Military Records at the South Dakota State Archives – World War II

Collections

William Adney Collection, 1940s (H2009-063)

The collection consists of one scrapbook, mainly of photographs, and service records for William Adney. Adley was the only South Dakota member of General Douglas MacArthur's Honor Guard, stationed in Japan after World War II. William also served during the Korean War from 1950-1951 in the 25th Division of the 35th Regiment. The scrapbook includes snapshots taken in Japan of the Honor Guard members. There are also images taken in Korea, newspaper clippings and write-ups, along with currency from post-war Japan and Korea. Photographs of Honor Guard reunions are also included. (Box 03761 C, FB 648)

Don Allen Collection, ca 1940s (H2022-061)

This collection consists of three scrapbooks created by Don Allen of his service during World War II for the Psychological Warfare Branch - Office of War Information (PWB-OWI). The collection includes war propaganda photographs and leaflets created by both the Allies and Axis forces during the war. The three scrapbooks are identified as, "Dad's photos of North Africa and Italy from May 15, 1943, to November 1945," "German and Italian Photos of WWII Prints of Allied Propaganda from OWI-PWB Dad served with," and "Stars and Stripes newspapers from WWII and memo graph papers of ship Dad returned home on." (FB 763-764)

Terry Barge Collection, 1943-1945 (H2008-049)

This collection consists of one 19-page manuscript titled, "One Sailors' Experience Aboard the Battleship U.S.S. South Dakota, World War II." The manuscript explains the history of the last two years of the U.S.S. South Dakota in the Pacific during World War II. (Box 03647 C)

Barnhart Family Letters, ca 1942-1946 (H2009-093)

This collection consists of approximately 185 letters written by Leroy and Barney Barnhart to their mother, Mina Barnhart of Rapid City, during the war. (Box 03779 C)

John Boyd Family Photographs and Military Records, 1920-1990 (H96-022)

This collection consists of family photographs documenting three generations of the Boyd family. The majority of this collection documents the family's activities during the 1940s. John Boyd was a Rosebud Tribal member who lived at Butte Creek and Hidden Timber on the Rosebud Reservation. Several of his children moved to Seattle in the 1940s to work in World War II defense plants. (FB 177-178)

Pearl (Wood) Brannan Collection, 1918-1951 (H2008-035)

This collection includes scrapbooks, letters, photographs, and newspaper clippings documenting Pearl (Wood) Brannan's time with the Army Nurses Corps during World War II. Brannan was stationed at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and at Fort Richardson, Alaska. (Box 03636 C, FB 600)

Steve Cihak Letters, 1941-1946 (H2005-020)

Consists of 558 letters written by Steve A. Cihak to Mary Paul describing Cihak's military service, including day-to-day activities, basic training, deployment to North Africa and Italy, and events in South Dakota. Cihak was from the Tripp area and Mary was from Tyndall. After their marriage, they farmed southeast of Tripp. (Box 06654)

Crow Creek Veterans, undated

Microfilmed list of Crow Creek veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. (MF 1848)

Hugh Danforth World War II Letters, 1943-1945 (H2005-085)

Includes 232 letters sent by Hugh Danforth to his wife, Leora Danforth, during his military service. The Danforths were residents of the Pierre area. His letters describe his basic training, transportation to Europe, and time in Germany and France. (Box 08547)

Harold Deal Collection, 1941-1945 (H2008-083)

Collection consists of World War II era photographs taken and collected by Harold Deal. Deal entered the U.S. Army on June 21, 1941 and served in the Pacific theatre including Guadalcanal, Bismarck Archipelago, and Luzon. He was discharged on October 3, 1945, and was recalled to active during the Korean War. Most of the images document basic training at Camp Roberts in California. (Box 03713 C)

Doolittle Raiders Rapid City Reunion Recordings, 1978 (H93-101)

This collection consists of eight audiocassette tapes of interviews conducted by Steve Nelson for the American Legion Magazine at the Doolittle Raiders Reunion held in Rapid City in 1978. Persons interviewed include General James Doolittle, Henry Potter, Dick Cole, Father William J. Glynn, Richard Knobloch, Lt. Travis Hoover, and David Jones. (Box 09290 B)

Wayne L. Elston Collection, 1910s-1940s (H2012-104)

The collection consists of twenty-five photographs and one certificate belonging to Wayne Elston who served during World War II in the United States Army. The photographs date to the 1940s during the war. It is believed that Mr. Elston did not take these images but acquired them at some point. Included are seven photographs of the liberation of concentration camps in Germany. The photos show, in graphic detail, the deplorable and malnourished condition of the camp workers; including images of deceased workers. Also included are seventeen photographs of various World War II military scenes featuring: a military cemetery, dead soldiers, destroyed bridge and town scenes in Germany, tanks, soldiers in combat, and a downed Messerschmidt Me 262 Schwalbe (Swallow). The collection also contains a certificate honoring the memory of Wayne Elston and his service to the United States signed by President Barack Obama. (Box 04836 C)

John Harrison Evans Military Registration Cards, 1917, 1942 (H76-008)

Contains Evans's draft tickets for World War I and World War II. (Box 03564 A)

Harry L. Farnham Military Correspondence, 1942-1956 (H2006-082)

The collection consists of military correspondence of Harry Farnham. Farnham was a member of the United States Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II. Most of the correspondence concerns duty changes and also includes retirement and detachment from the Navy. The correspondence dates from 1942 to 1956. (Box 08555 B)

James Gordon Feldhaus Papers, 1942-1988 (H94-005)

Lt. Col. Feldhaus was a member of the American defense counsel team represented General Tomoyuki Yamashita during his war crimes trial in 1945. Yamashita was charged with violating the law of war by permitting his troops to commit atrocities while trying to recapture the Philippines. This collection contains files, letters, clippings, legal briefs, and military records. (Box 05717, MD 98)

Hazel Fletcher Photographs and Manuscripts, 1937-1986 (H90-103)

Fletcher operated the Green Door Brothel in Deadwood from the 1950s through 1908. This collection contains address books, correspondence, death records, marriage certificates, photographs and military records. The photographs are of various women who worked for Fletcher as well as a series of photographs taken in Alaska in the 1940s. The Alaska images include World War II Army Air Force facilities, airplanes, camp buildings, and military personnel. (Boxes 03976 A-C, FB 75)

Isabella Fox Photograph, 1943 (H89-059)

Consists of a photograph of Isabella Fox in her Women's Army Corps (WAC) uniform, taken in 1943. (Box 05516 A)

William G. Froelich World War II Documents and Photographs, 1942-1946 (H91-108)

This collection consists of copies of photographs and negatives, letters, Italian postcards, military pamphlets, war ration books, and a photocopy of discharge papers. William Froelich served as a radio operator with the Headquarters 350th Fighter Group in Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome Arno, and North Apennines. He was discharged in 1945. (FB 102)

Edgar Slaughter Gable Papers, 1941-1945 (H60-003)

1st Lt. Edgar Slaughter Gable was a prisoner of war of the Japanese at Cabanatuan, Philippine Islands, from 1942-1944. He was aboard a Japanese freighter when it was bombed and destroyed by U.S. forces. Gable secretly kept a diary during his imprisonment and buried it. One of the surviving prisoners returned after the war and unearthed the diary. This collection contains the diary, notes to Gladys Savary (his aunt), newspaper clippings, postcards, and photographs. (Box 03650 B)

Gerald Gaulke Photographs, 1941-1945 (H2004-037)

This collection contains digital scans and associated prints of 45 photographs taken during World War II. Subjects include Gerald Gaulke, aerial view of fighter planes, planes dropping bombs, and historic buildings in Europe. Gaulke was born in Vega, South Dakota, and lived most of his life in Gann Valley. (Box 07045 B, Digital Collections)

General Photo Collection - Military (P104)

Includes images of the canteen at the Milwaukee Depot in Aberdeen; 42nd Navy in uniform; Florence Tuma at the Black Hills Ordnance Depot, and 1st Lt. Marie L. Weaver from St. Lawrence receiving the Bronze Star.

General Photo Collection - Patriotic Photographs (P100)

Includes images of a newsboy selling defense saving stamps, billboard signs, and presentation of colors in Pierre.

Hollis E. Grieve World War II Materials, 1945-1960s (H2015-026)

This collection consists of letters and photographs sent by Hollis Grieve to his parents, Lawrence and Jennie Grieve of Wessington Springs, from June 1945 to September 1946. Grieve served with the U.S. Marine Corps in China towards the end of World War II. Most of the letters concern his time in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Also includes photographs of the Chinese cities of Tientsin [Tianjin] and Peiping [Beijing], Guam, and B-29 bombers. Grieve's Chinese translation booklet and military identification cards are also included. (Box 06484 A-B, Digital Collections)

Gross Family World War II Ration Books, ca 1940s (H2019-021)

Consists of World War II era ration books, booklets and stamps, and an accompanying folder about members of the Gross family of Woonsocket, South Dakota. (Box 09036 A)

Russ Halter Manuscripts, 2005 (H2006-003)

Includes two manuscripts written by Russ Halter in 2005. The first describes Russ's school days and early life on his family's farm near Flandreau, South Dakota. The second is titled "Memories of My Life in the Military Service, 1936-1946" and covers Russ's service in the U.S. Navy before and during World War II. Includes detailed accounts of military activities and ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres of war. (Box 07027)

Hanson Family Collection (H2012-103)

Consists of various items related to the children of Nels and Thea Hanson who lived near Seneca, South Dakota. Includes postcards from World War I and World War II, and military records for Lawrence Brown, who served with the 81st "Wildcat" Division of the U.S. Army during World War II. (Box 08535 E, FB 649, MD 116)

Herbert Heidepriem World War II Collection, 1941-1947, 2018 (H2018-006)

This collection consists of digitized letters, photographs, news clippings, maps, military records, and interviews concerning the service of Herbert Heidepriem in World War II. Heidepriem joined the United States Army Infantry in 1942 and was assigned to the 106th Infantry Division, 423rd Regimental Headquarters Company as a radio operator. He was shipped overseas in October 1944. His company was stationed at Buchet, Germany in December 1944 during the German army's Ardennes Offensive, more popularly known as the "Battle of the Bulge." Heidepriem and Eliot Annable, a fellow radio operator, hid out in the Ardennes Forest for five days before making contact with American forces. Heidepriem was wounded later in the war, spending several months of convalescence in England. He was discharged from the Army in March 1946. The bulk of the collection consists of World

War II era correspondence between Corporal Herbert Heidepriem and his friends and family. The collection also includes an oral history interview, from 2018, with Eliot Annable concerning his and Herbert's time during the Battle of the Bulge. Original materials were donated to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. (Digital Collections)

Leander A. Hogie Papers, 1931-1958 (H2003-053)

Hogie was the superintendent for Parkston School from 1942 to 1948. During this time he also supervised the distribution of ration booklets for the community during the war. This collection contains World War II ration booklets and ration deposit slips. (Box 03698)

Anna K. Holub World War II Rationing Scrapbook, 1942-1946 (H2002-039)

Mrs. Holub was employed by the Gregory County Local War Price and Rationing Office from 1942 to 1945. This scrapbook contains coupons, forms, supplies, a ration book, and letters. Of particular interest are the names of others who worked in the office, positions they held, and specific events that were noted on the covers of the scrapbook. (Box 06784)

Horthy Family Papers, 1922-1974 (H91-043)

Doctors Aladar and Klara Horthy worked in Germany for the International Relief Organization during World War II prior to immigrating to the United States. (FB 86)

Iwo Jima Photographs, 1945 (H91-104)

This collection consists of 64 photographs of Iwo Jima taken before, during, and after the Battle for Iwo Jima. The photos are arranged according to a picture index. (Box 05869 A)

Leslie Jensen Recording, 1944 (H74-041)

This is a 78-rpm recording made by Leslie Jensen while he was stationed with the U.S. Army in Australia during World War II. (FB 134)

Lt. Eric S. Jacobsen Letter, 1944 (H75-216)

Lt. Jacobsen wrote a short letter to his mother in 1944 describing the voyage to England and the beauty of the English countryside. (Box 03544 A)

Elmer Kasperson's Bombing Squadron 109 Records, 1941-1944 (H94-078)

Kasperson joined the U.S. Navy in 1930 and received awards for his bravery and service. He was reported missing in action in 1944. This collection contains a photocopy of Kasperson's flight log, a roster of enlisted personnel for Bombing Squadron 109, photographs, and a Pictorial Record of the Combat Duty of Bombing Squadron 109 in the Central Pacific from 1944. (Box 07032 A)

Albert E. Kosboth Collection, 1994 (H2005-016 and H2005-058)

Collection contains one audio CD of an interview with Albert E. Kosboth detailing some of his experiences while serving in the military during World War II, including basic training, transport to Europe, getting wounded by artillery in his left foot, working at a post office through the end of the war, and returning home with a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Includes a photo of Albert, his enlistment record, a program for his funeral service, and photocopies of a 16-page handwritten document about his experiences. (Box 06957 A, 06653)

JoAnn Kositzky Klein, WAVES Photographs and Manuals, 1944-1946 (H94-063)

Klein enlisted in WAVES in 1944 and received training at the Naval Training Station in New York and the aerographics training school in Lakehurst, New Jersey. She was transferred to the Naval Communications Annex in Washington, DC; Corpus Christie, TX; Annapolis, MD; and the NAMC Naval Base in Philadelphia, PA. She was an Aerographics Mate 2C at the end of her service. This collection consists of group photos, a 1944 Bluejacket's Manual, a short history of the U.S. Naval Training School, and a brochure of WAVES quarters in Washington, DC. (FB 127)

Leo Charlie Kleinsasser Military Records and Photographs, 1945-1990 (H2000-040)

Kleinsasser was a private in the 34th Infantry, Company D, stationed in Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan. This collection contains orders to report for preinduction physical examination, order to report for induction, honorable discharge certificate, enlistment record, and a photograph album. (Box 08533 B)

Mary Martin Diaries, 1943-1945 (H91-020)

Miss Mary Martin, a Pierre resident, created three diaries between 1943 and 1945. The diaries contain newspaper clippings and entries on World War II, as well as information about the weather and her daily activities. Most notable are the newspaper clippings on Winston Churchill. (Box 04010 B)

Gerald Martinmaas Collection, 1945-1946 (H2008-061)

This collection consists of two photo albums, a scrapbook, military records, and portrait photos collected by Gerald J. Martinmaas. Martinmaas served with Company H and later Company M of the 123rd Infantry in Japan as second cook in the unit mess. The photo albums were created while Gerald was in Japan in 1945 and 1946, and contain ephemera and snapshots of American servicemen in uniform at various locations throughout Japan. (Box 03647 C, FB 559)

Major Robert McMahon Collection, 1941-1942 (H2023-008)

Consists of a 43-page typed reminiscence concerning the World War II service of fighter pilot Robert F. McMahon. McMahon was assigned to the 21st Pursuit Squadron in the Philippines at the start of the war. His unit was diverted to Australia where he served in both the 21st and 39th Pursuit Squadrons until 1942. He received the Distinguished Service Cross while serving in Australia. The reminiscence covers this period in both Australia and New Guinea during World War II. McMahon returned to the United States, training new pilots at the Fourth Air Force Headquarters at March Field in California. In late 1944, McMahon embarked on a combat tour in Europe with the 19th Tactical Air Command. He was shot down, captured, and spent several weeks as a Prisoner of War. McMahon died on March 24, 2016, and is buried at the Black Hills National Cemetery. (Box 00881 B)

McPherson Family Papers, 1942-1967 (H91-081)

This collection consists of photographs, documents, and newspaper articles pertaining to Robert G. McPherson, Dennis McPherson, and Stuart McPherson's military activities. Items included in this collection are: a code of conduct card, pay record, newspaper accounts of

deaths, letter regarding posthumous awards, telegrams, certification of medals, list of Company C enlisted men, and a glossary of Australian terms. (Box 04543 A)

Military and Other Panoramic Photographs, 1885-1951 (H93-090)

This collection consists of panoramic photographs taken during World War I and the Spanish-American War. Also includes posters of U.S. Army Insignia, Decorations, and Medals from World War II. (MD 262-263)

Military Photographs, 1864-1953 (H97-055)

This is a large collection of military photographs, including several folders of World War II photographs and images of the U.S.S. South Dakota. (Box 06826, FB 333)

Miscellaneous Military Posters, 1942-1951

An open collection of military insignia, posters, and oversize materials dating from 1942 to 1951 (MD 263)

Moen Family Scrapbook, 1942 (H93-032)

Clara Moen Storley created this scrapbook, which consists of newspaper articles from the Webster area about the war. Storley's brother, Theodore Moen, entered the U.S. Army in 1942 and served with the 946 M.P. Battalion. (FB 119)

National World War II Glider Pilots Association Membership Roster, 1999 (H2016-029)

One booklet containing a membership roster for the National World War II Glider Pilots Association compiled in 1999. The eight members of the association from South Dakota are listed on page 31. The booklet also includes the organization's articles of incorporation, list of officers, wing areas, a history of combat gliders in World War II, reunion histories, and the memory list. (Box 06490 B)

Fred and Emma Nelson Correspondence, 1942-1945, 1990, 2012

The collection consists of letters sent between Fred Nelson and Emma Sittner during Fred's service in World War II. The collection is unique as it includes the letters not only sent by Fred, but also those written and sent by Emma. The letters date from 1942 to 1945. Fred and Emma were married on Christmas Day, 1943, in Lemmon, South Dakota. These letters present a day-by-day description of the activities and training of the men of the 7th Armored Division who later defeated the Nazi Army on the Western Front. They also give insight into Emma's life as a country schoolteacher at the Comstock School south of Thunder Hawk in northwestern South Dakota. Their son, Jim Nelson, had the letters transcribed in 2012. An introduction to the letters, written by Jim, was included with the letter transcripts. Within the transcripts are notes made by Jim concerning various events or individuals of which he was aware. The collection also includes an audio tape from Fred Nelson's funeral in 1990, transcripts of other Nelson family letters, and scans of Nelson family naturalization records from the National Archives. (Boxes 09071 A - 09072 B, 09292 A, Digital Collections)

Walter Nies Remains Identification, 1944, 2022 (H2023-007)

This collection contains digital materials compiled by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) concerning the identified remains of Staff Sergeant Walter Nies, who served

in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. On January 24, 1944, his B-17 crash landed in Albania, after returning from a bombing mission to Bulgaria. Staff Sergeant Nies was a tail gunner, and this was his 37th mission. He was listed as Missing in Action until March 8, 1944, when it was determined he was a Prisoner of War at Stalag Luft VI, located in present-day Lithuania. Nies was shot and killed by a guard on May 28, 1944, and was buried near the camp. The DPAA announced on August 2, 2022, that Walter Nies's remains were accounted for and returned to the United States for burial. (Digital Collections)

Roy and Edith Norman Collection, 1880s-2000s (H2008-101)

This collection consists of information relating to the Norman, Fackelman, Stoeser, and Wiseman families in Stanley County, South Dakota. Includes World War II letters and ration stamps. (Box 08619)

Official Lineage and Battle Honors Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 147th Field Artillery Group and 643rd Field Artillery Battalion

Includes organization dates, reorganization dates, muster and demobilization dates, location of home station, and campaign streamers. (MF 1848)

John Edward Pfeiffer Collection, 1969-1972 (H75-246)

The majority of this collection pertains to Pfeiffer's interest in the history of the German-Russians in South Dakota. There is also a 25-page account of Pfeiffer's experiences with the 16th Armored Division in Europe during World War II. (Box 03545 A)

Lilian Pfitzer Collection, ca 1940s, ca 1980s-1990s (H2022-034)

The collection consists of scans from newspaper scrapbooks collected and compiled by Lilian Pfitzer of Java (S.D.). Lilian's husband, C. J. Pfitzer, served in the Pacific during World War II with the 147th Field Artillery. Most of the clippings originated with either the Aberdeen American News or the Java Herald. Of note are the news clippings concerning soldiers from the Java (S.D.) area. The clippings include the soldier's name, usually their parents, family or spouse, and their branch of military service, location and rank. Along with general service information, the news clippings include those who were missing in action, prisoners of war, or those killed in action. While most of the content deals with World War II in the 1940s, there are other clippings concerning World War II from the 1980s and 1990s. Other subjects found within the scrapbooks are local Aberdeen and Java World War II information, South Dakota news during World War II, Adolph Hitler, Hitler's fake diaries, Dr. Joseph Mengele, Rudolf Hess, Ernie Pyle, the development, use and aftermath of the atomic bomb, Pearl Harbor, and the Holocaust. (Box 00251 B, Digital Collections)

Photograph of Troop C, 4th Cavalry, 1941 (H91-114)

Consists of a negative and photocopies of the original print for a photograph of Troop C, 4th Cavalry, in uniform at Fort Meade taken in July 1941. The name and rank of the soldiers pictured is listed on the reverse of the photo. (Box 05483 B)

Pete C. Roberts World War II Letters, 1943 (H2016-016)

This collection consists of two letters, one typed with its original envelope and one photocopied, that were written by Private Pete C. Roberts, sent to Art and Ethel Ramsell of

rural Beadle County, near Huron, South Dakota. The letters are dated August 31st, and October 3rd, 1943. They were written from London where Roberts was stationed, and compare living in London to living in South Dakota. (Box 06490 B)

Harold H. Schuler Papers, 1989-1992 (H95-010)

This collection includes 86 photographs of Camp Rapid collected by Schuler who used them to write the book Camp Rapid, Home of the South Dakota National Guard in 1995. Camp Rapid was created in 1932 and was the training area for the South Dakota National Guard. (Box 05976)

Kenneth Scurr Papers, 1940s (H97-016)

Col. Scurr's collection consists primarily of World War II items including newspaper clippings, ration coupons, letters, and musical concert programs. See also H97-055 for photographs of Scurr's involvement in the Korean War. (Box 06636 B)

Selective Service Historical Report for South Dakota, 1947 (H75-155)

A report submitted by Edward A. Beckwith, state director of the South Dakota Selective Service, to Lewis B. Hershey, director of the U.S. Selective Service, on March 31, 1947. The report is a record of the operations of the Selective Service in South Dakota from 1940 to 1947. (Box 03543 A)

Joseph J. Selzler Collection, 1944-1946 (H2008-075)

This collection consists of black and white photographs taken by Joseph Selzler while he was stationed in Japan after the end of World War II. Images show soldiers, Japanese civilians and buildings, Army equipment, barracks, airplanes, scenery, and a military funeral. Selzler served as a carpenter with the 43rd Engineer Construction Battalion. They were first sent to Okinawa to help rebuild an airbase and were some of the first soldiers sent to Japan. (Box 03647 C)

Leland E. Seth Photo Album, ca 1942-1943 (H2010-082)

This photo album was created by Leland E. Seth during his military service in World War II in the Pacific theatre. Specifically, the images were taken during his service at the Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands) from 1942 to 1943. Subjects include military scenes, equipment, and operations; soldiers, natives, camp life, dead Japanese soldiers, and prisoners of war. (FB 430)

Daniel Shelbourn World War II Reminiscence, 2004 (H2016-030)

A 10-page reminiscence written by Daniel Shelbourne in February 2004 about his service during World War II. Begins with his basic training at Fort Snelling and Fort Riley in 1945. In February 1946, Shelbourn was transported to Europe and served in post-war Germany at the town of Bremerhaven. He would later be stationed at Bremen, Germany, before his discharge on November 17, 1946, as a corporal. (Box 06490 B)

Millie Stombaugh Sherburne Scrapbook, 1940-1945 (H74-061)

Verlin E. Sherburne entered the U.S. Army in 1940. His mother kept a scrapbook for him while he was in the war. The scrapbook mostly contains information about the 147th Field Artillery. (FB 26)

Verlin E. Sherburne Diaries, 1941-1943 (H82-048)

Sherburne was a member of the Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion of the 147th Field Artillery Regiment. This collection consists of three diaries detailing Sherburne's involvement in World War II. The diaries start with November 1941 as the 147th left San Francisco for Australia, and end in 1943. (Box 03594 B, FB 26)

Shober Family Papers, 1941-1945 (H93-093)

This collection contains concert programs, newspaper clippings, and photographs of the Shober family, particularly Bessie Stackpole Shober. The collection of concert programs contains a World War II era air raid poem. (Box 05778)

"Sioux Code Talkers" Parade Float, 2001 (H2013-072)

Four photographs taken by Ruby Kosters during the World War II Memorial parade held in Pierre in September 2001. Two of the images feature George LaPlant, a veteran of World War II, on horseback during the parade. The other two images show the "Sioux Code Talkers" float from the parade. (Box 01088 B)

Robert Sohrt Oral History Interview, 2007 (H2011-007)

A DVD containing an oral history interview with Robert Sohrt about his service during World War II. Sohrt enlisted with the U.S. Marines at Rapid City in 1943. He served in the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific theatre. Sohrt discusses basic training in San Diego and other activities during his enlistment, and his involvement in the Battle of Peleliu campaign from September to November 1944. He was injured on October 18, 1944 and returned to the United States for the remainder of the war. The interview was conducted by Christin Seifert for the Montana Veterans History Project and Montana Public Broadcasting. (Box 03749 D)

Solomon Island Photographs, 1943 (H98-045)

This collection contains a variety of photographs of the Solomon Islands, American planes and buildings at Sansapor, and island landscapes taken during the war. (Box 06861 B)

James R. Sorenson Journals, 1917-1945 (H2004-011)

Sorenson, a South Dakota native, served in World War I and World War II. This collection contains copies of the journals he kept during his tours, combined with related photographs. (Box 03374 B)

South Dakota Adjutant General, Annual and Biennial Reports, 1887-1982

Published reports submitted by the Adjutant General in 1887-1889, 1892-1894, 1898-1908, 1910-1912, 1914-1968, and 1979-1982. (Boxes 03657 A, 07182 B, 07187 C, 07221 B, 07228 A, 07253 B)

South Dakota Dept. of History, World War II Personnel Cards, 1941-1945 (H84-052)

A set of microfilmed index cards of World War II servicemen and women that are organized alphabetically by last name and include the name, age, sex, race, address, education, birthplace, name and address of father and mother, present military address, branch of service, and rank. (MF 1790-1793)

South Dakota Dept. of Veterans, Annual and Biennial Reports, 1944-1955, 1965-1979

Contains the annual and biennial reports submitted by the South Dakota Dept. of Veterans. (Box 07221 C, 07228 A)

South Dakota Dept. of Veterans, Veterans Bonus Board Meeting Minutes, 1949-1954 (H73-003)

Contains meeting minutes for the State Veterans Bonus Board from 1949 to 1954. (Box 03350 A)

South Dakota Dept. of Veterans, Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes, 1944-1977, 1997-2010

Contains meeting minutes for the South Dakota Veterans Commission from 1944 to 1977 and 1997 to 2010. (Box 01378, 02186 B, 04961 C, 04957 B)

South Dakota Dept. of Veterans, Igloo Magazine, 1943-1947

Contains the June 18, 1943 and February 14, 1947 issues of Igloo Magazine, published by the South Dakota Dept. of Veterans. (Box 07187 C)

South Dakota National Guard Papers, 1885-1995 (H74-028)

Includes reports from the Adjutant General, orders, discharges, correspondence, unit histories, pamphlets, and bulletins. Also includes records used by the South Dakota World War II History Commission to write a history of South Dakota in the war. (Boxes 03657 A - 03672, 07033 A - 07034 B; FB 57-58; MD 67, MD 106)

South Dakota National Guard Papers - 147th Field Artillery, 1941-1945, 1989 (H90-113)

This collection contains excerpts from the diary of Carl Bangert, Battery F of the 147th Field Artillery; excerpts from the Bill Daly collection; and a paper written by Robert G. Webb. (Box 03998 B)

South Dakota State Soldiers Home, Annual and Biennial Reports, 1891-1954

The annual reports submitted by the State Soldiers Home to the legislature from 1891 to 1954. (Boxes 07226 B and 07211 C)

South Dakota State Soldiers Home, Correspondence, 1917-1937 (84-075)

Collection of letters sent and received by the State Soldiers Home from 1917 to 1937. (Boxes 02107-02108)

South Dakota State Soldiers Home, Minutes, 1889-1955 (84-074)

These volumes contain the official meeting minutes of the State Soldiers Home Commission from June 1889 to February 1955, and include the names of commission members, motions, resolutions, reports of activities, and expenses. (V 1849-1853)

South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars Publications, 1944-1955 (H82-021)

Includes copies of The Veteran News (November 1944 to December 1945) and South Dakota Overseas Veterans (April 1950 - March 1955). (Box 03591 A, FB 483)

South Dakota World War II History Commission, Military Unit Histories

Includes histories of the various military units involving South Dakota troops during World War II. Includes a panoramic photo of the 109th Engineers. (Box 01357, MD 262)

South Dakota World War II History Commission, Records, 1945-1949 (H82-052)

The World War II History Commission was created in 1945 shortly after the war. The purpose of the commission was to write and publish the history of South Dakota's part in World War II. This collection includes the files of the commission, material on the military units of South Dakota, records of the South Dakota Red Cross and USO, war dead, medal winners, and war legislation. The collection is organized to correspond with the published volume. (Boxes 03596-03599 A, MD 64)

South Dakota World War II History Commission, Roster Rolls, circa 1950s (2016-083) (RESTRICTED)

This series contains pages 601 through 631 of a World War II roster roll, presumably assembled by the South Dakota World War II History Commission. The roster roll contains the name of the serviceman, their serial number, their rank, their military branch, their town or county, their war service dates, their foreign service dates, their theatre of action, the date and place of any wounds, and any decorations. The list is organized alphabetically by surname, with a range of surnames starting with LO to those starting with MAT. (FB 728)

South Dakota World War II History Commission, Veterans' Service Records, 1942-1950 (76-063) (RESTRICTED)

Contains confidential copies of individual service records collected by the World War II History Commission after the war. Grouped by county. (Boxes 02556-02570, MF Vault)

Jack Spargur Photographs, 1943 (H90-030)

This collection consists of four prints of soldiers wearing the "Ike" jacket. (Box 05516 B)

Ernest Stephens Photographs and Scrapbooks, 1910-1936 (H93-023)

This collection contains materials collected by Ernest Stephens, an attorney from the Pierre area. Includes miscellaneous World War II materials along with photographs of people and communities in Stanley, Haakon, and Jones Counties. (Box 05682 C)

Claudia Thomson Collection, 1890-1958 (H98-041)

This collection consists of scrapbooks, letters, photographs, and papers that belonged to Claudia Thomson. Of particular interest is a manuscript written by Tomson describing a northern European tour in 1934 in which she describes attitudes regarding Adolf Hitler and the political climate. (Box 06885)

Frank Tyrrell Collection, 1944-1945 (H2007-087)

Frank Tyrrell entered the U.S. Army in March 1942 and served in the European theatre of World War II, participating in five major battles. He was decorated with the ETO ribbon with five battle stars, combat infantry badge, Presidential Unit citation, and Bronze star with oak

leaf cluster. The collection includes photocopies of Tyrrell's obituary, a photo of him in uniform, a Welcome Dance invitation (April 1944), and two Western Union telegrams (November 1945). Also included are eighteen transcribed letters dating from April 1944 to October 1945. Some of the letters are addressed to Tyrrell's family in Bancroft, South Dakota. (Box 03624 C)

U.S. Fifth Army Publications (H2004-028)

This collection consists of materials relating to the actions of the U.S. Fifth Army in World War II. The collection is composed of army publications which related the actions of the Fifth Army in the Mediterranean Theater during World War II. Among the military publications included in the collection are:

- Fifth Army History (Vol. I, II, and III)
- The Winter Line
- To Bizerte with the II Corps
- Road to Rome
- Volturno
- Salerno
- Mission Accomplished: Africa, Sicily, Italy
- Finito!: The Po Valley Campaign
- The Advance on Rome
- Engineer History, Mediterranean Theater: Fifth Army (Vol. I, II, III, IV, and Appendices)
- Bridging Operations: Italy

U.S. Navy War Photo Booklet, 1941-1945 (H2007-088)

The collection consists of one booklet titled "U.S. Navy War Photographs: Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Harbor." The book contains 108 numbered pages, mostly consisting of images of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre during World War II from December 1941 to September 1945. The images are from the collections of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard photographs. The images were compiled by Captain Edward Steichen, USNR, and published by U.S. Camera, New York. (FB 399)

USO Servicemen's Committee of Pierre Records, 1942-1945 (H74-060)

This collection consists of incorporation records, bylaws, lists of members, minutes of meetings, and other papers. This group was the official representative of the USO in Pierre. (Box 03451 B)

U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Records, 1930-1979 (H84-042)

This collection contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, a description of the ship, and reunion information. (Box 03617 A)

U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Scrapbook, 1941-1969 (H84-037)

Genevieve Trask kept a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, invitations, and correspondence about the U.S.S. South Dakota. Genevieve and her husband donated the bottle of champagne that christened the battleship. (FB 90)

U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Transcription of the Launch, 1941 (H75-244)

This collection consists of two phonograph recordings of Mrs. Harlan J. Bushfield's christening of the U.S. battleship at the Navy yard in New Jersey on June 7, 1942. (Box 09384)

Lt. Commander John C. Waldron Citation, 1942 (H75-217)

Lt. Commander Waldron of Fort Pierre received the Navy Cross for leading the attack of Torpedo Squadron Eight against the Japanese during the Battle of Midway in 1942. He was killed in the action. This is a copy of the original citation. (Box 03544 A)

James C. Walton, Sr. Photo Albums, ca 1930s-1940s (H2014-035)

This collection consists of two photo albums of images taken and collected during World War II by James C. Walton, Sr. Walton enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941 at Fort Snelling and served in the South Pacific during World War II, specifically in New Guinea, receiving an honorable discharge in 1945. (FB 675)

Watertown Airbase Reminiscences, 1942-1946 (H2007-090)

This collection consists of reminiscences from Worley "Red" Johnson and E. C. "Skinny" Krull that include information about the history of the Watertown Airbase in Watertown, South Dakota. Also includes an index of newspaper stories about the history of aviation in South Dakota from various newspapers and a map of the airbase. The airbase was in operation from 1942 to 1946. (Box 03624 C)

WAVES Reunion Photographs, 1948 (H88-094)

This collection consists of six photographs taken during the first WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) reunion held in San Francisco in 1948. (Box 05719)

Wyman and Claire (Berthiaume) Whitney Collection, ca 1920s-1950s (H2011-115)

The collection consists of materials from Wyman and Claire (Berthiaume) Whitney. Wyman entered ROTC training during dental school and entered World War II in 1944 and later served in the Korean War being discharged in 1953. He married Claire (Berthiaume) Whitney on December 7, 1952 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Claire (Berthiaume) Whitney served as a nurse in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. She reenlisted during the Korean War and served out her military career at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where she met her husband. The collection mainly includes materials from both Wyman and Claire's military service during World War II. (Boxes 08535 C, 09003 A - 09005, FB 553, MD 118)

Glen Wohler Papers, 1942-1944 (H92-065)

Wohler was prisoner of the Japanese during World War II. He died when the prison ship he was on was bombed and sunk by U.S. forces. This collection contains letters written from Wohler to his mother, a list of Codington County residents who died in World War II, an introduction to the letters, and a newspaper clipping on Wohler's death. (Box 05495 A)

World War II Ration Books, 1941-1945 (H99-134)

This collection consists of thirteen ration books that were issued to the King family of Pierre, South Dakota. (Box 07018 B)

World War II Ration Stamps, 1941-1945 (H2005-033)

This collection contains information pertaining to rationing. Included are: ration stamps, booklets, coupon sheets, registration papers, price lists for good, and plans for mileage rationing. (Box 06653)

World War II Ration Stamps, Booklets, and Leather Wallets, 1941-1945 (H2005-036)

Includes two ration wallets containing stamps and booklets. Both belonged to citizens from the Mitchell area. (Box 06957 B)

World War II Scrapbook, 1942-1943 (H96-071)

The scrapbook contains newspaper articles about the war. Also included in the collection are three publications: United Nations War Atlas, Teacher's Handbook of War Maps, and America in World War II. (FB 424)

World War II Veterans Bonus Records, 1949-1953 (89-166) (RESTRICTED)

This collection contains confidential information on the veterans of World War II, including applications for veterans' bonuses and discharge papers. (Boxes 04518 C - 04524 C)

World War II Veterans Roster, A-L, 1950 (89-167) (RESTRICTED)

Consists of a partial list of World War II veterans arranged alphabetically by surname. Includes their name, serial number, rank, branch of service, town or county of residence, war service dates, foreign service dates, theatre of action, date and place where veteran was wounded, and types of decorations. (FB 94)

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