



The Story of the 138th Infantry Regiment Manuscript (S0315)

Collection Number: S0315

Collection Title: The Story of the 138th Infantry Regiment Manuscript

Dates: 1975

Creator: Lawrence, Bertram I., 1887-1983

Abstract: The Story of the 138th Infantry Regiment Manuscript consists of an 82-page history of the 138th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, documenting its participation in World War II.

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(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The 138th Infantry Regiment was formed on October 1, 1917, as part of the 35th Infantry Division, United States Army National Guard. During World War I, the 138th Infantry Regiment participated in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive and assisted with taking Cheppy, Vauquois Hill, and Charpentry from German forces. After the Armistice, the 138th Infantry regiment spent the remainder of its overseas service in Commercy, France, before leaving France for Fort Riley, Kansas, on April 19, 1919. During World War II, the 138th Infantry defended the United States' west coast, stationed primarily on the Aleutian Islands from May 1942 to June 1944; their duties consisted of guarding military bases and assisting with construction projects, including the military post at Juneau. The 138th Infantry Regiment returned stateside to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where the United States Army discharged the Regiment on July 20, 1944. After World War II, the 138th Regiment remained largely inactive until the United States Army and the National Guard deactivated the Regiment, transferring its lineage to the 1138th Engineer Battalion on May 1, 1974. In 2010, the United States Army and National Guard reactivated the 138th Infantry regiment. Since then, the 138th has served overseas, including in Qatar, during Operating Enduring Freedom.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a manuscript, *The Story of the 138th Infantry Regiment: St. Louis' Own World War II*, written by Colonel Bertram I. Lawrence in 1975. The manuscript chronicles the 138th Infantry Regiment's participation in the Aleutian Campaign and a roster of officers who served in the 138th Infantry Regiment in 1941. Also in the manuscript are reprints of photographs of the regiment's activities in Alaska and reprints of military orders.

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