



## Leonard R. Rush Papers (R1400)

**Collection Number:** R1400

**Collection Title:** Leonard R. Rush Papers

**Dates:** circa 1945-1946

**Creator:** Dunkin, Elbert H.

**Abstract:** The Leonard R. Rush Papers contain photocopies of a pamphlet recording the history and deeds of the 273<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, 64<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the United States Army in which Leonard Rush served during World War II.

**Collection Size:** 0.01 cubic foot  
(1 folder)

**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-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [rolla@shsmo.org](mailto:rolla@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Leonard R. Rush Papers* (R1400); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

**Donor Information:** The papers were loaned for photocopying to the University of Missouri by Leonard Rudy Rush on November 8, 1993 (Accession No. RA0583).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Leonard R. Rush Papers can be found in the following collections:

*Lewis Wickens Collection* (CA5371)

**Processed by:** Processed by Erin Smither, October 26, 2018. Revised by Kathleen Seale, January 18, 2019.

**Historical Note:**

The men of the 273<sup>rd</sup> Infantry arrived in England in January 1945. The 273<sup>rd</sup> was ordered to break the Siegfried Line located at Udenbreth, Germany. After months of hard fighting, the 273<sup>rd</sup> crossed the Rhine and captured Fort Ehrenbreitstein and Fort Niederberg. In April, they took the city of Mann and Altengroitzsch. On April 13 through April 15, they took part in the campaign at Colditz, famous for the liberation of the prison located at Colditz Castle. This was followed by a battle at Leipzig, which ended on April 20. The army then met up with the Russian Army at Leckwitz near the Elbe River, effectively defeating the German Army.

Leonard Rudy Rush was born April 10, 1926, to Leonard and Leona Rush. He joined the United States Army in 1944. He served with the 273<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division through the war.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection consists of photocopies of a pamphlet recording the history and deeds of the 273rd Regiment, 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

**Container List:**

Box 001    f. 1                      *732rd Infantry – Steadily Advance*, circa 1945-1946

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