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Richard T. Lockhart Collection

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Biographical Note

Richard T. Lockhart was born in January of 1924 to William and Mary Lockhart. After growing up in Indiana, Lockhart enlisted in the army and volunteered for infantry during World War II. Part of the 106th Infantry Division of the Army, Lockhart fought in the European theatre.

During the Battle of the Bulge, Lockhart was captured on and taken prisoner by German troops. On December 26, 1944, Lockhart was brought to Stalag IXB, Bad Orb, Germany. Lockhart was deeply affected by his time as a POW and by the things he saw. Upon his liberation, three and a half months after he was captured, Lockhart returned to the United States.

After leaving the Army, Lockhart attended Northwestern University. In 1958, he started a governmental affairs management/lobbying firm and continues his work as a professional lobbyist today.

Lockhart has made it a personal quest to educate the American public about the realities of the Holocaust. He has delivered speeches and written articles addressing the fact that Jewish-American soldiers were not impervious to the atrocities of the Holocaust. After seeing many of his fellow POWs taken to slave labor camps, Lockhart devoted his life to informing the American public of their stories.

Awards

Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge

Scope and Content of the Collection

The collection consists of a speech given by Lockhart at a Holocaust Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois recalling his service in the United States Army during World War II. The speech touches on Lockhart's experiences as a prisoner of war following the Battle of the Bulge and focuses on his memory of Jewish-American soldiers taken to slave labor camps.

Arrangement

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Key Subjects

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Names

Lockhart, Richard T.

Subjects

Ardennes, Battle of the, 1944-1945.

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Stalag IXB--Prisoner of War Camp--Germany, 1944-1945.

United States--Army--Infantry Division, 106th--History.

World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons, American.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Folder One

Lockhart Speech

Speech delivered by Lockhart at Holocaust Remembrance Event in Springfield, Illinois, 1991