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Inventory of the Will McMasters Papers, 1942-1945, 2007

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Will McMasters papers
Date(s)	1942-1945,
Date(s)	2007
Creator:	McMasters, Will
Abstract:	The collection consists of photographs, booklets, and maps related to Will McMasters, a captain in the 56th Armored Engineers Battalion of the U.S. Army during World War II. Included are nine Holocaust atrocity photographs from Mauthausen concentration camp, in Austria.
Extent:	0.1 linear feet (2 folders, 1 oversize folder)
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Biographical Note

Will McMasters was a captain in B Company, 56th Armored Engineers Battalion, 11th Armored Division, of the U.S. Army during World War II. McMasters was part of a group present on May 6, 1945, the day Mauthausen concentration camp was liberated.

Collection Overview

The collection consists of photographs, booklets, and maps related to Will McMasters, a captain in the 56th Armored Engineers Battalion of the U.S. Army during World War II. Photographs are of McMasters and fellow soldiers in the field during World War II, mostly working on pontoon bridge construction. Also included are nine Holocaust atrocity photographs from Mauthausen concentration camp, in Austria.

Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

- McMasters, Will
- United States. Army
- United States. Army--Military construction operations
- Mauthausen (Concentration camp)

Subjects

- Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
- World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities

Places

- Mauthausen (Austria)

Types of Material

- Black-and-white photographs
- Booklets
- Maps

Administrative Information

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Inventory

Folder 1 Photographs, 1942-1945, undated

Folder 2 Booklets, 2007, undated

Booklets include "The Armored Engineers in Combat," undated, and the April 2007 newsletter of the 11th Armored Division Association.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 Oversize maps, 1945

(Flat storage)

Two U.S. Army maps of the area around Mauthausen concentration camp with after action reports.