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Guy Sylvester Collection

Creator: Guy John Sylvester
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Biographical Note

Gatano "Guy" John Sylvester was born June 12, 1918 in Chicago, IL. His parents Albert and Josephine had seven children, Guy was the third oldest. He owned and managed a dry cleaning and furrier pick up service before he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. He was a Half-Track Driver and a truck driver before he worked as a Switchboard operator in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of Operations. He was a member of the 56th Armored Infantry Regiment which is a part of the 12th Armored Division, the Hellcats. Guy returned home to Chicago in 1946. He married Elmer Kolan on June 7, 1948 and remained in Chicago until his death on May 31, 2011.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Guy John Sylvester Collection consists of official documents and papers, photographs, newspaper articles, and objects related to Guy during his service with the Army during World War II.

Arrangement

We received this collection in no arranged order. Upon receipt the library staff arranged the papers and documents in chronological order and grouped the objects accordingly.

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Separations

Item ID	Description
800115024	Ducal Cigar Box
800115025	2 Dog Tags on chain with key
800115026	Commercial National Bank of Chicago Envelope
800115027	American Campaign ribbon lapel
800115028	World War II Victory Medal ribbon lapel
800115029	Good Conduct ribbon lapel
800115030	Bullet shell belt buckle
800115031	Cattaraugus combat knife, Model 225Q
800115032	Cattaraugus knife holster, leather
800115033	Japanese 70mm practice round artillery shell
800115034	Japanese engraving, brass plated
800115035	Red Cross knit face mask/hood, wool
800115036	M-1 steel helmet
800115037	Service boots, speed laces
800115038	canvas laundry bag, khaki (Inscription: Harold French L4192519A)
800115039	white canvas laundry bag

800115040	rubber lined pouch
800115041	prophylactic kit
800115042	M1937 Khaki Belt, U.S. JQMD 1944
800115043	Army Issue Garrison Cap
800115044	White handkerchief
800115045	U.S. metal cap badge
800115046	green sweatshirt
800115047	long underwear bottoms with laces
800115048	Army Issue wool blanket
800115049	4 pocket Service Coat (Bi-Swing Back Construction) "A" Uniform jacket
800115050	Service Jacket ("Ike" Jacket)
800115051	Army Issue Overcoat, wool, Roll Collar

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

Sylvester, Guy

Subjects

Chicago (Ill.)
United States-Army-Armored Division, 12th
United States-Army-Armored Infantry Battalion, 56th
World War, 1939-1945-Pacific Area

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1	1		Pre-service Biographical Papers	1918, n.d.
		800115001	<i>This 'Snow Baby' Chicago Product</i>	1918
		800115002	<i>Two More Are Hurt in Crash on Belmont Avenue</i>	n.d.
	2		Induction/Discharge Papers	1942-1946
		800115003	Order to Report for Induction	1942
		800115004	Copy of Separation Qualification Record	1945
		800115005	Photographic copy of original Discharge Certificate (with seal)	1946
		800115006	Copy of Honorable Discharge Certificate	1946
	3		Life Insurance Papers	1942-1943, n.d.
		800115007	National Service Life Insurance Certificate	1942
		800115008	Application for Family Allowances	1943
		800115009	Application for National Service Life Insurance	n.d.
		800115010	V.A. Official Business Envelope	1943
	4		War Savings Bond Application	1942
		800115011	War Savings Bond, Class A Pay Reservation Application	1942
	5		Cards	1942-1946, n.d.
		800115012	56th Armored Infantry Regiment, Camp Campbell, KY, Permissions card	1942
		800115013	Motor Vehicle Operator's Permit	1942

	800115014	Shellback Initiation Card, U.S.A.T. "Sea Barb"	1944
	800115015	International Date Line card, U.S.A.T. "Sea Barb"	1944
	800115016	GHQ Wire Office Official Business travel card	1945
	800115017	Class "A" Pass, Camp Campbell, KY, absent authorization card	1945
	800115018	Applicant Identification Card, U.S. Employment Service	n.d.
	800115019	Selective Service, Notice of Classification	1946
6		NCO's (Non-Commissioned Officers') Club Coupons/Movie Tickets	n.d.
	800115020	NCO's Club Camp Campbell, KY, coupon book	n.d.
	800115021	Kentucky Theatre, Movie Tickets	n.d.
7		Yanks Buy Christmas Presents	1945
	800115022	<i>Yanks Buy Christmas Presents Early-And Keep Tokyo Bazaar Clerks Busy</i>	1945
8		12th Armored Division Association Certificate	n.d.
	800115023	12th Armored Division Association Certificate	n.d.
9		Photographs	
	800115052	"B" Company 56th Armored Infantry Regiment	n.d.