Inventory of the Vernon Tott Papers, 1997-1998
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Descriptive Summary

Title: Vernon Tott papers

Date(s) 1997-1998

Creator: Tott, Vernon W.

Abstract: The collection consists of photocopies of correspondence, clippings, and a memoir about Ahlem concentration camp written by Vernon Tott, an American soldier with the 84th Infantry Division who participated in the liberation of the camp. The memoir contains photographs, correspondence, maps, recollections of both Tott and Benjamin Sieradzki, a survivor of Ahlem, and other materials relating to the camp and its survivors.

Extent: 0.25 linear feet (4 folders)

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Call Number: Mss 1065-039

Language of Material: Materials in English

Biographical Note

Vernon Tott (1924-2005) was an American soldier with the 84th Infantry Division during World War II. On April 10, 1945, Tott participated in the liberation of Ahlem concentration camp and took photographs of the camp and its survivors with a contraband camera. After his retirement, Tott began searching for the survivors he had photographed and prepared a memoir with the photographs he had taken to share with them. These efforts culminated in a 1998 reunion of 84th infantry members and Ahlem survivors.

Collection Overview

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Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.
Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include a 1999 oral history interview with Abraham Stern (1035-211), a survivor of Ahlem photographed by Tott.

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
Tott, Vernon W.
Sieradzki, Benjamin
United States. Army. Infantry Division, 84th
Ahlem (Concentration camp)

Subjects
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Germany
World War, 1939-1945--Regimental histories--United States

Places
Ahlem (Germany)

Types of Material
Clippings (information artifacts)
Correspondence
Memoirs
Photocopies

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Vernon Tott papers, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.
Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 1999 by Abraham Stern.

Processing Information

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### Inventory

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<th>Folder</th>
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| 1      | Correspondence, 1997-1998  
Photocopies of correspondence from survivors of Ahlem. |
| 2-3    | Ahlem Concentration Camp, undated  
Two photocopies of Vernon Tott's memoir about Ahlem concentration camp. |
| 4      | Clippings, 1998  
Photocopies of two newspaper clippings about the 1998 reunion of members of the 84th Infantry Division and survivors of Ahlem concentration camp. |