
Preliminary Inventory of the Elmer E. Wilson collection

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Title: Elmer E. Wilson collection

Date (inclusive): circa 1939-1945

Collection Number: 67004

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Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 2 manuscript boxes, 2 cubic foot boxes, memorabilia(3.0 linear feet)

Abstract: German World War II military equipment, including a Luftwaffe survival kit; army, navy, air force and Nazi party insignia; and flags. Includes some correspondence and photographs.

Creator: Wilson, Elmer E.

Access

The collection is open for research; materials must be requested at least two business days in advance of intended use.

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Acquisition Information

Acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 1967.

Accruals

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Germany. Luftwaffe.

Armies--Equipment.

Germany.

Military supplies.

World War, 1939-1945--Germany.

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Box 1	Pre-Induction Training Conference 1943
Box 1	6 photographs depicting liberation of Paris August 1944
	Three canisters
Box 3	Rations: hardtack, dextrose tablets, chocolate, cigarettes and matches
Box 3	Medical supplies and three hand-held flares
Box 3	Heat source, stay awake pills, bottle with cork
Box 4	Flare gun (VERY pistol) with cartridges
	German Navy Rank, Specialty, and Corps insignia
Box 1	German Navy Corps Insignia patches
Box 1	German Army Corps Insignia patches
Box 2	Army and Air Force national insignia - Breast Eagles
Box 2	German Navy National insignia - Breast Eagles - Army Style
Box 2	German Navy National insignia - Breast Eagles (summer uniform)
Box 2	German Army National Insignia - Breast Eagles (summer cotton rock)
Box 2	German Navy National Insignia Fatigue Corps
Box 2	Golden Blue - sea on winter dress
Box 2	Golden khaki - summer army type uniform
Box 4	German Navy - stretcher bearer armband
Box 4	Nazi Party
Box 4	Armband - Labor Service Organization "Todt"
Box 4	Armband - worn by all civilian party organizations
Box 4	Armbands, patches, and cap ribbon

Box 3	German Army horse gas mask (#1)
Box 2	Tank marker (long plastic strip - red and black coloring) used by U.S. forces to mark captured enemy tanks to identify them as in friendly hands (#2) German Army
Box 4	Combination spoon and fork (#3)
Box 4	Field stove (Sterno type) with extra box of fuel tablets (#4)
Box 4	Gloves for handling barbed wire (#6)
Box 2	Unidentified-1 black and 1 orange round box - food containers (#7)
Box 2	German Forces - spark plug in rubber package (#8)
Box 3	Imperial German Army - regimental flag pole marker, possibly from Imperial Guards Regiment (#9)
Box 4	National (German) war flag - represents one used as national colors only during time of war. Peace flag - red with black swastika on white circle (this is not a military flag) (#10)
Box 3	Dunhill fluidless lighter - extremely unpopular with U.S. troops, who preferred Zippos (#11)
Box 4	Two orange bottles - used to contain anti-gas ointment (#12)
Box 4	German officer's underwear
Box 2	Spectacles to be put on a gas mask
On shelf	Memorabilia German Luftwaffe survival kit (used by bomber and transport crews forced down on land or sea) Two shooting tables - field artillery (#5)