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Inventory of the Mickey Dorsey Papers, 1944-1946, 1999

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Mickey Dorsey papers
Date(s)	1944-1946,
Date(s)	1999
Creator:	Dorsey, Mickey, 1925-
Abstract:	The collection consists of letters, photographs, negatives, and other papers of Mickey Dorsey, an American soldier with the 71st Infantry Division, who participated in the liberation of Gunskirchen Lager, a German concentration camp in Austria. Photographs and negatives taken by Joe Daurer, the photographer for Dorsey's unit, show victims and survivors in the camp.
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Biographical Note

Mason "Mickey" Dorsey was born on July 22, 1925, in Chester, South Carolina. He attended Clemson University on scholarship until his sophomore year, when he left to join the U.S. Army. Dorsey started basic training in February 1944 at Camp Blanding, Florida, then received additional communications training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Dorsey's unit, the 71st Infantry Division, arrived in France in February 1945. The division fought in France, Germany, and Austria, and on May 4, participated in the liberation of Gunskirchen Lager, a German concentration camp near Lambach, Austria. Photographs and negatives taken by the unit's photographer, Joe Daurer, were given to Dorsey by Daurer's widow Rosemary after his death.

After the war, Dorsey resumed his studies in textile engineering at Clemson University. He worked for companies in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Hazlehurst, Georgia, then returned to Charlotte and started his own company, Lubromation, Inc.

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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 2006 oral history interview with Mickey Dorsey (Mss 1035-037).

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

Dorsey, Mickey, 1925-
Daurer, Joe, 1909-1998
United States. Army. Infantry Division, 71st
Gunskirchen (Concentration camp)

Subjects

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
World War, 1939-1945--Regimental histories--United States--71st Division

Places

Gunskirchen (Austria)

Types of Material

Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white photographs
CDs
Digital images
DVDs
Letters (correspondence)
Memoirs
Photocopies

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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Processing Information

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Inventory

Folder 1 "War Letters, 1944-1946"

> Scrapbook containing letters written by Dorsey to his family.

Folder 2 "Gunskirchen Lager Concentration Camp," 1945, 1999, undated

> Scrapbook containing photographs of Gunskirchen concentration camp taken by Joe Daurer, the photographer in Dorsey's unit. Also contains a photocopy of *Surviving the Holocaust*, a memoir written by Judita Hruza, who was imprisoned in Gunskirchen.

Folder 3-6 Negatives, circa 1945

> Wartime negatives given to Dorsey by Rosemary Daurer, widow of Joe Daurer, the photographer for Dorsey's unit. Included are images of soldiers, civilians, street scenes, war damage, and Gunskirchen concentration camp.

Folder 7 Photocopies of war letters, 1944-1946

Folder 8 Miscellaneous, 1945, 1999, undated

> Includes three additional war letters, an additional copy of *Surviving the Holocaust*, and 71st Division commemorative materials on CD. Also includes digital images on DVD.