



## **Donald Charles Garrigues Papers (R0126)**

**Collection Number:** R0126

**Collection Title:** Donald Charles Garrigues Papers

**Dates:** 1942-1945

**Creator:** Garrigues, Donald Charles, 1922-1993

**Abstract:** The Donald Charles Garrigues Papers contain a microfilm copy of diaries and correspondence of a native of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri. He served during World War II in the United States Army with the 551<sup>st</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion.

**Collection Size:** (2 rolls of microfilm)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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### **Biographical Note:**

Donald Charles Garrigues was born on July 5, 1922, to Percy and Ethel Garrigues. He entered the United States Army on June 12, 1942. After basic training at Camp Roberts, California, he

qualified for and underwent parachute jump training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Assigned to the 551<sup>st</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion, he served in the Canal Zone, Panama, from January to August 1943. The unit underwent additional training at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, before shipping to Algeria in May 1944. In June and July 1944, the battalion served in Italy, before participating in the airborne invasion of southern France on August 15, 1944. Garrigues served on the front line until November 18, 1944, when the 551<sup>st</sup> was relieved and then transferred to a rest and training area in northern France. The subsequent German offensive in the Ardennes area forced the unit back into front-line action, and Garrigues was wounded in Belgium on January 7, 1945. Eventually removed to a hospital in England, he saw no further combat. He recovered from his wounds and returned to the United States in September 1945. Garrigues was mustered out of the Army on October 23, 1945.

After mustering out, Garrigues returned home to southwest Missouri. He married his fiancée, Harriette Maxine Woodard in October 1945. He died on August 25, 1993, in Carthage, Missouri.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Military Records  
Diaries  
Correspondence

**Scope and Content Note:****Military Records**

This series contains a brief typescript resume of Garrigues's military service record. The typescript includes dates, training locations, locations of where he served, promotions, and any engagements he took part in, there is also a description of his being wounded in January 1945. This series is arranged chronologically.

**Diaries**

This series consists of Donald C. Garrigues's personal diaries for 1942, 1943, and 1945. The diaries document his service during World War II where he served in California, Georgia, the Canal Zone, North Carolina, Algeria, France, Italy, Belgium, and Germany. The diary for 1945 has several long gaps in the heretofore-daily entries. This series is arranged chronologically.

**Correspondence**

This series contains letters written by Garrigues to his parents and his fiancée. The letters discuss his training both in basic and with the airborne troops. Also in the letters in family news, mentions of other local men who were enlisted, and information about his deployments. His letters in 1943 have been censored. This series is arranged chronologically.

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