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Mark A. Hettich Collection

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Biographical Note

Mark A. Hettich was born January 14, 1926 to Stephen and Cecelia Hettich. Hettich enlisted in the United States Army on March 27, 1944 at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Hettich fought with the 97th Infantry Division during World War II where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Mark A. Hettich passed away November 1999 at 73 years of age.

The 97th Infantry Division was a unit of the United States Army in World War I and World War II. Nicknamed the Trident division because of its shoulder patch, a vertical trident in white on a blue background, it was the division with the highest IQ in World War II. Originally trained in amphibious assaults as preparation for deployment in the Pacific Theater, it was pulled to infantry in 1944 when casualties in Europe needed to be replaced.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Mark A. Hettich Collection consists of military documents relating to the 97th Infantry Division during World War II and its reunions. Included in the collection are photocopies of the monthly historical narrative reports for the division from September 1945 until February 1946. The collection also contains papers, reflections, a publication, and relia surrounding reunions of the division in 1994-1995.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no particular order and has been arranged chronologically by staff. The collection consists of one series:

Series One: Military Documents

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Key Subjects

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Subjects

United States.--Army--Infantry, 97th.

World War, 1939-1945--Regimental histories--United States--97th Infantry Division.

Container List

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| 800195001 | 97th Infantry Division Monthly Historical Narrative Reports. (Photocopy) (15 pages). | September 1945 - February 1946 |
| 800195002 | World War II Reunion Group: 50th Anniversary of the "Battle of the Bulge." (Photocopy) (14 pages). | December 1994 |

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| 800195003 | HQ. CO. 1st BN. 303rd Infantry - W.W. II Reunion Group: 97th Division notepad case. | December 1994 |
| 800195004 | HQ. CO. 1st BN. 303rd Infantry - W.W. II Reunion Group: 97th Division decal. | December 1994 |
| 800195005 | The Trident Heritage: A Brief History of the 97th Infantry Division and the 97th U.S. Army Reserve Command. | September 1995 |