

ANTHONY ACEVEDO PAPERS, approximately 1935-2012
2010.440.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Anthony Acevedo papers

Dates: approximately 1935-2012

Accession number: 2010.440.1

Creator: Acevedo, Anthony, 1924-

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (5 folders)

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Abstract: The Anthony Acevedo papers include the diary he kept as a prisoner of war describing his experiences at Stalag IX-B in Bad Orb and Berga concentration camp and on a death march, listing fellow soldiers who died in the camps or on the march, and including his drawings of places and scenes he witnessed. The collection also includes a letter documenting his father's consent to Acevedo entering medical service in the US military; a copy of his 2012 memoir "Personal Account of an Undesirable" describing his wartime experiences; and photographs of Acevedo with family, friends, and colleagues before, during, and after the war.

Languages: English

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: Anthony Acevedo donated the Anthony Acevedo papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2001 and 2013.

Related material: Anthony Acevedo also donated a handmade palm leaf cross, a Catholic prayer missal, and an armband to the Museum. The Museum also holds an oral history interview conducted with Anthony Acevedo on October 13, 2010. The Museum's library holds a copy of Jeff Donaldson's book *Men of Honor: American GIs in the Jewish Holocaust* featuring Acevedo's story.

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

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, December 2014

Biographical note

Anthony Acevedo (1924-) was born in San Bernardino, California, to Francisco Guillermo and Maria Luisa Acevedo. In 1937, his Mexican-born parents were deported and the family relocated to Durango, Mexico. Tony returned to the United States to attend college in 1942, and in 1943, he joined the Army and was assigned as a medic to Company B, 275th regiment, 70th Infantry Division. His company fought in the Battle of the Bulge, was surrounded at Falkenburg Hill, and was ordered to surrender. They were taken to Stalag IX-B in Bad Orb, Germany, where conditions were terrible. He was selected as part of a group for transport to the labor camp at Berga, a subcamp of Buchenwald, where conditions were even worse. On April 3, 1945, as American forces advanced near the camp, the prisoners were ordered on a death march. On April 23, they were liberated by the 11th Armored Division near Cham. He received several awards, including the Bronze Star, for his wartime service and settled in California.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Anthony Acevedo papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Anthony Acevedo papers, approximately 1935-2012

Indexing terms

Acevedo, Anthony.

Berga (Concentration camp)
United States. Army. Infantry Division, 70th.

World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons, German.
Prisoners of War--United States--Biography.
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Germany--Berga (Thuringia).
World War, 1939-1945--Conscript labor--Germany--Berga (Thuringia).
Death marches--Germany.
World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives, American.

Bad Orb (Germany)
Berga (Thuringia, Germany)

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Anthony Acevedo papers, approximately 1935-2012

Box	Folder	Title
1	1	Diary, 1945
1	2	Diary enclosures, approximately 2000-2010
1	3	Letter from father, 1942
1	4	Memoir, 2012
1	5	Photographs, approximately 1935-1945