

HARRY C. SAUNDERS COLLECTION, 1950-1995
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Descriptive summary

Title: Harry C. Saunders collection

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Creator: Harry C. Saunders

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives received this collection from Harry C. Saunders on June 20, 1994.

Biographical note: Harry C. Saunders was born on January 18, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois. He moved to Seattle, Washington, in 1937, and entered the service on October 27, 1942, in Fort Lewis, Washington. He was then sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana, for basic training and assigned to the 11th Armored Division Recon company, 42 Armored Regiment. He was sent to Southampton, England, and later to Cherbourg, France, and into combat in January 1945, with General Patton's 3rd Army. He relieved some of the 101st Airborne at Bastogne, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge. From there he went to Luxembourg, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and eventually Austria. On April 1, 1945, in Neuses, Germany, he was awarded the Silver star medal for Gallantry in action, the Good Conduct medal, the European African Middle Eastern Service medal with four battle stars, and a victory medal. He participated in campaigns, namely the Ardennes and the Rhineland, and in central Europe where he helped to liberate the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria.

Scope and content of collection: Contains photocopies of miscellaneous correspondence, publications and photographs which relate to the 1st Platoon, Troop D, 41st Cavalry Recon Squadron Mech., 11th Army Armored Division, liberating Mauthausen, and Harry C. Saunders' recollections of Mauthausen.

Inventory:

1. Memoir written by Harry C. Saunders, n.d.
2. Seminar notes, n.d.
3. Copy of newspaper article title, "Liberator of death camp returns as honored hero," Lerner Times Newspapers, 1950 Apr. 23.
4. Newspaper article titled, "Memory of Nazi death camp lingers says Peninsula man," from the Daily News, 1955 Apr. 26, about the liberation of Mauthausen.
5. Newspaper article titled, "PA Man recalls liberation camp," from the Peninsula Daily News, 1995 Apr. 30.