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Inventory of the Zig Boroughs Papers, 1984-2008

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Zig Boroughs papers
Date(s)	1984-2008
Creator:	Boroughs, Zig
Abstract:	The collection consists of correspondence, memoirs, and other papers of Zig Boroughs, an American soldier who served with the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment during World War II. Two memoirs are included: one written by Edith Jakobs, a Jewish native of Germany who was liberated by members of Boroughs's unit while in hiding in the Netherlands; the other by Werner "Tom" Angress, also a Jewish native of Germany, who enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as an interrogator with Boroughs's unit.
Extent:	0.25 linear feet (5 folders)
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Language of Material:	Materials in English and Dutch

Biographical Note

Ralph "Zig" Boroughs was inducted into the U.S. Army during World War II along with his entire class at The Citadel. He volunteered for the paratroopers and served with the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. After Boroughs completed parachute and demolition training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he arrived in England on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He participated in Operation Market Garden, an Allied military operation in the Netherlands and Germany. He also fought in the Battle of the Bulge and in the Ruhr Valley of Germany.

Boroughs was discharged in November 1945. After returning home, he earned master and doctorate degrees in science education and taught math and science at Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina.

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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

- Boroughs, Zig
- Jakobs, Edith
- Angress, Werner T.
- United States. Army. Parachute Infantry Regiment, 508th

Subjects

- Hidden children (Holocaust)
- Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
- Holocaust survivors--Germany
- World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
- World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives

Places

- Netherlands

Types of Material

- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Excerpts
- Memoirs
- Newspapers
- Poetry

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Zig Boroughs papers, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2005 by Ralph Boroughs.

Processing Information

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Inventory

Folder 1	Edith Jakobs's diary, 1984 Diary in Dutch.
Folder 2	Edith Jakobs's diary translation, 2008 English translation of diary created by Irene Selent of Greenville, South Carolina.
Folder 3	Correspondence, 1986-2005 Consists mostly of greeting cards and letters to Boroughs from the Jakobs family.
Folder 4	Werner "Tom" Angress memoir and correspondence, 1995-1999, undated Werner "Tom" Angress, a Jewish native of Germany, immigrated to the U.S. as part of an agricultural initiative in Virginia. After the farm on which he worked was sold in 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as an interrogator with the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment.
Folder 5	Miscellaneous, 1996, 2000, undated Includes excerpts from <i>The 508th Connection</i> and other writings by Boroughs, as well as newspaper clippings of interviews with Bert Jakobs. Also includes a DVD containing selected images from Edith Jakobs's diary.