

MS-521: John C. Beason Papers

Collection Number: MS-521

Title: John C. Beason Papers

Dates: 1940-2016; bulk 1940-1945

Creator: Beason, John C., 1914-2016

Summary/Abstract:

The collection consists primarily of materials pertaining to Beason's service during World War II in the Western Pacific, including several photographs, a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, and rosters of personnel who also served in the 37th Division Artillery from the group's reunions. Copies of sketches by Edward J. Dollriebs of the Western Pacific are also included.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet

Language(s): English, Japanese, Spanish

Repository:

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives by Evan Mason, John Beason's great-great nephew, on July 8, 2016, after John Beason's death in February 2016.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries website at: <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms521.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at: <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Related Material:

MS-63: Frederic Earl Ford Collection
MS-237: Jack Savage Papers
MS-342: Charles A. Kline Papers

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Arrangement:

Series I: World War II
Series II: Later Life
Series III: Edward J. Dollriehs Drawings

Biographical Note:

John C. Beason was born in Xenia, Ohio, on December 26, 1914, and graduated Xenia (OH) Central High School in 1933. He joined the Ohio National Guard in September 1940, enlisted in the Army and served in the 37th Division Artillery in the Western Pacific during World War II. He was honorably discharged in October 1945. Beason married Helen McKenzie Beason on December 1, 1945. He held several jobs in his life, but enjoyed farming the most. He died on February 21, 2016, in Xenia, Ohio.

Scope and Content Note:

Series I, World War II, is the largest portion of the John C. Beason Papers. It includes a pictorial history of the 37th Division of the U.S. Army, which has the names, photographs, and job responsibilities of many of the positions in the division. It also includes a scrapbook of newspapers clippings from the World War II era and many photographs and postcards from John's time in the Western Pacific. The Japanese script in this series includes Japanese and Spanish languages.

Series II, Later Life, contains an invitation for John's 100th birthday celebration and a newspaper article on his life, as well as his obituary, visitation card and church program from his funeral.

Series III, Edward J. Dollriehs Drawings, contains 50 reproductions of drawings by the artist of Western Pacific village scenes, some depicting war damage and wreckage, and some local people. Dollriehs (1917-1991) was a member of the 37th Division, as was Beason. Dollriehs' civilian occupation was listed as commercial artist.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Beason, John C., 1914-2016
Dollriehs, Edward J., 1917-1991

Organizations/Corporate Bodies

United States. Army. Infantry Regiment, 37th

Subjects (General)

World War, 1939-1945 -- Veterans

Material Types

Clippings (information artifacts)

Photographs

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
Series I: World War II			1940-1945, 1965-2005, undated
1	1	Pictorial History 37th Division U.S. Army	1940-1941
1	2	Scrapbook	Circa 1940-1945
1	3	Newspaper clippings	1944, undated
1	4	Photographic portrait of John Beason	Circa 1940-1941
1	5	Photographs of the Western Pacific	Circa 1942-1945
1	6	Photographs from unknown location	Undated
1	7	Postcards from the Western Pacific	Circa 1942-1945
1	8	V-Mail from John Beason to Emily Beason	Circa 1943
1	9	Invitation to commissioning ceremony	1942 Dec 13
1	10	John Beason's discharge record	1945 Oct 8
1	11	John Beason's identification tag, AKA "dog tag"	Undated
1	12	Japanese script issued in the Philippines	Undated
1	13	Trusted Shellback award	Undated
1	14	Correspondence, rosters and photographs from 37 th Division Reunions	1965-1982, undated
1	15	Correspondence regarding awards earned in WWII	2004 Dec 15-2005 Jan 4
Series II: Later Life			2014, 2016
1	16	John Beason's 100 th birthday announcement	2014
1	17	John Beason's obituary	2016
Series III: Edward J. Dollriehs Drawings			Undated
1	18	Copies of Western Pacific sketches	Undated