

Louisiana National Guard Archive Vertical Files

Accession number: VERT.014 - 935th Field Artillery Battalion, World War II

Location: Jackson Barracks Library Vertical Files

Extent: 79 legal sized folders, 2 filing cabinet drawers

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Background

This collection was brought together by Colonel Powell A. Casey while he wrote a history of the 141st Field Artillery Regiment in WWII. During the war, the 935th Field Artillery Battalion served in several countries including Italy, France, and Germany. Colonel Powell had been a member of the battalion as a staff officer, allowing him to keep track of documents pertaining to the battalion. In 2005 the vertical files were heavily water damaged by Hurricane Katrina related flooding. The wet files were frozen for a number of months and then dried, cleaned (with dry erase bags?) and re-folded by Louisiana Binding Service. Much of the material is badly damaged and original order obviously disturbed. An unknown quantity of material was damaged beyond salvage. In 2012 the files were moved from their temporary relocation home at Camp Beauregard to the new museum library at Jackson Barracks and a re-arrangement undertaken per the series list below.

Scope and Content

1943-1945

The collection contains unit histories, correspondence, maps, newspaper articles, affidavits, S-3 reports, orders memorandums, muster sheets etc. related to the activities of the activities of the 935th Field Artillery Battalion during WWII. The majority of the materials are original documents produced by the officers of the 935th Field Artillery Battalion. The unit histories and journals are extensive and give a detailed account of the movements of the battalion through the two years it was in combat. The records for each firing mission as well as observations in the S-3 reports are neatly organized from September 1943 through the end of the war in Europe. The collection also contains several Court Martials for various degrees of crimes committed during WWII.

Processing

Because of the disorganization of this collection from Hurricane Katrina, the collection had to be reorganized to create a cohesive finding aid. The project began by creating different categories based on the materials in each folder. The categories are what the Series became in this finding aid. Then, a more thorough survey of folder contents was done to corroborate what was listed in the original folder titles. This process included renaming folders when necessary and creating a chronology for the series.

Related Materials

Powell A Casey Papers, 1916-1965 I.D. LaRc/Manuscripts Collection 155. Howard-Tilton Memorial Library Special Collections, Tulane University

Powell A. Casey Collection, 1782-1972. Mss. 1732, 2540, 2712, LSU Libraries Special Collections

Washington Artillery Collection, Jackson Barracks Military Museum

References

Casey, A. Powell. *Try Us: The Story of the Washington Artillery in World War II*. Baton Rouge, LA: Claitor's Publishing Division, 1971.

Folder List

Series 1- 935th Field Artillery History

Sub-series 1-Unit History (9 Folders)

1. 935th Field Artillery Battalion (FA BN) "Historical Events," Memos, Artwork 1943-1945
2. 2nd BN Washington Artillery 935th FA BN WWII Unit History 1/2
3. 2nd BN Washington Artillery 935th FA BN WWII Unit History 2/2
4. Washington Artillery, 2nd BN 935th FA 1943 Unit History
5. 141st/935th FA BN History
6. 935th Unit Publications, Reunion Material, "Historical Data", Map
7. 935th FA BN 1943-1945 "Overseas Diary"
8. 935th Field Artillery C Battery, A Battery; Battery Histories WWII
9. 935th FA BN Italian Campaign 1944, Maps

Sub-series 2-Unit Journal (8 Folders)

10. 935th FA BN Unit Journal Oct. 1943- Nov. 1943
11. 935th FA BN Unit Journal Nov. 1943-Dec. 1943
12. 935th FA BN Unit Journal Jan. 1944- April 1944
13. 935th FA BN Unit Journal April 1944-June 1944
14. 935th FA BN Unit Journal July-Oct. 1944
15. 935th FA BN Unit Journal Oct.-Dec. 1944
16. 935th FA BN Unit Journal Jan 1945- March 1945
17. 935th FA BN Unit Journal March 1945- Aug 1945

Series 2- 935th Field Artillery Records

Sub-series 1-Movement Orders (5 Folders)

18. 141st FA BN WWII "HQ Data"
19. 935th FA BN Movement Orders Sept. 1943- April 1944
20. 935th FA BN Assignments 1944
21. 935th FA BN Movement Orders 1943

22. 935th FA BN Movement Orders Italy-France 1944

Sub-series 2-Missions Fired Reports (7 Folders)

- 23. 935th FA BN Guard Missions Fired June-July 1945
- 24. 935th FA BN Missions Fired Reports 12/1943-2/1944
- 25. 935th FA BN Missions Fired Reports 2/1944-5/44
- 26. 935th FA BN Missions Fired Reports 5/44-9/44
- 27. 935th FA BN Missions Fired France 1944
- 28. 935th FA BN Missions Fired Jan-April 1945
- 29. 935th FA BN Missions Report Jan. Feb. Mar. 1945

Sub-series 3-Medical Reports (5 Folders)

- 30. 935th FA BN Medical Det. Statistical Reports 1945
- 31. 935th FA BN Medical Det. Sanitary Report 1943-1945
- 32. 935th FA BN Medical Det. Report Forms 96C 1945
- 33. 935th FA BN Venereal Report 1943-1945
- 34. 935th Medical Det. Sick And Wounded 1943-1945

Sub-series 4-P.X. [post exchange] Records (3 Folders)

- 35. 935th FA BN P.X. Records Dec. 1944-June 1945
- 36. 935th FA BN P.X. Records July 1945
- 37. 935th FA BN PTA Receipts 1945

Sub-series 5-Ammo Reports (6 Folders)

- 38. 935th FA BN Results of Test Shoot March 1944
- 39. 935th FA BN Ammunition Report Sept. 1943- May 1944
- 40. 935th FA BN Ammunition Report May 1944- Sept. 1944
- 41. 935th FA BN Ammunition Report Oct-Dec 1944 France
- 42. 935th FA BN Ammunition Report Jan. Feb. Jan. Mar. 1945
- 43. Daily Ammunition Report 1945

Sub-series 6-S-3 Reports (6 Folders)

- 44. 935th FA BN S-3 Reports Italy Campaign Oct. 1943-April 1944
- 45. 935th FA BN S-3 Reports Italy Campaign April 1944-Sept. 1944
- 46. 935th FA BN S-3 Reports Oct. 1944-April 1945
- 47. 935th FA BN S-3 Reports April- June 1945
- 48. 935th FA BN S-3 Reports Dec. 1944
- 49. 935th FA BN S-3 Reports 1945

Sub-series 7-Transport Reports (2 Folders)

- 50. 935th FA BN Lists of Personnel Transfers. 1945.
- 51. 935th FA BN Plans and Data For Transport Quartermaster Officers WWII

Series 3-935th Field Artillery Correspondence

Sub-series 1-Misc (6 Folders)

- 52. 935th FA BN Misc: Court Martial, Memos, 1943
- 53. 935th FA BN Misc: Memos, Incident Reports, 1943-1945
- 54. 935th FA BN Misc: Hospital Records, Table of Organization for North Africa, General Orders, Memos, Affidavit, 1943-1945

- 55. 935th FA BN Misc: Shipment of Bulk Equipment, 1944
- 56. 935th FA BN Misc: Unexplained Explosion in 7th Army, August 1945
- 57. 935th FA BN Misc: Court Martial, 1945

Sub-series 2-Awards (4 Folders)

- 58. 935th FA BN Awards 1944-1945
- 59. WWII Medals 141st, 938th, 939th
- 60. 935th FA BN Awards 1944-1945
- 61. 935th FA BN Requisition For Campaign Silver Band 1955

Sub-series 3-Bulletins (3 Folders)

- 62. 935th FA BN Bulletins, Memos, Delinquency Reports 1944
- 63. 935th FA BN Bulletins, Memos, Incident Reports 1944
- 64. 935th FA BN Bulletins, Memos

Sub-series 4-Memorandums (3 Folders)

- 65. 935th FA BN Memorandums 1944
- 66. 935th FA BN Memorandums 1945
- 67. 935th FA BN Memorandums 1945

Sub-series 5-Correspondence (6 Folders)

- 68. 935th FA BN Misc. Correspondence and orders, 1945
- 69. 935th FA BN Letters of Transmittal Allotments, 1944
- 70. 935th FA BN Misc. Correspondence and Orders 1945
- 71. 935th FA BN Correspondence 1945
- 72. 935th FA BN Correspondence 1945
- 73. 935th FA BN Correspondence 1945

Series-Newspapers (4 Folders)

- 74. 141st Newspaper Articles 1945 and 1963
- 75. 935th FA BN Stars and Stripes Sept. 1945
- 76. 935th FA BN "The Guardsman" Newspaper Articles 1945
- 77. 935th FA BN "Times Picayune" Newspaper 1969

Series-Maps (2 Folders)

- 78. 935th FA BN Maps WWII
- 79. 935th WWII Maps