Guy M. Edgecomb, Jr. Collection
(K0284)

Collection Number: K0284

Collection Title: Guy M. Edgecomb, Jr. Collection

Dates: 1944-1945, 1972

Creator: Edgecomb, Guy M., Jr., 1913-1972

Abstract: The Guy M. Edgecomb, Jr. Collection contains correspondence, a newspaper clipping of Edgecomb’s obituary, a typed regimental history of the 349th Infantry’s activities during World War II, and two unidentified photographs.

Collection Size: 0.16 cubic foot
(5 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-Kansas City. If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] Guy M. Edgecomb, Jr. Collection (K0284); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

Donor Information: The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by Ruth McGrath on March 11, 1994 (Accession No. KA0794).

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Historical Note:

Guy Maxwell Edgecomb, Jr. was born on November 7, 1913, to Guy Maxwell, Sr. and Voss Love Edgecomb in Kansas City, Missouri. No historical information could be located concerning his early life and education. According to the United States World War II Draft Cards for Young Men, 1940-1947, Fred Harvey employed Edgecomb at Union Station, in St. Louis, Missouri. Edgecomb’s enlistment records state that he was a machinist and was divorced with dependents. He enlisted on April 4, 1941, at Tacoma, Washington, and served as a captain in the 349th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army’s 88th Infantry Division, known as the “Blue Devils.” He served in the European Theater during World War II. Upon returning home, Edgecomb married Lillian Huber on February 11, 1946, in St. Louis, Missouri. The couple lived in Chicago, Illinois, for a time.

By the 1960s, Edgecomb had returned to Kansas City, Missouri, where he and business partner, Tom Willard, opened the Trail House restaurant. Edgecomb was a member of the Missouri Restaurant Association and the National Restaurant Association. He died on October 1, 1972, and is buried at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into five folders and materials within the folders have been arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains correspondence from Guy M. Edgecomb, Jr. to an unidentified family member, a newspaper clipping of Edgecomb’s obituary, and two unidentified photographs. One photograph is of an unidentified soldier in his military gear and uniform and the other is a photocopied portrait of an unidentified man. The collection also includes a typed regimental history of the 349th Infantry Regiment’s activities during World War II.

Container List:

| Box 001 | f. 1 | Correspondence, 1945 |
|         | f. 2 | Newspaper clipping, 1972 |
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