

# Inventory of the Robert E. Kingsley Photographs, 1942-1967

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# **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Robert E. Kingsley photographs

**Date(s)** 1942-1967

**Creator:** Kingsley, Robert E., 1921-1999

**Abstract:** The collection consists of approximately 90 photographs, 260 negatives,

and three scrapbooks of Robert E. Kingsley, a U.S. Air Force staff photographer, taken during World War II, the Korean War, the 1963 fire aboard the TSMS *Lakonia*, and at North and Shaw Air Force Bases in South Carolina. Also included are 16 Holocaust atrocity photographs taken

at Dachau and Mauthausen concentration camps.

**Extent:** 1.25 linear feet

(1 photograph album, 4 folders)

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**Language of Material:** Materials in English

# **Biographical Note**

Robert E. Kingsley joined the U.S. Army as a member of the 11th Armored Division during World War II. The division liberated Gusen and Mauthausen, two German concentration camps located in Austria.

After the war, Kingsley reentered the military and joined the Air Force. He served as an information office photographer and was stationed in Korea and South Carolina before retiring from the military in 1968.

#### Collection Overview

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# **Collection Arrangement**

Materials are described at the folder level.

# Restrictions

### **Access Restrictions**

This collection is open for research.

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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**

Kingsley, Robert E., 1921-1999 United States. Air Force United States. Army. Armored Division, 11th Dachau (Concentration camp) Mauthausen (Concentration camp) Lakonia (Motorship)

## **Subjects**

Concentration camps--Austria Concentration camps--Germany Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) Korean War, 1950-1953 World War, 1939-1945

### **Places**

Austria Korea (South) South Carolina

#### **Types of Material**

Black-and-white negatives Black-and-white photographs Magazines (periodicals) Photograph albums Scrapbooks

## **Administrative Information**

# **Preferred Citation**

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# **Acquisitions Information**

Materials were donated in 2009 by Rebecca Travis, Robert E. Kingsley's daughter.

# **Processing Information**

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# Inventory

## Photograph Album 1

#### Photographs and negatives, 1942-1964, undated

Approximately 90 black-and-white photographs and 260 black-and-white negatives show Kingsley and other members of the U.S. military during World War II, the Korean War, the 1964 rescue of people aboard the TSMS *Lakonia*, a Greek-owned cruise ship that caught fire and sank, and at North and Shaw Air Force Bases in South Carolina. Includes 16 Holocaust atrocity photographs taken at Dachau and Mauthausen concentration camps.

#### Scrapbook 1

## Scrapbook 1, 1953, undated

Includes black-and-white photographs from the Korean War showing damage to U.S. planes; crashes, fires, injured airmen, and bomb damage to buildings; and portraits of American and South Korean servicemen.

#### Scrapbook 2

#### Scrapbook 2, 1952-1967, undated

Includes black-and-white photographs from the Korean War showing pilots, airmen, and South Korean civilians; U.S ships, planes, and airfields; landscapes, street scenes, and bomb damage to buildings; a 1952 group photograph of Kingsley and other lab personnel; and performers at a Christmas 1952 USO show. Also includes papers related to Kingsley's 1963 promotion to an information office photographer and other Air Force training certificates.

#### Scrapbook 3

#### Scrapbook 3, undated

Includes black-and-white photographs from the Korean War showing Kimpo Air Base; planes, ships, and American barracks; bomb damage in cities and airfield construction; South Korean civilians; portraits of American pilots and airmen; and USO Camp Shows.

### Folder 1

## Life, 1964 January 3

January 3, 1964, issue of *Life* covering the fire aboard the TSMS *Lakonia*.