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Collection Information

Abstract: Russ Baptist Papers consist of two personal narratives concerning Baptist's experiences as a prisoner of war of the German Army during World War II.

Finding Aid: Finding Aid in print form available at the Worcester Historical Museum Library and Archives.

Preferred Citation: Worcester Historical Museum Archives, 30 Elm Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance: Donated by Russ Baptist, 707 Drexler Street, Syracuse, N.Y.

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World War, 1939-1945 – Personal narratives.

World War, 1939-1945 – Prisoners and prisons, German.

United States. Army. 34 Infantry, 133rd Regiment.

Prisoners of war, American – Germany.

Baptist, Russ.

Biographical Information

Russ Baptist was a Worcester resident who entered military service during World War II with the 133rd Reg't., 34th Infantry, and served in the European Theater of War. He first saw action in April, 1944. Late in 1944 he and some 78 members of his unit were captured by the German Army, and transferred to Stalag VII-A near Munich. He was liberated by the Allies in April 1945.

Scope and Content

The Russ Baptist Papers consist of two personal narratives written by Mr. Baptist about his experiences as a prisoner of war of the German Army during the period from late 1944 until liberation of Europe in 1945. Included are his capture and the immediate events beforehand, daily life of prisoners of war, and events just prior to liberation. Included with the narratives is a map of the region of Germany near Munich and the prisoner of war camp.

Series Description

Series 1. Personal narratives as a German prisoner of war, 1944-1945. Includes two typescripts covering late 1944 to early 1945, and April 1945 to liberation in May, 1945. Also includes a map of Germany with locations annotated.

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Series 1, Personal Narratives

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1998.152.1.1a-e	“From Dogface to POW.” Personal narrative of Russ Baptist’s capture by the German Army in late 1944, and internment in prisoner of war camp Stalag VII-A near Munich. Typescript. 5 p.
1	2	1998.152.1.2a-g	“POW’s on the move.” Personal narrative continued, as prisoners moved from Stalag VII-A prior to liberation, and final liberation and surrender of German unit. Typescript. 7 p.
1	2	1998.152.1.3	Map. Munich, Germany and surrounding area.