

George Richter World War II Scrapbook

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1 Volume in a box, 2 linear feet

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Abstract:

This scrapbook contains collection of newspaper clippings and other paraphernalia depicting the events of World War II, the Korean War, and the emergence of the state of Israel from the perspective of a automobile mechanic and a gas station owner George Richter, Ridgewood, NJ.

Creator:

George Richter

Title:

George Richter World War II Scrapbook

Inclusive Dates:

1944-1951

Quantity/Extent:

1 Volume in a box, 2 linear feet

Language:

Collection materials are in English.

Repository:

Lehigh University, Linderman Library, Special Collections

Historical / Biographical Note:

George Richter of Ridgewood, NJ owned and operated "Tydol Service Station" in Ridgewood, NJ. He was never enlisted in the war.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

A collection of newspaper clippings and other documents assembled by the automobile mechanic George Richter of Ridgewood, NJ. The materials depict the detailed events of World War II, the Korean War, and the emergence of the state of modern Israel. The scrapbook also includes personal and other ephemera from George Richter such as gas ration stamps and membership cards.

The newspaper articles are pasted chronologically. The scrapbook is in poor condition and its dimensions are 11.75 x 15.5 inches and it is about 150 leaves.

Arrangement of the Collection:

Material is arranged chronologically.

Related Materials:

Russel Gackenbach World War II Collections

RESTRICTIONS**Access Restrictions:**

Collection housed remotely. Users need to contact 24 hours in advance.

Use Restrictions:

Collection is open for research.

Copyright Notice:

Please inquire about copyright information.

SUBJECT HEADINGS / INDEXING TERMS**Personal Names:**

Richter, George

Corporate Names:

United States Army

Family Names:

Richter Family

Place Names:

Europe

Germany

France

Japan

United States

Ridgewood, NJ

Subjects:

World War II
Korean War
Israel

Genre and Forms:

Scrapbooks

Occupations:

Auto mechanics
Soldiers

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred citation:

[Identification of item], George Richter World War II Scrapbook, L 378 V R535
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Acquisition Information:

Donated by Martin Richter, Lehigh University professor emeritus and son of
George Richter, on February 20, 2014. Martin Richter is the son of George
Richter.

FINDING AID INFORMATION

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INVENTORY / DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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The following descriptions are only for the selected items:

1944 August 14 (p.17) Newspaper article details the invasion of southern France
by the Allies (American, British, and French forces) by sea and air against the
German troops

1944 August 20 (p.20) General Patton seizes control of Paris, France from the Germans, who, believing the American troops already occupied the city, abandoned the city without a fight

1944 August 23 (p.21) Finally, after four and a half years under the German control, Paris is freed

1944 September 15 (p.36) American invasion of the island Palau in Japan by MacArthur and his troops

1945 January (p.57) Local resident of Ridgewood, NJ is wounded in battle

1945 March 26 (p.76) General Patton's troops are forty miles beyond the Rhine in Germany

1945 April 5 (p.82) Russia end the five-year Russo-Japanese neutrality pact with Japan. Speculation regarding Russia's involvement in the Pacific War arises.

1945 April 7 (p.83) Written in the American perspective, the War Review of the Week extols the Allies' progress against the Axis powers. A political cartoon titled "The Axis seams are coming apart" depicts the flags of the Allies nations on a boot kicking the ripped trousers of the Axis powers

1945 April 9 (p.84) The U.S. 1st Army discovers a Nazi "murder factory" in Germany, which has extinguished the lives of approximately 20,000 political prisoners, Jews, and slave-laborers

1945 April 11 (p.88) An estimated 5 million Jews are thought to have been gassed and cremated in the Nazi extermination camp Auschwitz. A man named Fabian offers a detailed account of the horrors experienced and his great fortune for still living

1945 April (p.91) The nation mourns the death of their dear president FDR

1945 April 12 (p. 93) Truman becomes the 32nd president when he takes his oath of office

1945 May 1 (p.110) Henry J. Taylor, a world-telegram special writer, describes those 40,000 living in the Belsch Concentration Camp of Germany as the "walking dead" who were tortured, starving, and insane.

1945 May 1 (p.111) Hitler dies but the cause is unknown at the time. Described as "history's arch-aggressor and most universally hated man of all times," Hitler is thought to have been assassinated by a Nazi clique.

1945 May (p.112) Photos of the German concentration camps depict the atrocities that occurred. Heaps of emaciated human bodies are prepared for burial in the mass graves.

1945 May 4 (p.115) German armies in northwestern Germany, Denmark, Holland, Helgoland, and the Frisian Islands have surrendered unconditionally.

1945 May 8 (p.118) VE Day is celebrated.

1945 May 15 (p.123) Goebbels and his family commit suicide.

1945 August 6 (p.137) The atomic bomb, considered a great scientific achievement, is dropped on Hiroshima, causing vast damage to the Japanese.

1945 August 9 (p.139) A B-29 drops the second atom bomb on Nagasaki

1945 August 14 (p.150) Japan officially surrenders

1945 August 15 (p.152) Newspaper article explains the rations on gas. Gas ration stamps included.

1945 August (p.153-154) A detailed visual map of Japan's short lived empire is included

1945 November 23 (p.190) The rationing of meat and butter ends, but sugar is still restricted

1946 February 10 (p. 195) An advertisement publicizes new tires available at George Richter's Tydol Service Station

1946 October 1 (p.212) The Nuremburg Trials sentence Nazi war criminals to hang.

1947 January 30 (p.255) Mohandas K. Gandhi is shot by one of the Hindus he led to independence

1948 (p.295) Truman is re-elected to the presidency

1950 July 5 (p.319) The United States launches military action in Korea