

Series III. Korean War series, 1950-2005, .5 cu. ft.

Series Abstract/Description:

Materials include letters, photographs, oral interviews and transcripts, military records, excerpts from scrapbooks, and one videocassette. These materials include some photocopies. Contents are also useful for examination of the Cold War era, as not all individuals who participated in this project served in the country of Korea during active hostilities.

The most extensive materials (as of November 2004) within the Korean War portion of the Veterans History Project Collection include letters sent home almost every day from Jack Davis, who served with the First Regiment, First Marine Division near the "Punchbowl" in Korea. His materials also include transcripts of these letters, as well as others written to his brother which are not included in their original form. A videocassette of footage originally filmed in January 1952 by Davis shows a winter camp, an artillery crew in action, a drive along a twisting road in a convoy, and scenes at a supply depot. Still photographs included on the videotape show images of the countryside, soldiers at rest, a winter camp, a soldier escorting prisoners, infantry moving out single file along a road, and camp scenes. An oral history interview with Davis is also part of this collection.

Photographs taken by Bill Goodman who served as a Marine Corps combat photographer with the First Marine Division in both South and North Korea in 1951 include candid scenes of soldiers in camp and on the march; American tanks, trucks and equipment on the move and damaged by enemy fire; combat scenes including tanks and infantry on the attack, a rocket team in action, and a flamethrower in use; American and North Korean casualties, including a scene of hundreds of North Korean bodies in a valley; military religious services; operations in the division headquarters photo section; winter scenes of troops on the move; and Korean civilians and street scenes. Locations include scenes in and around Pusan, Yanguee, events during "Operation Punchbowl," and unidentified locations in North and South Korea.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's last name.

Container List:

Alexander, Ben Cooper. Navy chaplain, stateside, Pacific, U.S.S. Helena (CA-75).

(see also World War II series)

Oral History: Tape 166

Allen, Marion Ray. Tennessee Air National Guard, 105th Fighter Squadron; Navy, Pacific fleet. Berry Field, Nashville; Myrtle Beach, SC; Pacific fleet.

Manuscripts: Military documents

Photographs: 20 photos

Oral History: Tape 163, index available (filed with transcripts).

Atkinson, James P. Marines, Co. E, 2nd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Division. Quantico; Korea; Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Oral History: Tapes 157 & 158, index available (filed with transcripts).

Barnett, Samuel D. Marines, HQ Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Division.

Oral History: Tape 148, index available, filed with transcripts.

Bell, John L. Army, 646th Transportation Company. Europe and Southern France.

Oral History: Tape 257, index available (filed with transcripts)

Berg, Robert K. Marines, 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Division; Inchon, Chosin Reservoir.

Oral History: Tapes 76 & 77, transcript.

Bessire, David Wenning. Air Force, 314th Tactical Combat Group, Ashiya, Japan; Korea.

(see also World War II series)

Oral History: Tapes 164 & 165, index available (filed with transcripts).

Blevins, Laccie. Naval aviation. *See World War II series.*

Brackin, Henry Bryan Jr. Navy, psychiatric medicine, Ft. Knox, Kentucky; U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

Oral History: Tapes 239 & 240, index available (filed with transcripts).

Brietenmoser, Herman Joseph. Air Force, Co. A 826th Engineer Aviation Battalion, Wolters AFB, Texas.

Manuscripts: Military records, 1953, 1956.

Photographs: 1 photo

Negative: 35mm copy negative

Briggs, Harrison. Air Force.

Oral History: Tapes 25 & 26, transcript.

Brown, John Pope. Air Force, headquarters and logistics.

Oral History: Tapes 30 & 31, transcript.

Burgess, Robert E. Army, 14th Inf. Regt., 25th Div. Iron Triangle area.

Oral History: Tapes 141 & 142, index available, filed with transcripts.

Burns, Rodney R. Marines, 1st Marine Division. Chosin Reservoir, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 292 & 293.

Carlew, James. Army, 2nd Div., 72nd Tank Battalion, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 231 & 232, index available (filed with transcripts).

See also World War II series.

Caroland, Thomas M. Army, 32nd Regt., 7th Division. Inchon. North Korea. POW - North Korea, Manchurian Border, Yalu River.

Oral History: Tapes 320 & 321, index available (filed with transcripts).

Chilton, John F. Air National Guard, Air Control & Warning Div. stateside.

Photograph: 1 photo

Oral History: Tape 147, index available (filed with transcripts)

Davis, Clarence Jackson "Jack". 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, "Punchbowl".

Manuscripts: (20 folders).

1. Letters, 1950
2. Letters, Jan.-Mar. 1951
3. Letters, April 1951
4. Letters, May 1951
5. Letters, June 1951
6. Letters, July 1951
7. Letters, Aug. 1951
8. Letters, Sept. 1951
9. Letters, Oct. 1951
10. Letters, Nov. 1951

11. Letters, Dec. 1951
12. Letters, Jan. 1952
13. Letters, Feb. 1952
14. "Postscript" Jan. 28, 2001
15. Discharge paper, "God and a Grenade"
16. "Drive North: U.S. Marines at the Punchbowl"
17. Transcript of letters, Aug. 1950-May 2, 1951
18. Transcript of letters, May 3, 1951 – Aug. 17, 1951
19. Transcript of letters, Aug. 24, 1951 – Nov. 7, 1951
20. Transcript of letters, Nov. 6, 1951- Feb. 19, 1952 & postscript

Oral History: Tapes 27 & 28, transcript.

Videotape: VHP Video 1. "Jack's Pictures and Film Korea"

Originally filmed in January 1952 in Korea; transferred to videotape, with music added. Features still photographs of countryside, soldiers, helicopter, winter camp. Film footage includes winter camp, U.S. artillery crew in action, driving along twisting road in convoy, supply depot. Additional still photographs include soldiers, scenic shots, a soldier escorting prisoners, moving out single file along road, camp scenes and some repetition of earlier images. (Total time: approx. 15 min. Index available in front of Transcript Box 1.)

Dodson, Melvin. Marines, Korea.

Manuscripts: "Life in the Fleet Marine Force" booklet, 1951

see also World War II series

Donofrio, John A. Navy cook on minesweeper.

See World War II series.

Duffy, Margaret (Gooch). American Red Cross, Japan.

See World War II series.

Eli, Carl William. Army, 884th Aviation Eng./ 809th Eng. Aviation Battalion. Stateside, Inchon landing.

Manuscripts: New Testament.

Photographs - Snapshots: 20 photos

Snapshots taken of and by Carl William Eli during his service in Korea from 1952 to 1953, primarily around Chunchon and Seoul. Roughly half of the images are of Eli on base and at leisure; about ten images show scenes, landmarks, and terrain near Seoul and Chunchon.

Oral History: Tapes 145 & 146, index available (filed with transcripts).

Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, VHP Promo Video #6: "Open Line."*

Farmer, Ernest. Navy, U.S.S. C.K. Bronson (DD668).

See World War II series.

Forbes, W. Francis. Army Air Force, Ferry Command ATC. England, France, Germany, Italy, Hawaii.

Oral History: Tape 331, index available (filed with transcripts).

Goodman, Bill. Marines, headquarters battalion, photo section, 1st Marine Division. North and South Korea, Pusan, Yanguee, Operation Punchbowl.

Photographs:

44 photographs, mostly from 1951, showing soldiers in camp and on the march; American tanks, trucks and equipment on the move and damaged by enemy fire; combat scenes including tanks and infantry on the attack, a rocket team in action, and a flamethrower in use; American and North Korean casualties, including a scene of hundreds of North Korean bodies in a valley; military religious services; operations in the division headquarters photo section; winter scenes of troops on the move; and Korean civilians and street scenes.

Special media: VHP CD #4. Machine readable .TIF files of 68 original photographs loaned to and scanned by Nashville Room staff in 2003.

Griffin, Charles W. Jr. Marines, Inchon landings, Chosin Reservoir.

Oral History: Tapes 59 & 60, transcript.

Gunter, H.P. "Jack". Army, photographer, Public Information Section, 45th Infantry Division Headquarters. 38th Parallel, Chowon.

Oral History: Tapes 130 & 131, index available (filed with transcripts).

Harris, James G. "Jim". Army, 70th Tank Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. Korea.

Manuscripts: Letter, poetry, 1990s.

Photographs:

11 photographs containing portraits and aftermath of tank combat in Korea, fall 1950, including knocked-out enemy T34 tanks.

Oversize Box 1, Folder 15: 3 poems printed as posters

Oral History: Tapes 186 & 187, index available (filed with transcripts)

Publication: *Strike Swiftly Korea* – see online catalog for location

Hartwell, Wyeth "Slim". Army, 99th Field Artillery Battalion, 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Div. Defense of Seoul.

Oral History: Tapes 159 & 160, index available (filed with transcripts).

See also World War II series.

Henry, Donald D. Navy, quartermaster. Korea, Japan, Pacific, Aleutians.

Oral History: Tape 276, index available (filed with transcripts).

Henry, John James "Jim". Marines. Korea.

Photographs: 1 photo^P

Oral History: Tape 4; transcript.

Hewgley, William Albert. Army, Signal Corps.

Manuscripts: "William Albert Hewgley: Nashville Native, Veteran and a Victim of Cold War-Originated Surveillance"

Holcomb, George W. Jr. Army Medical Corps, chief of thoracic surgery, Osaka General Hospital, Japan.

Oral History: Tapes 233 & 234, index available (filed with transcripts).

Hooper, Floyd Melvin. Tennessee Air National Guard, stateside.

Manuscripts: Military documents, 1947-1958

Photographs: 1 photo

see also World War II series

Hoyal, James A. 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regt., 1st Marine Division. Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 197 & 198, index available (filed with transcripts).

see also Vietnam series

Kelly, Leslie Dorris. Navy, engineering officer, *U.S.S. Nautilus* (submarine).

Manuscripts: Autobiography, 2004.

Photographs: 5 photos

Oral History: Tapes 282 & 283, index available (filed with transcripts)

Lockridge, John William. Army aviation. Korea.

see Vietnam series

Lyle, Michael C. Arkansas National Guard, 937th Field Artillery Battalion, 142nd Field Artillery Group; stateside, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 153 & 154, index available (filed with transcripts).

McKee, Franklin Delano. Army, Germany.

Manuscripts: military records

McNish, Charles O. Army, 5th Cavalry Regt., 1st Cavalry Div. Majon-ni, Korea; Operation Commando.

Oversize Drawer L-2, Folder 5:

Map of Majon-ni region, with annotations showing patrol bases, c. 1951.

Photographs: 4 photos

Oral History: Tape 132, index available (filed with transcripts).

See also World War II series.

Macon, Robert "Bob". Army infantry, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 135 & 136, index available (filed with transcripts).

See also World War II and Vietnam War series.

Madden, Paul. 92nd Army Field Artillery Battalion, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 149 & 150.

See also World War II series.

Miller, Charles J. Army, 84th Tank Battalion, 854th Armored Field Artillery. Korea, Japan.

Oral History: Tape 296, index available (filed with transcripts).

Morgan, John E. Marines, instructor. California.

See World War II series.

Norvell, Richard Jr. Army Air Corps. Shaw AFB, South Carolina.

Oral History: Tape 65, transcript.

Patterson, Vince. Merchant Marine, USNS Mission Soledad (T-2 Tanker). Pusan, Korea and Persian Gulf.

Manuscripts: memoir: "Last Voyage at Sea / Korea"

See also World War II series.

Peerman, Charles Gordon, Jr. Navy, Naval Hospital, Memphis, TN; Surgical Team 15, Japan & Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 297 & 298, index available (filed with transcripts).

Reagon, Jerry Dean. Army, 19th Infantry Regiment.

Manuscripts: excerpts from scrapbook

Photographs: 9 prints from scanned images (NPL)

Special media: VHP CD #2. Machine readable TIFF files of images from scrapbook; (also includes scans from several other veterans used for publicity purposes by the library).

Renas, Stanley. Army Air Force, psychological operations & intelligence. Philippines.

See World War II series.

Richards, Henry "Stan". Air Force, Greenland.

Manuscripts: Scrapbook.

- Oral History: Tape 6; transcript.
- Richards, Thomas.** Army, Chosin Reservoir.
Manuscripts: Scrapbook.
- Scarlett, James Wilson.** Army, 9th Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. Kumhwa/ Chorwon Valley.
Photographs - Snapshots:
41 color photocopies of photographs showing combat training, camps, and terrain in Boomerang Sector, Chorwon, Kumwha Valley, Korea, 1953 and life on base at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, c. 1956-60
Oral History: Tapes 155 & 156, index available (filed with transcripts).
Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, VHP Promo Video #6: "Open Line."*
- Southall, Thomas William.** Army, psychological warfare. Stateside, Germany.
Oral History: Tapes 270, 271 & 272, index available (filed with transcripts).
- Stephenson, Enoch.** Air Force, training.
See World War II series.
- Trigg, James Knox.** Air Force. Supply missions.
See World War II series.
- Walker, Jack D.** Army, Korean Military Advisory Group, I ROK Corps.
Manuscripts: Military records
Photographs: 1 photo^P, *see Allen, Marion Ray, photograph #20*
Oral History: Tapes 138 & 139, index available, filed with transcripts.
Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, VHP Promo Audio #2: "Korean War History Lesson."*
- Warren, William J.** Army, 11th Airborne Division, cook. Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.
Oral History: Tape 189, index available (filed with transcripts).
- Wells, William W.** Air Force, stateside, instructor.
Oral History: Tape 58
- Whitaker, John.** Marines, F Co., 2nd Battln, 7th Marines, 1st Div. Chosin Reservoir, Korea, Japan, stateside.
Manuscripts: Notes, "Familiar Territory, Nov.-Dec. 1950"
Oversize Box 1, Folder 14:
Map of Changjin, showing area of Yudam-ni and Hagaru-ri.
Oral History: Tape 162, index available (filed with transcripts)
- Whitworth, Malchiga C.** Army, 568th Ordnance Co. (TNG), Korea.
Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) - VHPWhitworthM