Inventory of the John Sweeney papers

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Biographical Note
John "Red" Sweeney was a technical sergeant in the United States Army and taught military and combat science to the Chinese Army under the command of General Joseph W. Stilwell at the Ramgarh Training Center in India from 1942 to 1944. After this assignment, known as the "Stillwell Mission," Sweeney founded and served as Commander of the Sentry Post American Legion and the Basha China-Burma-India Veterans Post Association in Worcester and was a member of related American Legion groups. He also produced materials after the war such as the monograph, Ramgarh: Now It Can Be Told and videotapes about his instructions on the training of the Chinese Army. Sweeney passed away October 20th, 2007 at the Rose Monahan Hospice Residence.
Scope and Content of Collection
Writings, printed matter, videocassettes, and memorabilia relating to the training of Chinese troops by American instructors at the Ramgarh Training Center during World War II.
Related Collection(s)
Joseph Warren Stillwell papers, Hoover Institution Archives.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Ramgarh Training Center (Ramgarh, Bihar, India)
Stilwell, Joseph Warren, 1883-1946--Pictorial works.
United States. Army.
Video tapes.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--China-Burma-India Theater
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World War, 1939-1945--India.
World War, 1939-1945--Military training programs.
Videorecordings, 2000-2001

Box 1

United States Postal Service, first day of issue ceremony for the Joseph W. Stilwell postage stamp, 2000 August 24

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Interview of John Sweeney conducted by Joe Todd, 2001 August 30

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Printed Matter and Memorabilia, 1972-2000

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Clipping, Worcester Telegram & Gazette, after 1993
Scope and Contents note
Part of an article about Sweeney reuniting with fellow World War II veteran Liang.

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Ramgarh: Now It Can Be Told, monograph, circa 1999
Scope and Contents note
Details training program at the Ramgarh Training Center, India. Includes pictorial images, maps, and graphs of the Chinese-American Training Center in India from 1941 to 1945 as compiled by John Sweeney.

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Memorabilia, 1972-2000
Scope and Contents note
China-Burma-India (CBI) Veterans Association, Worcester Basha booklet and stickers of the CBI veterans’ flag. Includes a program of the American Philatelic Society’s stamp show featuring the Joseph W. Stilwell stamp, a sheet of said stamps, and a commemorative pin of the Joseph Stilwell stamp.