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Unit Date

1932-1945

Language

German

Extent

1.0 Cubic Feet 21 envelopes of small photographs and postcards

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Use

There are no restrictions

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was a gift of Aidette Charley to the Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia on February 8, 2010.

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Scope and Contents

The collection of photographs and postcards consists of 300 items, one document box, twenty one envelopes, and one cubic foot of chiefly World War II era photographs, both amateur and professional. Approximately one half of the photographs are unidentified. The photographs that are identified are mostly related to the 3rd Platoon, Company C, 256th Engineer Combat Battalion. Members of the platoon who are identified on photographs are: (1st Squad) Leonard Brophy, William A. Fretz, Walter M. Tierney, Sr., James R. Ussery, George J. Weiland, and, (Headquarters) Charles S. Kapanski.

Identified European places include Normandy; St. Lô; Wasselnheim; Olympic Stadium, Berlin; Frankfurt; Passionstheater, Oberammergau; Munich; ruins of the Berghof at Obersalzberg; Salach; Würzburg; and Salzburg.

Scenes identified are destroyed bridges on an Autobahn; airplanes, including a jet, hidden in trees along an Autobahn; Bailey bridges across the Saar and the Danube; Brenner Pass; Kitzbüheler Alps; and the Main River.

Of interest is a photograph of a ruined house with the caption "German girl raped here, were lined up for observance. No one found guilty." (Folder 8-10)

Arrangement

Photographs are arranged by location in acid free folders

Description of Subordinate Components

Fort Hood, Texas

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49042

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1-4 (folder)

Language English

Destruction in Germany

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49043

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5-7 (folder)

Language English

Identified photographs of people and places in German and France

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49044

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8-10 (folder)

Language German

Madellager Hochland

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49045

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Language German

Postcards with messages

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49046

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12-13 (folder)

Language German

Postcards blank

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49047

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 14-16 (folder)

Unidentified photographs (maybe mountain landscape in winter or related to Fort Hood, Texas)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49048

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Unidentified women

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49049

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Paris, France

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49050

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Miscellaneous

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49051

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/49052

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)