Warren G. Harber Photographs
(CG0009)

Collection Number: CG0009

Collection Title: Warren G. Harber Photographs


Creator: Harber, Warren G., 1922-2019

Abstract: The Warren G. Harber Photographs contain 124 photographs of Warren G. Harber in Texas, Oklahoma, and Italy during his service in World War II with the 42nd Infantry Division from 1942-1946. This collection also includes photographs of Harber and his wife, Jewel, from 1992 and 2011 to 2012.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic foot
(4 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau. If you would like more information, please contact us at capegirardeau@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] Warren G. Harber Photographs (CG0009); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Cape Girardeau].

Donor Information: The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Warren Harber on July 21, 2014 (Accession No. CGA0005).

Related Material: Warren Harber also appears in f. 26 of The Southeast Missouri Collection (CG0001)

Processed by: Processed by Garret B. Kremer-Wright, June 7, 2019
Historical Note:

Warren G. Harber was born on July 14, 1922, in Blytheville, Arkansas. He was a son of Benjamin and Melba Davidson Harber. His family relocated to Matthews, Missouri, prior to 1930 where he graduated from high school. He attended Southeast Missouri State Teachers College for one year. He married Jewel Beck on May 14, 1942, and they had three daughters. He taught at Fairview School after leaving college.

Harber enlisted in the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 7, 1942. He joined the 42nd Infantry Division where he served as a warrant officer. He spent part of his service in Texas and Oklahoma before heading to Italy in 1944. He stayed in Italy until 1946.

After being discharged from the army, Harber returned to Sikeston where he worked for the United States Postal Service for 33 years before retiring in 1981. His civic involvement included North Acres General Baptist Church, charter board member of Southeast Missouri Food Bank, NARFE President of Bootheel Chapter 1275, and member of the Retired Teachers Association.

Harber died on March 29, 2019, at Delta South Nursing Care in Sikeston. He was buried in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in one series and arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains photographs of taken by Warren G. Harber during his service in the United States Army. In folder 1, there are photographs of Harber at Camp Walters in Texas and Camp Gruber in Oklahoma. There are also photographs of Harber and his later wife, Jewel, as well as photographs taken at the Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore, Oklahoma. These photographs range in date from 1942-1943. In folder 2, the photographs taken are of landscapes, buildings, and people in Italy. The Grand Canal and St. Mark’s Clock Tower in Venice are featured in this folder. Of interest are 10 photographs of landscape and building in San Remo, Italy. The dates of these photographs range from 1944-1946.

In folder 3, there are many photographs of his time in Italy. Of interest are multiple photographs of an unidentified location with a N.A.A.F.I. (Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes) landmark in the background. The N.A.A.F.I. was created by the British government to provide recreational places for soldiers and their families. One photograph features the Lakeside Lido Club and Restaurant. In this folder there is also a photo of the command post for Company K of the 350th Infantry at an unidentified location, and St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice, Italy. The photographs in this folder have no known dates. In folder 4, there are photographs of Warren and his wife, Jewel. A couple of the photographs were taken at their 2011 class reunion. The photos in this folder are dated 1992 and 2011-2012.

Container List:
Box 001  f. 1  Warren G. Harber in Oklahoma and Texas photographs, 1942-1943  
   f. 2  Warren G. Harber in Italy photographs, 1944-1946  
   f. 3  Warren G. Harber in Italy photographs, no date  
   f. 4  Warren G. Harber and Jewel Harber photographs, 1992, 2011-2012  

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