

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives
Finding Aid
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Liberation of the Camps and Ghettos

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Title: Henry Plitt Papers, ca. 1941-1945

Extent: 55 photoprints (black and white)
1 clipping
1 letter

Provenance: The papers were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Henry Plitt in 1990.

Biographical/historical note: Major Henry J. Plitt, an American Jew, was raised in NY. During World War II, he was a member of the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army, was among the first to parachute into Normandy on D-Day, and was among the first to jump in the Allied invasion of occupied Holland. He was wounded four times and was decorated with the Silver Star and Cluster, the Bronze Star with Cluster and Valor, and a Purple Heart. After the war, he was assigned to capturing Nazi leaders near Berchtesgaden, Germany, and helped to capture Robert Ley. On May 24, 1945, he captured Julius Streicher in Waldring, Germany.

Restrictions on access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on use: No restrictions on use.

Language: German, English

Preferred citation: Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch.

Scope and content: The papers include photographs of Major Henry Plitt as a child and as a member of the United States 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment and the liberation of Dachau concentration camp as well as a letter written to Julius Streicher, after his capture, by his wife.

Inventory:

1. Clipping, the Daily Mirror, New York, 1945. Captioned photograph of Julius Streicher and his captor, Major Henry Plitt, 1945.

2. Letter, Unterrechensalm, Germany, 1945 May 25. Handwritten letter from Mrs. Julius Streicher, to her husband. Written at the time of his capture by Major Henry Plitt, 502nd Parachute regiment, 101st Airborne Division.
3. 5 photoprints: b&w of Dachau at liberation, 1945 April.
4. 40 photoprints: b&w of Major Henry Plitt and the 502nd Parachute regiment, 101st Airborne division in training and in Europe, 1941-1945.
5. 2 photoprints: b&w of Dr. Robert Ley after his capture by the 502nd Parachute regiment, 101st Airborne division, 1945. Associated Press photographs.
6. 1 photoprint: b&w of soldiers and civilians examining a bunker. Acme news pictures photograph, n.d.
7. 1 photoprint: b&w of Julius Streicher and his captor, Major Henry Plitt, 1945.
8. 4 photoprints: b&w of Henry Plitt as a boy, n.d.
9. 1 photoprint: color of Henry Plitt, n.d.