Finding aid for the 299. Infanterie-Division records 6098

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**Title:** 299. Infanterie-Division records

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**Physical Description:** 1.46 Linear Feet 1 box

**Date (inclusive):** 1940-1945

**Abstract:** This collection consists of documents from the 299th Infantry Division of the German Wehrmacht. The 299th Infantry Division was formed in February 1940 as part of the 8th Wave. It fought primarily in France from 1940 to 1941 and then moved to the Eastern Front, where it was destroyed in July 1944 and was disbanded April 1945. The collection includes birthday congratulations to and from the First Battalion and its members and an invitation to a Christmas party addressed to an officer. It also includes publications such as histories of the 528th Infantry Regiment and a military publication intended for the soldiers' entertainment.

**Storage Unit:** 1

**Biographical / Historical**

The 299th Infantry Division was formed in February 1940 as part of the 8th Wave. It was composed of the 528th, 529th and 530th Infantry Regiments, the 299th Artillery Regiment, the 299th Anti-tank Battalion, the 299th Engineering Battalion, the 299th Reconnaissance Battalion, the 299th Signals Battalion, and the 299th Support Units. The 299th Infantry Division fought primarily in France from 1940 to 1941 and then moved to the Eastern Front, where it was destroyed in July 1944. It was reformed in September 1944 and was destroyed in March 1945. The 299th Infantry Division was disbanded April 1945. From April 1940 to November 1942 the Division was led by General of the Artillery Willi Moser.

**Scope and Contents**

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchased from Walkabout Books, December 18, 2014.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Armies -- Germany -- 20th century -- Archival resources

Ephemera

Photographs

Printed ephemera

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Box 1, Folder 1  **Officer's Portrait**

Box 1, Folder 2  **Birthday Cards**

**Scope and Contents**

Birthday card from the officers of the First Battalion; birthday card from the First Company to the Major; birthday card from Staff I

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Box 1, Folder 3  **Christmas Party Invitation 1940**
**Scope and Contents**
Invitation addressed to the Captain (Hauptmann)

Box 1, Folder 4  **Schwere Brocken 1943-04-03**
**Scope and Contents**
German military newspaper featuring writings by soldiers

Box 1, Folder 5  **Handwritten Poem**
**Scope and Contents**
Poem featuring Captain (Hauptmann) Drill relating to the war experience

Box 1, Folder 6  **History of the Regiment (528th)**
**Scope and Contents**
Pamphlet regarding one of the infantry regiments that made up the 299th Infantry Division "from its founding in Ronneburg (Thur.) to its elimination from the II Batallion on 29 October 1940 in Flugeldorf (Upper Silesia)"; contains information about fallen members; describes the day-to-day actions of the regiment, including one entry that simply reads "Nothing to report"; includes photographs of the regiment members

Box 1, Folder 7  **Infantry Regiment 528 Chronicle 1940**
**Scope and Contents**
Book with a history of the 528th Infantry Regiment; a note tucked into the beginning of the book states that some of the contents, including the officer staffing and march table, are military secrets and that any who are not willing to take on the responsibility must return their books; begins with a tribute to the fallen members; contains photographs of troops, officers, prisoners, and scenery; contains maps