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John L. Sebesta Collection

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Biographical Note

John L. Sebesta was born on February 6, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois.

Sebesta joined the Army in 1943 while he was enrolled at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island. He was part of the 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Yankee Division as a rifleman. During the war, Sebesta served in Northern France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Central Europe.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The John L. Sebesta Collection includes materials related to Sebesta's service as a rifleman in the 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Yankee Division during World War II. Included in this collection are letters, military ephemera, and military research.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no discernible order and order was imposed by PMML staff.

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Separations

Item ID	Call Number	Description	Location
800326039		World War II Victory medal	
800326040		Good Conduct medal	
800326041		European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal	
800326042		American Campaign medal	
800326043		Expert Infantryman pin	
800326044		Czech medal and ribbon	
800326045		Challenge coin honoring Colonel Charles H. Noble from Celebration of Freedom of Pilsen, Czech Republic 2013	
800326046		Iron Cross rifle pin	
800326047		Legion of Honour medal	
800326048		Yankee Division Veterans Association challenge coin	
800326049		Clay plaque	
800326050		Pilsen, Czech Republic medal	
800326051		Pilsen, Czech Republic medal ribbon	
800326052		Bronze Star medal	
800326053		Bronze Star medal, lapel pin	

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.

Subjects

United States. Army. Infantry Division, 26th
World War, 1939-1945.

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1	1		Letters	1943-1945, 2014
		800326001	To Father from Jack: Father's day card	6/4/1943
		800326002	To family from Jack Sebesta: letter to wish his mother happy birthday, packages and letters he's received, the weather, and that he got the new Reader's Digest	1/12/1944
		800326003	To Folks from Jack Sebesta: letter about not being able to write for a while since he had no stationary, letters he's received, what he'll eat when home, things he needs, and possibly not hearing from him for a while	10/19/1944
		800326004	To Mom from Pat and Jack: letter to his mother know that they are thinking of her on her birthday	1/12/1945
		800326005	To Folks from Jack: letter about no longer being in the hospital, going to see the movie Double Indemnity, and going to church	4/25/1945
		800326006	To Folks from Jack: letter about reading Stars and Stripes, the medals he has, fixing their living quarters, and what to send him	7/13/1945

800326007 To John L Sebesta from Dave Davis, Grant Coordinator: letter responding to inquiry launched with National Personnel Records Center about Sebesta's service in World War II, also includes other letter related to this matter 8/20/2012

800326008 To Mr. Sebesta from the Consul General of France in Chicago: letter that states the President of the French Republic has named Sebesta Knight of the Legion of Honor 2/21/2014

1 2 John Sebesta's Military Ephemera 1941-1944

800326009 My Military Missal booklet c.1941

800326010 Headquarters 26th Infantry Division, letter of commendation 11/26/1944

800326011 John Sebesta honorable discharge copy, enlistment record copy, copy of Letter of Commendation, and copy of certificate from Providence College c. 1944-1945

800326012 Enlistment Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge copy c. 1945

1 3 Medal Certificates 2013-2014

800326013 Certificate from the Director of the Regional Military Command Pilsen to John Sebesta for the Commemorative Medal of the Regional Military Command Pilsen 5/4/2013

800326014 Legion of Honour certificate 2/3/2014

1 4 Military History Booklets u.d.

800326015 History of the 26th Infantry Division in World War II booklet u.d.

800326016 History of the Three Hundred Twenty-Eighth Infantry Regiment (Twenty-Sixth Infantry Division) booklet u.d.

1	5	Military Research	1944, 2012-2013, u.d.
		800326017 Infantry Division and Armored Division casualties numbers	c. 1944
		800326018 Combat Almanac	c. 1944
		800326019 History of the 328th Infantry Regiment	12/28/2012
		800326020 328th Infantry Regiment research	3/24/2013
		800326021 Legion of Honor--History	u.d.
		800326022 Outburst from the Old Outfits: 328th Infantry Regiment article	u.d.
		800326023 The Third Army in Action from England to Victory map	u.d.
		800326024 26th Yankee Infantry Division medal diagram	u.d.
1	6	Providence College Honorary Degree	2012, u.d.
		800326025 To John L. Sebesta from Providence College Alumni Relations: letter to congratulate Sebesta on his honorary degree from Providence College	7/31/2012
		800326026 To Providence College Alumni Relations from John L. Sebesta: letter to thank the college for his honorary degree	8/10/2012
		800326027 Certificate acknowledging John L. Sebesta's service and presents him with an honorary degree of Bachelor of Science	u.d.
		800326028 John L. Sebesta's honorary degree from Providence College	u.d.
1	7	Newspaper and Magazine Clippings	1995, 2013, u.d.
		800326029 "The Bloody Ulge"	Jan-95
		800326030 "Pilsen celebrates its liberation"	May-13

- 800326031 "PC pays tribute to 'Lost Class'" u.d.
- 800326032 "Lost Class of '44 member get honorary degree" u.d.

CD with Photographs

u.d.

- 800326033 CD with photographs, includes multiple copies of the same image of soldiers standing at attention and a family photograph u.d.

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Photographs

1943, u.d.

- John Sebesta standing in uniform outside u.d.
- 800326034 John Sebesta sitting on steps outside, "Sunday, 10-3-43, Prov. College, Prov. R.D., A.S.T.U. S.C.S.U. 1188" 10/3/1943
- 800326035 Portrait of John Sebesta in uniform, "Sebesta, blue eyes, L Brown, 5-0" u.d.
- 800326036 Soldiers standing at attention, "A.S.T.U. 1188 Co.B Sec.10 Term 1 Prov. College, Prov. R.I." also lists all names of soldiers in photograph u.d.
- 800326037 Soldiers standing at attention, also lists all names of soldiers in photograph u.d.