

**GEORGE A. SILVER COLLECTION**  
**2013.541.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: George A. Silver collection

Dates: 1943-1981

Accession number: 2013.541.1

Creator: Silver, George A.

Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear feet)

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Abstract: Photographs, maps, propaganda leaflets, booklets, and ephemera, related to the military career during World War II of George A. Silver, including his service in the U.S. Army in the North African and Italian theatres, 1943-1945, as well as the liberation of Dachau concentration camp. Included are a book plate from the library of Adolf Hitler, Allied and German propaganda leaflets, and information provided to American soldiers in occupied Germany after the war. Also contains material documenting Silver's attendance at the International Liberators' Conference, hosted by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, DC, 1981.

Languages: English, German

**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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Preferred citation: (Identification of item), George A. Silver collection (2013.541.1), United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC.

Acquisition information: Gift of Jane Silver, daughter of Dr. George A. Silver, 2013.

Related materials: The front cover of a book, containing the bookplate of Adolf Hitler, is cataloged separately as an artifact.

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: Brad Bauer, January 2017.

### **Biographical note**

George A. Silver (1913-2005) began his career in medicine while serving in the medical corps of the United States Army during World War II, where he saw action in North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany, including helping with the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp in 1945. Following his military career, he served chief of the Social Medicine Division of Montefiore Hospital (1951-1955), as Deputy Assistant Secretary for health and scientific affairs in the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (1965-1968), and following that, as a professor on the faculty of public health at Yale University Medical School.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

Items are arranged in alphabetical order, by document type, and then by title of contents.

### **Indexing terms**

Germany--History--1945-1955.

United States--Armed Forces--Germany--History.

Concentration camps--Germany--Dachau.

World War, 1939-1945--Propaganda.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

- 1 Brochure: "United States Army, Paris Guide: For Leave Troops," undated, circa 1944-1945
- 2 Conference materials: International Liberator's Conference, United States Holocaust Memorial Council, Washington, DC, 1981. Contains lists of attendees, conference program, pamphlets and texts.
- 3 Correspondence: V-Mail greeting sent to wife (Mitzi Silver) for Valentine's Day, 1944; and telegram sent to Silver and his wife, in Switzerland, 1937.
- 4 Ephemera: Dachau Concentration Camp. Includes "permanent pass" issued to Silver, enabling

- him access to camp; and membership card for Dachau Officers Club. Undated, circa 1945.
- 5 Ephemera: "Foxhole German," leaflet, with German phrases for use by Allied soldiers  
6 Ephemera: "Lili Marlen (Lili Marleen)," printed sheet with lyrics of song in English and German, undated  
7 Ephemera: Travel items for American soldiers, including program of tour of Munich for members of 10<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital (May 1945), brochure depicting sites to visit in Bavaria and Austria (issued by 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Army), and booklet titled "Pocket Guide to Germany," issued by Army Information Branch, 1944.  
8 Memorandum: "Conduct of officers," Headquarters, Eastern Base Section, APO 763 [U.S. Army], 28 August 1943. AG250.1 (BEGAP).  
9 Memorandum: Congratulations, to personnel of 10<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital, U.S. Army, on receipt of Meritorious Service Unit plaque, 5 March 1945  
10 Memorandum: "Special Orders for German-American Relations," Headquarters, Sixth Army Group, U.S. Army, 1945  
11 News clipping: "Stars and Stripes," clipping of poem by George Silver, published in the column "Pupent Poets," and titled "Triumph," along with letter from "Mail Call" editor, clipped to a second note with a swastika pin, May 1945  
12 News clippings: Miscellaenous, from Stars and Stripes,  
13 Pamphlets: Germany army medical publications about treatment of malaria and typhus, 1941-1943  
14 Photographs: George A. Silver, 1944-1945 and undated. Primarily dating from period of service in U.S. Army, with one undated boyhood photograph.  
15 Postcards: Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial, two sets, 1948 and undated  
16 Postcards: German: "Unsere Waffen SS," undated  
17 Postcards: "ORT in Israel, Technical High School, Tel Aviv," undated, circa 1948-1950  
18 Propaganda: Allied: Leaflets, including ones titled "Rommel ist geflohen!," "Catania ist gefallen," "Wer hat das Schlachten gewollt?," "Frontbrief No. 1" [with news of German prisoners in Allied custody, and German military setbacks in Italy], plus safe conduct pass for surrendering German soldiers, undated, circa 1943-1944.  
19 Propaganda: German: Leaflet, titled "Waiting—in Vain," undated, circa 1944.  
20 Publication: Army Talks, Vol. 4, No. 2, 22 May 1945

Oversize materials:

- X Map: Landing area in southern France, 31 July 1944  
X Map: Allied: "Marseille-Menton," (sheet 84) published by War Office, 1943  
X Map: Allied: "St. Tropez" (sheet 45), two taped together, published by War Office, 1943  
X Map: German: "Durchgangsstrassen, Blatt Ostdeutschland," 1942  
X Map: German: "Europakarte, Nord," Deutscher Automobilclub (ADAC), 1940  
X Map: German: "Strassenkarte von Deutschland, Süd," Deutscher Automobilclub (ADAC), 1940  
X Newspapers: Münchener Zeitung, 9 June 1945  
X Newspapers: Stars and Stripes, Southern Germany Edition, 8 May 1945, with headline "ETO War Ends"  
X Photograph: Aerial photographs of coastline, likely of landing area depicted in map above (i.e., Cap St. Pierre)  
X Bookplate of Adolf Hitler, affixed to inside cover of book (cover separated from book)