

United States Army 92nd Infantry Division Collection

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Collection Summary

Title: United States Army 92nd Infantry Division Collection

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Bulk Dates: (bulk 1942-2000)

ID No.: MSS85384

Creator: United States. Army. Infantry Division, 92nd

Creator: Ninety-Second Infantry Division World War II Association

Extent: 2,500 items; 10 containers plus 6 oversize; 3.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and Italian

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: African-American infantry division of the United States Army during World War I and World War II. Subject files, correspondence, newspapers and news clippings, photographs and albums, exhibition material, posters, and records of the division and its veteran's association relating to the division's service during World War II.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Kohn, Richard H.--Correspondence.

McCaffrey, Barry R.--Correspondence.

Moore, Spencer, b. 1921--Correspondence.

Perry, A. William, b. 1924--Correspondence.

Powell, Colin L.--Correspondence.

Tanner, Hiram L.--Correspondence.

Organizations

Ninety-Second Infantry Division World War II Association. United States Army 92nd Infantry Division collection. 1926-2007.

United States. Army. Infantry Division, 92nd.

Subjects

African Americans--New Jersey--Lawnside.

African Americans--Social conditions--20th century.

World War, 1939-1945--African Americans.

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Italy.

World War, 1939-1945--Participation, African American.

Places

Lawnside (N.J.)--History.

United States--Armed Forces--African Americans.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The United States Army 92nd Infantry Division Collection was given to the Library of Congress by Spencer Moore and A. William Perry in 2007.

Processing History

The United States Army 92nd Infantry Division Collection was arranged and described in 2008. The collection was expanded and the finding aid revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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Organizational History

The 92nd Infantry Division, an African-American unit of the segregated United States Army during World War I and World War II, was first organized in October 1917 and saw combat in France during 1918. The division was deactivated in 1919, but was reactivated in October 1942 for World War II. The 92nd saw combat during 1944-1945 in Tuscany, Northern Italy, and was deactivated again in November 1945.

Scope and Content Note

The collection relating to the 92nd Infantry Division, an African-American unit of the segregated United States Army, spans 1926-2007, with most of the material focused on the division's service during World War II and bulking largest between 1942 and 2000. The collection includes correspondence, newspapers and news clippings, photographs, exhibit material, division records, and material generated by the division's veterans' association, the Ninety-Second Infantry Division World War II Association.

The division saw heavy combat in Tuscany, Northern Italy, during 1943-1945. The general correspondence includes a report of Vernon J. Baker to his commanding general in which he relates the action for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in 1945 and eventually the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1996. Much of the general correspondence relates to upgrading the medals of soldiers denied recognition because of bureaucratic mistakes and racism.

The division's other Medal of Honor recipient, John R. Fox, is documented in a file that includes a poster relating to ceremonies in his honor conducted in 2000 by the town of Barga, where he was killed in action.

Veterans of the division represented in the general correspondence include Spencer Moore and A. William Perry, who donated the records to the Library, and author and journalist Hiram L. Tanner. Other correspondents include Richard H. Kohn, Barry R. McCaffrey, and Colin L. Powell.

The 92nd was nicknamed the "Buffalo Soldiers Division" in honor of African-American troops who served in the American West after the Civil War. During World War II the division published *The Buffalo* while in training, particularly at Fort Huachuca in Arizona, and under combat conditions

in the Northern Italian theater. The collection includes several examples of *The Buffalo* in newspaper, newsletter, and magazine formats, and there is an extensive file on Fort Huachuca.

The articles and newspaper clippings cover a gamut of African-American military and civilian experiences during World War II and the postwar era. Included is a file on Lawnside, New Jersey, an incorporated African-American town in Camden County, that contains 1955-1956 editions of the *Lawnside Chronicle*.

The newsletter of the division's veterans organization, the Ninety-Second Infantry Division World War II Association, is also called *The Buffalo*, and there is a considerable run of the publication in an Addition file. Also in the Addition are photographs, printed matter, and material related to reunions that were not included in the collection when it was first processed.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material or subject.

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