

**MALCOLM A. VENDIG PAPERS, 1932-1967**  
**1990.107.88**

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**Descriptive Summary**

Title: Malcolm A. Vendig Papers

Dates: 1932-1967 (bulk: 1944-1945)

Accession number: 1990.107.88

Creator: Vendig, Malcolm A.

Extent: 3 linear feet (3 manuscript boxes)

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Abstract: The Malcolm A. Vendig papers, 1932-1967, relate to Captain Malcolm A. Vendig's service with the 83<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Division and his tenure as the military governor of Dachau, Germany after the liberation of the concentration camp in 1945. Topics discussed include the activities of the 83<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Division before liberation, daily operations at the Dachau concentration camp after liberation, military and personnel incidents, the administration of public safety, the distribution of food, and the revitalization of industry in the vicinity of Dachau, Germany. The papers largely consist of photocopies of Vendig's war diary, written in English, dated December 1944-August 1945; photocopies of the source materials for the diary, 1944-1945; original and photocopies of military reports and records prepared by various Lieutenants, 1944-1945; original typescripts of discussions between Captain Vendig and Dr. Heinrich Kneuer, the Landrat of Dachau, Germany, 1945; photocopies of newspaper clippings, 1932-1945; as well as original photographs and photocopies of the Captain Malcolm A. Vendig and various members of the United States army in Dachau, Germany, circa 1945.

Languages: English, German

**Administrative Information**

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Preferred citation: (Identification of item), Malcolm A. Vendig papers (1990.107.88) United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC.

Acquisition information: Eleanor Vendig donated the Malcolm A. Vendig papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1990. The Malcolm A. Vendig papers (1990.107.88) is comprised of two accessions, 1990.107 and 1991.A.0006.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at [collections.ushmm.org](https://collections.ushmm.org) for further information.

Separated materials: Eleanor H. Vendig also donated several objects which can be found within the museum's object collection. These items, found by Captain Malcolm A. Vendig, include a military patch found at Dachau concentration camp (1990.152.2); a Waffen-Gebirgs-Division der SS "Handschar" (Kroatische Nr. 1) collar tab (1990.152.1); a SS uniform collar tab (1990.107.86); and a whip (1990.107.85).

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### **Biographical note**

Captain Malcolm A. Vendig served in the 83rd Infantry Division, United States Army, in Europe during World War II. After the liberation of Dachau concentration camp in Germany by US troops in April 1945, Vendig was appointed military governor of Dachau Landkreis.

### **Scope and content of collection**

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### **System of arrangement**

The Malcolm A. Vendig papers are arranged into three series and three sub-series.

Series 1: Military documents, 1944-1967

Sub-series 1: Diaries, 1944-1945

Sub-series 2: Reports, 1944-1945

Sub-series 3: General military documents, 1944-1967

Series 2: Printed materials, circa 1932-1945

Series 3: Photographs, circa 1945

**Indexing terms**

**People:**

Kneuer, Heinrich.  
Vendig, Malcolm A.

**Corporate:**

Dachau (concentration camp)

**Topic:**

Concentration camps.  
Concentration camp inmates.  
Holocaust survivors.  
Holocaust victims.  
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)  
Jewish refugees.  
Refugees.  
Soldiers--United States.  
World War, 1939-1945.  
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Western Front.  
World War, 1939-1945--Civilian relief--Europe.  
World War, 1939-1945--Refugees.  
World War, 1939-1945--Refugees--Germany.

**Geography:**

Dachau (Germany)  
Echt (Netherlands)  
Germany.  
Neuss (Germany)

**Genre / Form:**

Diaries.  
Military documents.  
Photocopies.  
Photographs.  
Reports.

**CONTAINER LIST**

**Series 1: Military documents, 1944-1945**

**Sub-series 1: Diaries, 1944-1945**

Box / Folder:	Title:
1.1	Detachment War Diary, December 23, 1944 - May 2, 1945
1.2	Detachment War Diary, May 4, 1945 - June 30, 1945
1.3	Detachment War Diary, July 1, 1945 - August 31, 1945
1.4	Source materials for Detachment War Diary, Lieutenant Burke, December 1944 - January 1945

1.5	Source materials for Detachment War Diary, Lieutenant Lawrence Hayes, December 1944 - April 1945
1.6	Source materials for Detachment War Diary, Lieutenant Morse, January 1945 - March 1945
1.7	Source materials for Detachment War Diary, April 1945

**Series 1: Military documents, 1944-1945**

**Sub-series 2: Reports, 1944-1945**

Box / Folder:	Title:
1.8	Semi-Weekly CASUM Reports, April 1945
1.9	Daily Records, France, June 18 - August 26, 1944
1.10	Daily Reports from various locations, March - April 1945
1.11-1.12	Daily Reports, Dachau, Germany, May 1945 (2 folders)
2.1	Daily Reports by Captain Vendig's detachment, May 1945
2.2	Daily Reports by Captain Vendig's detachment, June 1945
2.3	Daily Reports by Captain Vendig's detachment, September 1945
2.4	Daily Summaries by Lieutenants, June 1945
2.5	Daily Summaries by Lieutenants, July 1945
2.6	Daily Summaries by Lieutenants, August 1945
2.7	Discussions between Captain Vendig and the Landrat of Dachau, Germany, May 1945
2.8	Discussions between Captain Vendig and the Landrat of Dachau, Germany, June 1945
2.9	Discussions between Captain Vendig and the Landrat of Dachau, Germany, July 1945
3.1	Discussions between Captain Vendig and the Landrat of Dachau, Germany, August 1945
3.2	Discussions between Captain Vendig and the Landrat of Dachau, Germany, September 1945

**Series 1: Military documents, 1944-1945**

**Sub-series 3: General military documents, 1944-1967**

Box / Folder:	Title:
3.3	Addresses by the Landrat of Dachau, Dr. Heinrich Kneuer, August - September 1945
3.4	Records related to Captain Vendig's experience in Dachau, Germany, 1944-1945, 1967

**Series 2: Printed materials, circa 1932-1945**

Box / Folder:	Title:
3.5	Newspaper clippings, circa 1932-1945

**Series 3: Photographs, circa 1945**

Box / Folder:	Title:
3.6-3.7	Captain Vendig in Dachau, Germany, circa 1945 (2 folders)