

YEHUDA AVISAR PAPERS, 1942-1948
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Descriptive summary

Title: Yehuda Avisar papers

Dates: 1942-1948

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Creator: Avisar, Yehuda,

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Abstract: The Yehuda Avisar papers consist of biographical and military materials, correspondence, creative writing, and photographs documenting Avisar's activities as a Company Sergeant Major (CSM) in the 1st Camouflage Company of the Royal Engineers, Central Mediterranean Forces (CMF), and later in the Electricity and Mechanics Company of the Jewish Brigade.

Languages: Hebrew, English, Yiddish

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Biographical note

Yehuda Avisar (1899-1950) was born Yehuda Kodlowski and spent his youth in Dnipropetrovsk. He was a civil engineer, worked in a Zionist underground movement, and moved to Palestine with his wife, Yehudith Avisar, and children in 1925. He was a city engineer in Jaffa and worked with the Haganah. In 1942 he volunteered for the 1st Camouflage Company of the Royal Engineers attached to the British Eighth Army. His unit trained in Egypt and fought in Italy. Avisar was discharged in January 1946, rejoined the Haganah, and worked toward the establishment of the state of Israel.

Scope and content of collection

The Yehuda Avisar papers consist of biographical and military materials, correspondence, creative writing, and photographs documenting Avisar's activities as a Company Sergeant Major (CSM) in the 1st Camouflage Company of the Royal Engineers, Central Mediterranean Forces (CMF).

Biographical and military papers include Avisar's service and pay book and discharge book and a movement order. Correspondence includes letters among Avisar, E. Aronov, Yisrael Karmi, and others discussing the war. Creative writing includes skits, poetry, songs, and essays documenting the cultural life of Avisar's military unit. Photographic materials include a photo album and loose photographs depicting Yehuda Avisar and his unit in Egypt and Italy from 1942-1945.

System of arrangement

The Yehuda Avisar papers are arranged as four series:

- Series 1: Biographical and military materials, 1942-1948
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1942-1945
- Series 3: Creative writing, approximately 1942-1948
- Series 4: Photographic materials, 1943-1945

Indexing terms

Great Britain. Army. Royal Engineers.

World War, 1939-1945 – Participation, Jewish.

World War, 1939-1945 – Theater and the war.

Jewish soldiers.

Jewish soldiers – Recreation.

Italy

Egypt

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographical and military materials, 1942-1948

Box	Folder	
1	1	Biographical and military materials, 1942-1948

Series 2: Correspondence, 1942-1945

Box	Folder	
1	2	Avisar, Yehuda, 1942-1945
1	3	Aronov, E., 1943-1944
1	4	Karmi, Yisrael, 1943
1	5	Miscellaneous, 1943-1945

Series 3: Creative writing, approximately 1942-1948

Box	Folder	
1	6	Poetry and songs, approximately 1942-1948
1	7-10	Skits, approximately 1942-1948 (4 folders)
1	11-18	Miscellaneous, approximately 1942-1948 (8 folders)

Series 4: Photographic materials, 1943-1945

Box	Folder	
1	19-20	Loose photographs, 1943-1945 (2 folders)
2	1	Photograph album, 1943-1945