

Guide to the Mary Elsie Fox photograph collection, 1935-1959

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Abstract

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Creator

Mary Elsie Fox

Physical Characteristics

1 linear feet (3 boxes)

Repository

George Mason University. Special Collections and Archives.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Tish Como in 2006.

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Processed by Kate Norman in March 2010. EAD markup completed by Kate Norman in March 2010.

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Related Material

Special Collections and Archives also holds the [John Rapp, Jr. photograph collection](#) and the [Larkin family photograph collection](#).

Biographical Information

Mary Elsie Fox, a resident of Hinton, West Virginia, served as executive secretary for a number of generals of the U.S. Air Force and later in the office of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. Born in 1923, Mary Elsie Fox spent most of her adult life in Washington, D.C. before her death in 1994.

Scope and Content

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The collection includes photographs of parties, dinners, outdoor recreation, children, American military, a friend's time abroad in Norway, and general portrait photographs. The collection also includes photographs of DC monuments and important buildings, ranging from the Pentagon to the Carnegie Library. Many of these photographs have writing on the back, especially those taken in Norway.

The first series includes small photographs from 1935-1959. Spanning two boxes and about 100 pages, this series contains photographs from parties, domestic life, outdoor recreation, American military personnel, Washington, D.C., Norway, and children. The second series contains medium photographs taken during the 1940s. This series contains photographs of Turkey, American military personnel, parties, and leisure. The third series contains large photographs taken during the 1940s. This series consists mainly of photographs of the Pentagon but also includes images of weddings, leisure activities, and American military personnel.

Index Terms

Persons:

Fox, Mary Elsie, 1923-1994.

Subjects:

Domestic life--Washington (D.C.)--20th century--Photographs.
Leisure--Washington (D.C.)--20th century--Photographs.

Document Types:

Group portraits.
Photographic prints.
Portrait photographs.

Arrangement

Organized into three series.

- Series 1: Small Photographs, 1935-1959 (Boxes 1-2)
- Series 2: Medium Photographs, 1940s (Box 2)
- Series 3: Large Photographs, 1940s (Boxes 2-3)

Contents List

Series 1: Small Photographs,

Unit Date 1935-1959

Extent

(1.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

This series contains small photographs ranging in size from 1 1/4x2 1/4" to 5x4"

Captain Jordan's Party,

Unit Date June 22, 1946

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mrs. Liston, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Studervant, Theda Portir, Major Tourdlau, Mrs. Stancook, Mrs. Pat Redd

Leisure,

Unit Date October, 1945

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Elayne Scott

Leisure,

Unit Date June 10, 1947

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Sevcik, Mary Elsie Fox, Bob Rancine, Tim Donovan

Leisure,

Unit Date April, 1947

Container 1 (box)

Container 11-13 (Page)

Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Dave O'Connel, Ann Sevcik O'Connel

Group Portraits,

Unit Date October 19, 1947

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Dick Perlman, Helen Krawchuk Perlman

Leisure and Group Portraits,

Unit Date July, 1945

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Edna Earle Whitt, Mary Elsie, Fox, Janice Rigler Stoops

City and Town Life,

Unit Date March 23, 1947

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Mary Sevcik

Leisure,

Unit Date May, 1947

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Scope and Content

Edna Earle Whitt, Mary Elsie Fox, Mary Sevcik

New Jersey,

Unit Date March, 1943

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

New Jersey shore, sailors.

Mary Elsie Fox, Elayne Scott, Mary Sevcik

Leisure and Picnics,

Unit Date March, 1945

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Mary Sevcik, Tony Pecar, Ted Palmerine, Elayne Scott

Group Portraits,

Unit Date May, 1947

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Janice Rigler Stoops, Marion W. Stoops

Portrait Photographs,

Unit Date July, 1944

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Jo-Ann Maddy

Group Portraits and Leisure,

Unit Date 1940s

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Elayne Scott, Edna Earle Whitt

Portrait Photographs and Leisure,

Unit Date 1940s

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Mary Elsie Fox

Portrait Photographs and Leisure,

Unit Date 1940s

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Mary Sevcik, Ann Sevcik O'Connel, Jan Sevcik

Leisure and Domestic Life,

Unit Date 1940s

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Group Portraits and Leisure,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 1 (box)

Container 36-37 (Page)

Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox

Group Portraits and Military Personnel,

Unit Date September 28, 1942

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Processed by Peoples Drugstores

Portrait Photographs,

Unit Date 1940s

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Mary Elsie Fox

Portrait Photographs and Leisure,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 1 (box)

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Mary Sevcik, Jan Sevcik, Ann Sevcik

Group Portraits,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 1 (box)

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Mary Sevcik

Group Portraits and Parties,

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Edna Earle Whitt, Elayne Scott

Recreation and Portraits Photographs,

Unit Date 1940s

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Color photos of Mary Elsie Fox

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Unit Date 1940s

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Unit Date 1942

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Mrs. McNeer, Anna Mae McNeer

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Portrait Photograph,

Unit Date 1943

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Scope and Content

Mary K. Sevcik

Portrait,

Unit Date 1945

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Scope and Content

Ann Sevcik O'Connel

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Ann Sevcik O'Connel, Jan Sevcik

Graduation,

Unit Date 1940s

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Mary Elsie Fox

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Mary Elsie Fox

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox

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Jan Sevcik, "Smarty"

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Unit Date 1940s

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Unit Date March 15, 1946

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Edna Earle Whitt, Captain Ralph Lewis, Elayne Scott, Captain Mack, Captain Joe Schieferly, Major Sturdevant, Helen Karwchuk Perlman, Captain Ken Jordan, Peggy Hill, Captain Bill Miles

Domestic Life and Group Portraits,

Unit Date February, 1946

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Dick Perlman, Helen Krawchuk Perlman

Domestic Life and Parties,

Unit Date January 19, 1947

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Edna Earle Whitt, Dick Perlman, Helen Krawchuk Perlman, Ken Ramey

One outdoor portrait photograph of Edna Earle Whitt

Domestic Life and Parites,

Unit Date October, 1947

Container 1 (box)

Container 58-60 (Page)

Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Helen Krawchuk Perlman, Dick Perlman, Ken Ramey, Edna Earle Whitt

Domestic Life and Parties,

Unit Date June 10, 1947

Container 1 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Tim Donovan, Mary Sevcik, Bob Rancine

Domestic Life and Parties,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 1 (box)

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Develolped By Brown Photo Service, Minnepolis, MN

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Unit Date July 5, 1942

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Scope and Content

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Washington, D.C.,

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Scope and Content

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Mary Elsie Fox, Dempsey Fox

Washington, D.C.,

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Scope and Content

Washington Presbyterian Church

Mary Elsie Fox

Washington, D.C.,

Unit Date 1940s

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Scope and Content

Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, cherry blossoms

Mary Elsie Fox

Washington, D.C.,

Unit Date April, 1946

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Scope and Content

Capitol Building, Pentagon, Lincoln Memorial, White House, Jefferson Memorial, Carnegie Library, National Gallery of Art

Captain Schieferly, Captain Miles

Diane - Age 4 months,

Unit Date May, 1947

Container 1 (box)

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Diane Miller

Diane - 1 yr. Old,

Unit Date February 13, 1948

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Diane Miller

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Diane Miller

Children,

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Unit Date 1940s

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Writing on back of photograph

Children and Leisure,

Unit Date 1945

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Portrait and Military,

Unit Date 1940s

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Tim Donovan

Portrait photograph and Military,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 2 (box)

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Scope and Content

Tim Donovan

Writing on back of photograph

Group portrait and Military,

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Container 2 (box)

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Tim Donovan

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Tim Donovan

Military Personnel,

Unit Date 1944

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Military Personnel,

Unit Date September 28, 1942

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Scope and Content

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Paris,

Unit Date 1945

Container 2 (box)

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Major Mulford, Major Flynn

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Unit Date 1940s

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Unit Date 1945-1947

Container 2 (box)

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Skiing Photographs. Some developed by Nerlien.

Norway,

Unit Date 1945-1947

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Mary Sevcik, Jan Sevcik

Outdoor Photographs

Oslo, Norway,

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Mike Riley, Charlie La Cour

Jeunaker, Norway,

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Mary Sevcik, Elsa Beach

Writing on back of photographs

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Oslo, Norway,

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Mary Sevcik, Bill Shiflet

Writing on back of photographs

Kornsjo, Sweden,

Unit Date January, 1945

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Mary Sevcik, Dorothy Smith, Eric Karl Hellstrom, Fritiof Falkstrand

Writing on back of photographs

Oslo, Norway,

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Writing on back of photographs

Oslo, Norway,

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Bob Berg, Mrs. Berg

Writing on back of photographs

New Year Eve in Norway,

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Joe Moline, Mary Sevcik, Major Scully

Writing on back of photographs

Smorbroad and the Troll (witch),

Unit Date December, 1945

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Unit Date 1946

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Oslo, Norway and Children,

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Scope and Content

Mary Sevcik

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Scope and Content

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The Day Mary Came Home from Norway

Unit Date March 17, 1947

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox, Mary Sevcik

Series 2: Medium Photographs,

Unit Date 1940s

Extent

(11 pages)

Scope and Content

This series contains medium photographs ranging in size from 5 3/4x2 1/2" to 7 1/4x5 1/4".

Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 2 (box)

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Unit Date June 22, 1946

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Scope and Content

Edna Earle Whitt, Mary Elsie Fox, Elayne Scott, Peggy Hill, Captain Ken Jordan, Captain Joe Schieferly, Captain Bill Miles, Captain Ralph Lewis

Wabans - Washington, D.C.,

Unit Date September 15, 1947

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Mary Elsie Fox, Dempsey Fox

Portrait Photographs and Leisure,

Unit Date June 8, 1946

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox

Edna's Birthday,

Unit Date September 17, 1947

Container 2 (box)

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Scope and Content

Edna Earle Whitt, Jerry Whitt, Mary Elsie Fox

Group Portrait and Leisure,

Unit Date February, 1946

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Elayne Scott, Mary Elsie Fox

Portrait,

Unit Date 1940s

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Pentagon Bldg,

Unit Date June, 1946

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Scope and Content

Elayne Scott, Mary Elsie Fox, Edna Earle Whitt, Myrtle Parker, Lee Parnell, Myrtle Lacy, Dorothy Rupert, JoAnn Srubb, Ruth Anderson, Mrs. Attaway

Military Personnel,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 2 (box)

Container 28-29 (Page)

Portrait Photograph and Leisure,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 2 (box)

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Scope and Content

Tim Donovan

Writing on back of photograph

Military Personnel,

Unit Date April, 1946

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Scope and Content

Captain Joe Schieferly

Military Personnel,

Unit Date 1946

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Portrait and Children,

Unit Date 1940s

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Series 3: Large Photographs,

Unit Date 1940s

Extent

(1.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

This series contains large photographs ranging in size from 1 1/2x9" to 8x10".

Military Personnel,

Unit Date 1940s

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Captain Joe Schieferly

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Portrait,

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Unit Date 1945-1947

Container 2 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, Dick Bennett, Mike Riley, Charlie La Cour, Bill and Sonja Malberg, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Fay-Schojle, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farbe, Bobbie Robahan, Ingrid Galtung, Pei Wan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Slack, Mary Sevcik

Wedding,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 2 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox

Hessler Photography, Washington, DC

Edna and Jerry's Wedding,

Unit Date January 14, 1948

Container 2 (box)

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Scope and Content

Edna Earle Whitt, Paul Taylor, Mary Elsie Fox
Underwood and Underwood Photography, Washington

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Unit Date December 25, 1947

Container 2 (box)

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Diane Miller

Portrait Photograph and Leisure,

Unit Date October, 1945

Container 3 (box)

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox

Portrait Photograph and Leisure,

Unit Date October, 1945

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Scope and Content

Mary Elsie Fox

Group Portrait and Parties,

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Container 3 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Elayne Scott, Edna Earle Whitt, Mary Elsie Fox

Military Personnel and Office,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 3 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Captain Joe Schieferly, Alma Chalk

Washington, DC,

Unit Date 1940s

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Scope and Content

Pentagon, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Capitol Building

Pentagon,

Unit Date 1940s

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Scope and Content

Signal Corps Photograph

Pentagon,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 3 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Signal Corps Photograph

Pentagon,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 3 (box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Signal Corps Photograph

Pentagon,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 3 (box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Signal Corps Photograph

Pentagon,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 3 (box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Signal Corps Photograph