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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 264 JETT, Oswald G., 1917-2003

½ box. 5 folders. 9 items. Typescript and photocopies. 1988-2003

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Oswald Jett was born 28 January 1917 in Pellville, Hancock County, Kentucky. He enlisted in the army almost a year before the United States entered World War II, subsequently spending 38 months overseas in Ireland, England, North Africa and Italy with the 1st Armored Division. After the war he received a B.S. degree from the University of Kentucky and went to work for the U.S. Post Office, retiring in 1977 as auditor-reporter for the Lexington Postal Sectional Center, Lexington, Kentucky. He and his wife Marie had four children. He was a member of Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church. He died 19 February 2003 and is buried in the city's Hillcrest Memorial Park.

COLLECTION

This collection consists primarily of Oswald Jett's unpublished 1988 memoir "As I Saw the War." He based this manuscript on the almost day-to-day diary he kept during his military service overseas from May 1942 to July 1945. He relates his experiences as a member of a litter platoon and as an ambulance driver with the 47th Armored Medical Battalion, 1st Armored Division, in North Africa and Italy. He describes the towns and terrain he passed through, the native people he met, and the daily routines of a non-combat unit. He also writes of his training in the United States and Great Britain before the landing in North Africa. The manuscript contains an index, maps of military engagements in North Africa and Italy, photographs, and some of the author's sketches. Also included in the collection are a copy of a magazine article written by Jett in 1997, his obituary, and photographs of him in his military uniform.

SHELF LIST

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Folder 2	Magazine article, obituary, photographs	1997-2003	5 items
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Folder 5	Unpublished manuscript "As I Saw the War"	1988	1 item (p. 401-[692])

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