

**LOUIS CAVAGNARO PAPERS, 1991-1999**  
**1999.A.0141.13**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Louis Cavagnaro papers

Dates: 1991-1999

Accession number: 1999.A.0141.13

Creator: Cavagnaro, Louis Arthur, 1926-

Extent: 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

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Abstract: The Louis Cavagnaro papers consist of correspondence and subject files and lists compiled by Cavagnaro while preparing his unfinished book, *Inside the Gates of Hell*. Cavagnaro's project was to collect survivor, liberator, and witness testimony to document the experiences of non-Jewish victims of the Nazi concentration camp system. Correspondence and subject files include correspondence, research materials, clippings, personal narratives, and drafts of book chapters. Lists include concentration camps, survivors, liberators, organizations, glossaries, and indexes.

Languages: English, French, Polish

**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.

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Acquisition information: Louis Cavagnaro donated the Louis Cavagnaro papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999.

Related materials: Louis Cavagnaro also donated twelve oral history interviews he conducted while preparing his unfinished book, *Inside the Gates of Hell*, that are cataloged as 1999.A.0141.1 through 1999.A.0141.12 (RG-50.480\*0001 through RG-50.480\*0012).

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

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, April 2013

### **Biographical note**

Louis Arthur (Art) Cavagnaro was born in 1926 and served as a Gunnery Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. After retiring from the military, he worked in private security and in the Secret Service. In 1999 he published a fictional work about World War II in the Pacific.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The Louis Cavagnaro papers are arranged as a three series:

- Series 1: Correspondence, 1991-1999
- Series 2: Subject files, 1992-1996
- Series 3: Lists, 1990s

### **Indexing terms**

World War, 1939-1945 – Prisoners and prisons, German.

World War, 1939-1945 – Concentration camps – Liberation.

World War, 1939-1945 – Atrocities.

World War, 1939-1945 – Personal narratives.

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1	13	Library of Congress, 1994
1	14	Moncho, Craig, 1995-1996
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### Series 2: Subject files, 1992-1996

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**Series 3: Lists, 1990s**

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