of Subordinate Components

Wartime: American Civil War (1861-1865)

Civil War Reunion Menus

Unit Date 1884-1905

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Society for the Army of the Potomac Fifteenth Annual Reunion

Unit Date 1884-06-12

Reception Banquet to General R. A. Alger, Commander in Chief, G. A. R.

Unit Date 1890-02-18

Forty-Second Anniversary 11th Mass. Light Battery

Unit Date 1905-01-02

Military: Mid-and Late 19th/Early 20th Century (1866-1914)

Menus

Unit Date 1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Complimentary Dinner by the 999th Artillery Association to the Champions of the 2d Division Mass. Amateur Bowling League and the Champions of Inter-Club League

Unit Date 1895-04-02

Wartime: World War I (1914-1919)

Ephemera**Unit Date** 1918-1919, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Training School for Bakers and Cooks Certificate of Proficiency (for Pvt. Robert B. Thomas)****Unit Date** 1918-10-17**Welcome Home World War Veterans program (Milford, MA), June 9, 1919****Snoopy WWI RAF Towel****Unit Date** n.d.**Menus****Unit Date** 1918-1919**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Dinner, Thanksgiving Day, United States Naval Air base, Eastleigh England****Unit Date** 1918-11-28**11th Engineers, Hotel Pennsylvania (New York, NY), 1919****United States Government Publications****Unit Date** 1917-1919**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**"A Whole Dinner in One Dish," U. S. Department of Agriculture & U.S. Food Administration****Unit Date** 1917**"Forty Lessons in Gardening for the Northeastern United States," U. S. School Garden Army, Department of the Interior****Unit Date** 1919**Military: Between the World Wars (1920-1938)****Menus****Unit Date** 1924, 1935**Thanksgiving Day, 28th Bomb Squadron, Camp Nichols (framed)****Unit Date** 1924-11-27**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Christmas Dinner, United States Ship Nevada, December 25, 1935****Wartime: World War II (1939-1945)****Corporate Pamphlets****Unit Date** 1942-1944, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)
Container 7 (folder)

Ball Brothers Company, "Can with Less Sugar or Can Without Sugar"

Unit Date 1942

Charles B. Knox Gelatine Co., "Don't Let Butter Rationing Scare You!"

Unit Date 1942

Standard Brands Incorporated, "Ten Victory Cake Recipes"

Unit Date 1942

Pillsbury Flour Mills Company, Pillsbury's Fightin' Food Communique, No. 1

Unit Date September 1943

Pillsbury Flour Mills Company, Pillsbury's Fightin' Food Communique, No. 3

Unit Date November-December 1943

Pillsbury Flour Mills Company, Pillsbury's Fightin' Food Communique, No. 4

Unit Date January 1944

Beech-Nut Packing Company, "Your Victory Garden Work Sheets"

Unit Date n.d.

National Live Stock and Meat Board, "Wartime Meat Extenders and Low-Point Meat Cuts"

Unit Date n.d.

Rockwood & Co., "Bits Sugar Savings Recipes"

Unit Date n.d.

Ephemera

Unit Date n.d. (c.1941-1945)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

"Victory" geometric puzzle

Unit Date n.d.

Wonderbread, "The Guide to United States Warships" (volvelle)

Unit Date n.d.

Menus

Unit Date 1942-1945, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Cooley's (Evanston, IL)

Unit Date 1942

Emergency Menus (American Red Cross)

Unit Date January 1943

U. S. Naval Receiving Barracks, No. 3 (Auckland, New Zealand), Independence Day Dinner

Unit Date 1943

French Lick Springs Hotel (French Lick, IN)

Unit Date 1944

Hotel New York (New York, NY)

Unit Date 1944

The Brown Derby (Hollywood, CA)

Unit Date 1945

Palmer House (Chicago, IL), 1945

The Corner

Unit Date n.d.

Thanksgiving Day (Fort Lewis, WA)

Unit Date n.d.

Ration Books

Unit Date n.d. (c.1941-1945)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Ramsey Family (Maine)

Perry Family (New Hampshire)

Recipes (Handwritten)

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Handwritten recipe for "War Cake no eggs"

Unit Date n.d.

Handwritten recipe for "War Cake"

Unit Date n.d.

United States Government Publications

Unit Date 1942-1946, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

"Recipes to Match Your Sugar Ration," Bureau of Home Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, & Office of Price Administration

Unit Date 1942

"Vitamins from Farm to You," U. S. Department of Agriculture

Unit Date 1942

"Wartime Canning of Fruits, Vegetables," U. S. Department of Agriculture

Unit Date June 1943

"National Wartime Nutrition Guide," U. S. Department of Agriculture

Unit Date July 1943

"National Food Guide," U. S. Department of Agriculture

Unit Date August 1946

"Fats in Wartime," Massachusetts State College, U. S. Department of Agriculture, & County Extension Services

Unit Date n.d.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning," Massachusetts State College, U. S. Department of Agriculture, & County Extension Services

Unit Date n.d.

Military: Post-World War II (1946-)

Menus

Unit Date 1947, 1953, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Sachers British Army Officers Hotel (France)

Unit Date 1947-01-12

U. S. Hotel Thayer (West Point, NY)

Unit Date 1953-10-15

The General von Stuben (Wiesbaden, Germany)

Unit Date n.d.

Officers Club (Fort Amador, Panama Canal Zone)

Unit Date n.d. (likely after World War II)

Yokota Air Base Commissary Photograph Album (3 folders)

Unit Date 1965

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14-16 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The album primarily contains a series of photographs of the Yokota Air Base Commissary, taken c.1965. Images include staff, "action" shots of shoppers, displays, and spaces. In addition, there is a series of 8x10 black and white portraits of military officers. The second half of the binder contains mimeographed pages on the Japanese language and culture.