

## **MORTON N. COHEN COLLECTION, circa 1944-1945 1990.297**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

Title: Morton N. Cohen collection

Dates: circa 1944-1945

Accession number: 1990.297

Creator: Cohen, Morton N.

Extent: 0.3 linear foot (1 box)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126

Abstract: The Morton N. Cohen collection includes personal photographs taken by Morton N. Cohen while he served in the United States 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, as well as a typed manuscript history of the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The photographs reveal scenes from the Division's travel throughout France, Germany, and Holland. Of particular note are photographs of the arrest of Franz Von Papen, former Vice-Chancellor of Germany under Adolf Hitler from 1933 to 1934, photographs of a Soviet prisoner of war (POW) concentration camp located in Warstein, Germany, and photographs of soldiers on ships returning to the United States.

Languages: English, French

### **Administrative Information**

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

Reproduction and use: Collection is available for use. Material may be protected by copyright. Please contact reference staff for further information.

Preferred citation: (Identification of item), Morton N. Cohen collection (1990.297), United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC

Acquisition information: Morton Cohen donated the Morton N. Cohen collection to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1990.

Separated materials: Morton Cohen also donated the following items to the museum's object collection: a German helmet (1990.297.3); a Schutzpolizei [Security police] helmet (1990.297.2); a United States Army duffel bag (1990.297.1); Saber (1990.297.8); Nazi banner with Swastika (1990.297.7); Nazi banner with swastika (1990.297.6); Sword (1990.297.4a-b); Nazi dagger and sheath (1990.297.5a-b); and a Nazi banner belonging to SA Gruppe Hessen (N06165.00-N06165.01). The two publications "*The Bravest of the Brave*" *The Story of the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division* and *V9 Victory* magazine were also donated by Cohen and are located within the library collection.

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.

Processing history: Katelynn Vance, January 2019

### **Biographical note**

Morton Cohen served as a member of the United States 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

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

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The printed materials in the Morton N. Cohen collection include the "History of the 95<sup>th</sup> Signal Company," written by Wilson C Beneditz, Oscar Hackbarth, Ray Carr, and Younger Tomas. This typed document chronicles the activities of the Signal Company of the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Europe. The booklet, *Bravest of the Brave: The Story of the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division*, traces the European route of the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division with US Signal Corps photographs. It was printed by Desfosses-Neogravure in Paris, France. The *9V Victory* magazine provides a photographic record of the combat achievements of the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. It was published by the Public Relations Office of the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and features photographs by the US Army Signal Corps, Associated Press, French Press Agency, and the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The magazine's inside cover contains an inscription written by Morton Cohen.

The photographs in the collection were taken by Morton N. Cohen while serving with the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The photographs include the arrest of Franz Von Papen, who was discovered at his son-in-law's hunting lodge in the Ruhr, a concentration camp for Soviet POWs in

Warstein, Germany, and towns and city scenes from the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's advance through Europe. The photographs capture the everyday experiences of United States soldiers in Europe, significant war damage in towns and cities, the wreckage of German aircraft, captured German soldiers, European civilians, and the return of United States soldiers on ship. The photographs are arranged by location, when identified, and are dated between 1944 and 1945. Several of the photographs include annotations written by Morton N. Cohen.

### **System of arrangement**

The Morton Cohen collection is arranged into two series:

- Series 1: Printed Materials, circa 1945
- Series 2: Photographs, 1944-1945

### **Indexing terms**

#### **People:**

Aronowitz, G.  
Carey, F. J.  
Cohen, Morton, N.  
Edwards, J. R.  
Moore, Frank.  
Olsen, J. E.  
Paris, A.  
Swanson, R.A.  
Von Papen, Franz, 1879-1969.  
Wheeler, Thomas E.  
Zitch, H. A.

#### **Corporate:**

Camp Myles Standish (Mass.)

#### **Geography:**

Aachen (Germany)  
Ameln (Germany)  
France.  
Germany.  
Holland.  
Kamen (Germany)  
Krefeld (Germany)  
Le Havre (France)  
Lüdinghausen (Germany)  
Metz (France)  
Moselle River.  
Moyeuve-Grande, France.  
Normandy (France)  
Paris (France)

Virville (France)  
Warstein (Germany)  
Werl (Germany)

**Topics:**

Prisoners of war--Germany.  
Prisoners of war--Soviet Union.  
Soldiers--United States.  
United States. Army. Infantry Division 95<sup>th</sup>--History.  
War damage.  
World War, 1939-1945.  
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Western Front.  
World War, 1939-1945--Prisons and prisoners, German.  
World War, 1939-1945--Regimental histories--United States.

**Gene / Form:**

Photographs.  
Manuscripts.

**CONTAINER LIST**

**Series 1: Manuscript, circa 1945**

Box / Folder	Title
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**Series 2: Photographs, circa 1944-1945**

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1.4	Moselle River, 1944
1.5	Normandy, France, 1944
1.6	Paris, France, 1944
1.7	Port of Le Havre, France, circa 1944-1945
1.8	Virville, France, 1944
1.9	Germany, circa 1944-1945
1.10	Aachen, Germany, circa 1945
1.11	Ameln, Germany, 1945
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1.13	Krefeld, Germany, 1945
1.14	Lüdinghausen, Germany, circa 1945
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1.17	France and Germany, circa 1944-1945
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1.19	Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts, undated
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1.21	United States soldiers on a Navy ship, circa 1944-1945