

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series III. Korean War series, 1950-2011, .5 cu. ft.

Series Abstract/Description:

Materials include letters, photographs, oral interviews and transcripts, military records, excerpts from scrapbooks, and one videocassette. These materials include some photocopies. Contents are also useful for examination of the Cold War era, as not all individuals who participated in this project served in the country of Korea during active hostilities.

The most extensive materials (as of January 2008) within the Korean War portion of the Veterans History Project Collection include letters sent home almost every day from Jack Davis, who served with the First Regiment, First Marine Division near the "Punchbowl" in Korea. His materials also include transcripts of these letters, as well as others written to his brother which are not included in their original form. A videocassette of footage originally filmed in January 1952 by Davis shows a winter camp, an artillery crew in action, a drive along a twisting road in a convoy, and scenes at a supply depot. Still photographs included on the videotape show images of the countryside, soldiers at rest, a winter camp, a soldier escorting prisoners, infantry moving out single file along a road, and camp scenes. An oral history interview with Davis is also part of this collection.

Another significant collection of letters and related materials are from Granville R. Solomon, Jr.. He was drafted into the Army in early 1951, was temporarily assigned to the 101st Airborne Division during training at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, and then sent overseas to Korea in late August 1951. He was wounded in November 1951 while serving near the 38th Parallel while a member of Company L, 8th Cavalry, 1st Division. He wrote to his mother, Lorraine (Lyle) Solomon in Nashville, Tenn. on a frequent basis. His letters are frequent and detailed. He tells about the routine and hardships of training camp, including discipline, food, weapons training, and living conditions. He describes his duties and responsibilities in Korea, makes frequent requests for items from home (especially food), and tells in some detail about living conditions, supplies, and to some extent, combat actions. There is a gap in his letters from Jan. through April 1952, but they resume in May 1952, when he was recovering in an Army hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia. His letters are supplemented by 14 photographs, and a videotaped interview about his experiences conducted by his grand-niece, Jennifer Bennett, around Nov. 2000.

Photographs taken by Bill Goodman who served as a Marine Corps combat photographer with the First Marine Division in both South and North Korea in 1951 include candid scenes of soldiers in camp and on the march; American tanks, trucks and equipment on the move and damaged by enemy fire; combat scenes including tanks and infantry on the attack, a rocket team in action, and a flamethrower in use; American and North Korean casualties, including a scene of hundreds of North Korean bodies in a valley; military religious services; operations in the division headquarters photo section; winter scenes of troops on the move; and Korean civilians and street scenes. Locations include scenes in and around Pusan, Yanguee, events during "Operation Punchbowl," and unidentified locations in North and South Korea.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's last name.

Container List:

Alexander, Ben Cooper. Navy chaplain, stateside, Pacific, U.S.S. Helena (CA-75).

(see also World War II series)

Oral History: Tape 166, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPAlexanderBC

Allen, Marion Ray. Tennessee Air National Guard, 105th Fighter Squadron; Navy, Pacific fleet. Berry Field, Nashville; Myrtle Beach, SC; Pacific fleet.

Manuscripts: Military documents (photocopies)

Photographs: 20 photos (most printouts from scans)

Oral History: Tape 163, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPAllenMR

Atkinson, James P. Marines, Co. E, 2nd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Division. Quantico; Kum-gok and Un-gok, Korea; Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Oral History: Tapes 157 & 158, transcript.

Barnett, Samuel D. Marines, HQ Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Division.

Oral History: Tape 148, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPBarnettS

Bell, John L. Army, 646th Transportation Company. Europe and Southern France.

Oral History: Tape 257, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPBellJL

Berg, Robert K. Marines, 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Division; Inchon, Chosin Reservoir.

Oral History: Tapes 76 & 77, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPBergR

Bessire, David Wenning. Air Force, 314th Tactical Combat Group, Ashiya, Japan; Korea.

(see also World War II series)

Oral History: Tapes 164 & 165, transcript.

Blevins, Lacie. Naval aviation. *See World War II series.*

Brackin, Henry Bryan Jr. Navy, psychiatric medicine, Ft. Knox, Kentucky; U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

Oral History: Tapes 239 & 240, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPBrackinH

Brietenmoser, Herman Joseph. Air Force, Co. A 826th Engineer Aviation Battalion, Wolters AFB, Texas.

Manuscripts: Military records, 1953, 1956.

Photographs: 1 photo

Negative: 35mm copy negative

Briggs, Harrison. Air Force.

Oral History: Tapes 25 & 26, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) – VHPBriggsH

See also World War II and Vietnam War series.

Brown, John Pope. Air Force, headquarters and logistics.

Oral History: Tapes 30 & 31, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPBrownJP

Burgess, Robert E. Army, 14th Inf. Regt., 25th Div. Iron Triangle area.

Oral History: Tapes 141 & 142, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPBurgessR

Burns, Rodney R. Marines, 1st Marine Division. Chosin Reservoir, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 292 & 293. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPBurnsR

Carlew, James. Army, 2nd Div., 72nd Tank Battalion, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 231 & 232, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPCarlewJ

See also World War II series.

Caroland, Thomas M. Army, 32nd Regt., 7th Division. Inchon. North Korea. POW - North Korea, Manchurian Border, Yalu River.

Oral History: Tapes 320 & 321, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPCarolandT

Chilton, John F. Air National Guard, Air Control & Warning Div. stateside.

Photograph: 1 photo (printout from scan)

Oral History: Tape 147, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPChiltonJ

Davis, Clarence Jackson "Jack". 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, "Punchbowl".

Manuscripts: (20 folders).

1. Letters, 1950
2. Letters, Jan.-Mar. 1951
3. Letters, April 1951
4. Letters, May 1951
5. Letters, June 1951
6. Letters, July 1951
7. Letters, Aug. 1951
8. Letters, Sept. 1951
9. Letters, Oct. 1951
10. Letters, Nov. 1951
11. Letters, Dec. 1951
12. Letters, Jan. 1952
13. Letters, Feb. 1952
14. "Postscript" Jan. 28, 2001
15. Discharge paper, "God and a Grenade"
16. "Drive North: U.S. Marines at the Punchbowl"
17. Transcript of letters, Aug. 1950-May 2, 1951
18. Transcript of letters, May 3, 1951 – Aug. 17, 1951
19. Transcript of letters, Aug. 24, 1951 – Nov. 7, 1951
20. Transcript of letters, Nov. 6, 1951- Feb. 19, 1952 & postscript

Oral History: Tapes 27 & 28, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPDavisC [labeled as "Clarence Davis"]

Videotape: VHP Video 1. "Jack's Pictures and Film Korea"

Originally filmed in January 1952 in Korea; transferred to videotape, with music

added. Features still photographs of countryside, soldiers, helicopter, winter camp. Film footage includes winter camp, U.S. artillery crew in action, driving along twisting road in convoy, supply depot. Additional still photographs include soldiers, scenic shots, a soldier escorting prisoners, moving out single file along road, camp scenes and some repetition of earlier images. (Total time: approx. 15 min. Index available in front of Transcript Box 1.)

Dodson, Melvin. Marines, Korea.

Manuscripts: "Life in the Fleet Marine Force" booklet, 1951; two menus from Japan, n.d. and 1953

see also World War II series

Donofrio, John A. Navy cook on minesweeper.

See World War II series.

Duffy, Margaret (Gooch). American Red Cross, Japan.

See World War II series.

Eli, Carl William. Army, 884th Aviation Eng./ 809th Eng. Aviation Battalion. Stateside, Inchon landing.

Manuscripts: New Testament.

Photographs - Snapshots: 20 photos

Snapshots taken of and by Carl William Eli during his service in Korea from 1952 to 1953, primarily around Chunchon and Seoul. Roughly half of the images are of Eli on base and at leisure; about ten images show scenes, landmarks, and terrain near Seoul and Chunchon.

Oral History: Tapes 145 & 146, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPEliC

Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, VHP*

Promo Video #6: "Open Line."

Farmer, Ernest. Navy, U.S.S. C.K. Bronson (DD668).

See World War II series.

Forbes, W. Francis. Army Air Force, Ferry Command ATC. England, France, Germany, Italy, Hawaii.

Oral History: Tape 331, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPForbesW

Goodman, Bill. Marines, headquarters battalion, photo section, 1st Marine Division. North and South Korea, Pusan, Yanguee, Operation Punchbowl.

Photographs:

44 photographs, mostly from 1951, showing soldiers in camp and on the march; American tanks, trucks and equipment on the move and damaged by enemy fire; combat scenes including tanks and infantry on the attack, a rocket team in action, and a flamethrower in use; American and North Korean casualties, including a scene of hundreds of North Korean bodies in a valley; military religious services; operations in the division headquarters photo section; winter scenes of troops on the move; and Korean civilians and street scenes. (NPL prints from NPL scans)

Special media: VHP CD #4. Machine readable .TIF files of 68 original photographs loaned to and scanned by Nashville Room staff in 2003.

Griffin, Charles W. Jr. Marines, Inchon landings, Chosin Reservoir.

Oral History: Tapes 59 & 60, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file)
- VHPGriffinC

Gunter, H.P. "Jack". Army, photographer, Public Information Section, 45th Infantry Division Headquarters. 38th Parallel, Chwon.

Oral History: Tapes 130 & 131, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPGunterH

Harris, James G. "Jim". Army, 70th Tank Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. Korea.

Manuscripts: Letter, poetry, 1990s.

Photographs:

11 photographs containing portraits and aftermath of tank combat in Korea, fall 1950, including knocked-out enemy T34 tanks. (copy prints)

Oversize Box 1, Folder 15: 3 poems printed as posters

Oversize Drawer L-2, Folder 4:

The U.S. Army, Korean War, c. 1956 – annotated map, “Travels of the 8th Army, 1st Cav. and 70th Tank” (photocopy)

Oral History: Tapes 186 & 187, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VPHHarrisJ

Publication: *Strike Swiftly Korea* – see online catalog for location

Hartwell, Wyeth "Slim". Army, 99th Field Artillery Battalion, 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Div. Defense of Seoul.

Oral History: Tapes 159 & 160, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VPHHartwellW

See also World War II series.

Henry, Donald D. Navy, quartermaster. Korea, Japan, Pacific, Aleutians.

Oral History: Tape 276, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VPHHenryDD

Henry, John James "Jim". Marines. Korea.

Photographs: 1 photo^P

Oral History: Tape 4; transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format – VPHHenryJ

Hewgley, William Albert. Army, Signal Corps.

Manuscripts: "William Albert Hewgley: Nashville Native, Veteran and a Victim of Cold War-Originated Surveillance"

Holcomb, George W. Jr. Army Medical Corps, chief of thoracic surgery, Osaka General Hospital, Japan.

Oral History: Tapes 233 & 234, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VPHHolcomb

Hooper, Floyd Melvin. Tennessee Air National Guard, stateside.

Manuscripts: Military documents, 1947-1958

Photographs: 1 photo

see also World War II series

Hoyal, James A. 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regt., 1st Marine Division. Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 197 & 198, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VPHHoyalJ

see also Vietnam series

Kelly, Leslie Dorris. Navy, engineering officer, *U.S.S. Nautilus* (submarine).

Manuscripts: Autobiography, 2004.

Photographs: 5 photos

Oral History: Tapes 282 & 283, index available (filed with transcripts)

Kimbrough, Charles Edward. Army, MP and medic; Pusan, Korea; stateside; France.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPKimbroughC; transcript #542.

Lockridge, John William. Army aviation. Korea.

see Vietnam series

Lyle, Michael C. Arkansas National Guard, 937th Field Artillery Battalion, 142nd Field Artillery Group; stateside, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 153 & 154, transcripts. Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPLyleM

McKee, Franklin Delano. Army, Germany.

Manuscripts: military records (photocopies)

McNish, Charles O. Army, 5th Cavalry Regt., 1st Cavalry Div. Majon-ni, Korea; Operation Commando.

Oversize Drawer L-2, Folder 5:

Map of Majon-ni region, with annotations showing patrol bases, c. 1951.

Photographs: 4 photos

Oral History: Tape 132, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPMcNishC

See also World War II series.

Macon, Robert "Bob". Army infantry, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 135 & 136, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPMaconR

See also World War II and Vietnam War series.

Madden, Paul. 92nd Army Field Artillery Battalion, Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 149 & 150.

See also World War II series.

Miller, Charles J. Army, 84th Tank Battalion, 854th Armored Field Artillery. Korea, Japan.

Oral History: Tape 296, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPMillerC

Morgan, John E. Marines, instructor. California.

See World War II series.

Norvell, Richard Jr. Army Air Corps. Shaw AFB, South Carolina.

Oral History: Tape 65, transcript.

Patterson, Vince. Merchant Marine, USNS Mission Soledad (T-2 Tanker). Pusan, Korea and Persian Gulf.

Manuscripts: memoir: "Last Voyage at Sea / Korea"

Oral History: Tapes 184 & 185, transcript.

Joint interview with Lillard Waddle. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPPattersonVWaddleL

See also World War II series.

Peerman, Charles Gordon, Jr. Navy, Naval Hospital, Memphis, TN; Surgical Team 15, Japan & Korea.

Oral History: Tapes 297 & 298, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPPeermanC

Reagon, Jerry Dean. Army, 19th Infantry Regiment.

Manuscripts: excerpts from scrapbook (photocopies)

Photographs: 9 prints from scanned images (NPL)

Special media: VHP CD #2. Machine readable TIFF files of images from scrapbook; (also includes scans from several other veterans used for publicity purposes by the library).

Renas, Stanley. Army Air Force, *psychological operations & intelligence. Philippines. See World War II series.*

Richards, Henry “Stan”. Air Force, Greenland.

Manuscripts: Scrapbook. (photocopies)

Oral History: Tape 6; transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPRichardsHS

Richards, Thomas. Army, Chosin Reservoir.

Manuscripts: Scrapbook. (photocopies)

Rosenberger, Harry Alan. Army, 2nd Division, finance. Korea.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPRosenbergerH

Scarlett, James Wilson. Army, 9th Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. Kumhwa/ Chorwon Valley.

Photographs - Snapshots:

41 color photocopies of photographs showing combat training, camps, and terrain in Boomerang Sector, Chorwon, Kumhwa Valley, Korea, 1953 and life on base at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, c. 1956-60

Oral History: Tapes 155 & 156, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPScarlettJ

Other: see *Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, VHP Promo Video #6: “Open Line.”*

Solomon, Granville R. Jr. Army, Co. L, 8th Cavalry, 1st Division. Camp Breckinridge (101st Airborne); Korea, 38th parallel; Japan; stateside.

Manuscripts: (7 folders)

1. Letters, Jan.-Feb. 1951
2. Letters, Mar.-July 1951
3. Letters, Aug.-Sept. 1951
4. Letters, Oct. 1951
5. Letters, Nov.-Dec. 1951
6. Letters, May-Aug. 1952
7. Letters to Solomon from Vic Mims, Nov. 1951

Photographs: 14 photographs

Videotape: VHP Video #6. Interview with G. R. Solomon Jr. by his great-niece, Jennifer Bennett, circa Nov. 2000.

Solomon speaks about his experiences as a draftee in the Army in 1951, when he was sent to Korea. He was there just three months when he was wounded. He shows his disfigured hand, and a cigarette lighter that was in his pocket that was damaged by shrapnel, and talks about his injuries. A large mortar round sent 13 pieces of shrapnel into his body. (Total time: approx. 20 min.)

Southall, Thomas William. Army, psychological warfare. Stateside, Germany.

Oral History: Tapes 270, 271 & 272, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPSouthallT

See also separate collection: Thomas W. Southall Papers

Stephenson, Enoch. Air Force, training.

See World War II series.

Trigg, James Knox. Air Force. Supply missions.

See World War II series.

Walker, Jack D. Army, 34th Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG), I ROK Corps.

Manuscripts: Military records (photocopies)

Photographs: 1 photo^P, *see Allen, Marion Ray, photograph #20*

Oral History: Tapes 138 & 139, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPWalkerJ

Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, VHP Promo Audio #2: "Korean War History Lesson."*

Warren, William J. Army, 11th Airborne Division, cook. Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Oral History: Tape 189, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPWarrenW

Wells, William W. Air Force, stateside, instructor.

Oral History: Tape 58, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPWellsW

Westover, George Charles. Marines, George Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. Inchon landing; move towards Seoul, Ma Po Blvd.

Manuscripts: transcript of 1950 interview by Marine Corps regarding his experiences at Inchon and Seoul

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPWestoverG.

See also World War II series.

Whitaker, John. Marines, F Co., 2nd Battln, 7th Marines, 1st Div. Chosin Reservoir, Korea, Japan, stateside.

Manuscripts: Notes, "Familiar Territory, Nov.-Dec. 1950" (photocopies)

Oversize Box 1, Folder 14:

Map of Changjin, showing area of Yudam-ni and Hagaru-ri. (photocopy)

Oral History: Tape 162, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPWhitakerJ

Whitworth, Malchiga C. Army, 568th Ordnance Co. (TNG), Korea.

Manuscripts: Decorations list, chronology

Photographs - Snapshots: 5 color copy photographs

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPWhitworthM; transcript #505.

See also Vietnam War series