

A Guide to
World War II Resources
at the
Delaware Public Archives

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Introduction

Recognizing that a limited number of records had been preserved from World War I, former State Archivist Leon deValinger began collecting records that illustrated Delaware's role in World War II soon after the attacks on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.¹ His work continued through the completion of the seminal two-volume book *Delaware's Role in World War II* that was first published in 1955 and provided the groundwork for this finding aid.

More than 33,000 Delawareans fought in World War II. This number made up only 0.21 percent of the total number of soldiers who served in the war but left an impressive legacy on the state of Delaware.² Delaware played a unique role in the war. Situated where the Delaware River and Delaware Bay meets, it was in an important geographic and defensive location. The Delaware River was a chief priority for defense because it afforded access to urban areas like Wilmington, Philadelphia, and New York City. Wilmington was home to shipbuilding, manufacturing, and chemical industries, all of which were important for the war effort. The Dravo Corporation launched 187 ships out of its Wilmington shipyard during the war, and the DuPont, Hercules, and Atlas explosives and chemical companies were extremely active in manufacturing products for the military.

In addition to playing significant roles in defense and manufacturing, Delaware was also one of the biggest producers of broiler chickens, many of which were used to feed members of the various branches of the military. Despite losing farmers to the war, Delaware remained a major producer of agricultural crops and canned produce. Civilians of all ages on the homefront assisted with harvesting and preserving crops on farms and in their own personal and community victory gardens. Civilians also joined the Citizens Defense Corps, Civil Air Patrol, and Service Corps. They ran blood banks, collected raw materials like aluminum, rubber, iron, and steel for salvage drives, established and maintained canteens for servicemen and women who were on leave, and sold war bonds, among other activities to support the war effort from home.

At the time of the attacks on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Delaware had two federalized National Guard units: the 198th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) Regiment and the 261st Coast Artillery Regiment (Harbor Defense). After a short stint in New York and New England, the 198th Coast Artillery received orders to move to Bora Bora to support the Pacific Fleet and New Zealand and Australia in early 1942. The 198th was one of the first units to deploy overseas at the outbreak of the war. Bora Bora, known as "Bobcat" was home to 4300 officers and men, and was a joint Army-Navy operation.

¹ William H. Conner and Leon deValinger, Jr. *Delaware's Role in World War II, Volumes I and II*. (Dover, DE: Public Archives Commission, 1955), 7.

² War Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, Administrative Services Division, Strength Accounting Branch. "World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Air Forces Personnel from Delaware." *National Archives and Records Administration*, accessed 17 May 2014, <http://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/army-casualties/delaware.html>

After training at Fort DuPont near Delaware City, the 261st Coast Artillery Regiment was ordered to the sand dunes of Cape Henlopen to establish an outpost of harbor defenses of the Delaware Bay and Delaware River near Lewes, Delaware. Fort DuPont was actively used as a military base from the Civil War through World War II. Before Fort Miles opened, Fort DuPont was the initial headquarters of the harbor defense of the Delaware River and Bay. It was also used as a German prisoner of war camp. Following World War II, Fort DuPont was transferred to the State of Delaware and has been used for various purposes, including the Governor Bacon Health Center and Fort DuPont State Park.

Fort Miles was a two thousand acre, multi-million dollar installation with gun emplacements, ammunition dumps, living quarters, and small arms firing ranges. It was the Harbor Entrance Control Post of the Delaware River. The 261st also manned guns at Fort Saulsbury, between Milford and Slaughter Beach, and in Cape May, New Jersey. As part of the Coastal Defense system, eleven fire control towers were built along Delaware's Atlantic coast to aid in identifying potential threats. Although Fort Miles saw no action during World War II, it was the site where the crew of the German submarine U-858 surrendered on May 8, 1945.³ Today Fort Miles is a part of Cape Henlopen State Park and is managed by the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation.

Adding to the World War II landscape, Delaware had two Army airfields in New Castle and Dover and a naval airfield in Georgetown. The Dover Army Air Base later became the Dover Air Force Base. Primary operations from Dover included anti-sub operations, fighter pilot training, and aerial rocket testing and development. The New Castle Army Air Base began as the Greater Wilmington Airport but became an Army Air Base (AAB) in 1943. New Castle Army Air Base's initial role in the war was ferrying aircraft to overseas and domestic destinations but it soon expanded to include cargo and passenger service, domestic air evacuation, and transporting whole blood, high-priority war supplies and essential personnel to Paris, France. Flights returning to the United States from Europe via the New Castle AAB often carried wounded soldiers from the European Theater. Since the Georgetown airfield was only 35 air miles from Wildwood, New Jersey, it was assigned to the Wildwood Naval Air Station. Georgetown was used primarily for training dive bombing squadrons and also for practicing night flying.⁴

Although some of the conflicts relating to World War II began prior to 1939, this finding aid primarily focuses on records that were created between 1939 and 1946. Items in the collections include state records from this time period, as well as photographs, newspaper clippings, letters, handbills, posters, ration cards, sound recordings, motion pictures, and other related records. These records have been compiled to help researchers better understand Delaware's military, economic, social, and cultural roles in World War II.

Each entry in the finding aid includes the record group number and series number, collection title, and a summary of the contents as they relate to World War II. Also included are individual

³ "Fort Miles Military Reservation Fact Sheet," *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District*, Accessed 19 May 2014. <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Media/FactSheets/FactSheetArticleView/tabid/10470/Article/9334/fort-miles-military-reservation.aspx>

⁴ "History of U.S. Naval Air Station, Wildwood, New Jersey," *Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum*, Accessed 20 May 2014. <http://www.usnasw.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/USNAS-History-Pt-1.pdf>

box barcodes for ease of retrieval, notes on arrangement, the size of the collection and what portion of the collection relates to the war, and whether there are any restrictions on accessing the records. For assistance in accessing any of the records, please contact the Research Room staff at the Delaware Public Archives.

Notes on Access

Some of the records contained within this Guide to World War II Records at the Delaware Public Archives are confidential to protect the personal information of the veterans therein. Access to these records is limited, but may be granted by contacting the Delaware state agency that administers the records. See below for instructions on requesting permission to view the confidential records.

Access to Separation/Discharge Records

The Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission (RG 1470) and the State Council of Defense (RG 1673) are no longer active state agencies. However, some of the records in these record groups contain military separation or discharge records. To access a veteran's separation or discharge records, please contact the [Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs](#) online or by phone at (302) 739-2792 or (800) 344-9900.

Access to Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission and State Council of Defense Records

The Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission (RG 1470) and the State Council of Defense (RG 1673) are no longer active state agencies. Advanced notice is required to review confidential records created by these agencies that do not contain military separation or discharge records. Researchers interested in obtaining access to these confidential records should be aware that sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced.⁵ Requests can be submitted to archives@state.de.us or Delaware Public Archives, 121 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. North, Dover, DE 19901.

Access to Military Records (RG 1800)

Advanced notice is required to review confidential military records from Record Group 1800. Researchers interested in obtaining access to these confidential records should be aware that sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced. Requests can be submitted to archives@state.de.us or Delaware Public Archives, 121 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. North, Dover, DE 19901.

Access to Architectural Drawings

In accordance with the Delaware Public Archive's [security procedures for viewing architectural drawings](#) and pursuant to Delaware's Freedom of Information Act, accessing this record requires submitting a written request to the State Archivist for approval ([29 Del C. § 10002 \(1\) \(17\)](#)).

Access to Audio-Visual Records

Due to the nature of the formats of these records, advanced notice is required to review audio-visual records listed in this finding aid.

⁵ Social security numbers and/or sensitive personal information which could be injurious to the veteran, the veteran's family, or a third party mentioned in the record will be redacted or withheld in accordance with the personal privacy exception of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), U.S.C. 522 (b) (6) and Delaware's Freedom of Information Act ([Del.C. § 10002\(1\) \(18\)](#))

Federal Records at the Delaware Public Archives

Title: Naturalization Ceremony Addresses and Programs

Record Group: 0705.004

Span Dates: 1930-1943

Creator: U.S. District Court

Extent: 0.19 cubic feet, 3 folders

Barcode: 532265

Summary: Typed transcripts of addresses given by District Judge John P. Nields at naturalization ceremonies between 1930-1943. The transcripts show the date of the event and the text of his address. Subjects include histories of notable immigrants who made valuable contributions to the country, as well current events like the Douglas Macintosh conscientious objector case, the Lindbergh baby kidnapping case, crime, Huey Long and the freedom of the press, political exiles, and World War II. There are three naturalization ceremony programs: 1931, 1942, and 1943 and each includes a schedule of events. The 1931 and 1942 programs include lists of the newly naturalized citizens.

Arrangement: Chronological by date of address. Items relating to World War II are in the following folders:

- Naturalization Ceremony Addresses: 1936-1939
- Naturalization Ceremony Addresses: 1940-1943
- Naturalization Ceremony Programs: 1931, 1942-1943

Title: U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service Reports

Record Group: 0725.001

Span Dates: 1914-1944

Creator: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Extent: 13 rolls of 16 mm microfilm

Location: Delaware Public Archives, Self-Service Microfilm [Cabinet 1, Drawer 4]

Summary: Annual, semi-annual, and monthly narrative and statistical reports from state officers and county extension agents in Delaware. The reports describe programs held, meetings attended, projects in progress and accomplished, agricultural problems and needs, Boys and Girls Club (later became the 4-H) activities, and the Extension Service's influence on Delaware's agricultural community. These reports also mention the impact of World Wars I and II on farming and production needs, and on extension service outreach activities. Local publications, newsletters, newspaper clippings, and photos were attached to some of the reports.

Arrangement: Chronological by date of report.

Note: These rolls cannot be reproduced for sale.

Title: Fort DuPont Building Construction and Maintenance Records

Record Group: RG 0775.002

Span Dates: 1902-1942

Creator: U.S. Army

Extent: 2 rolls of 35mm microfilm

Location: Delaware Public Archives, Self-Service Microfilm [Cabinet 1, Drawer 4]

Summary: Equipment and maintenance records for buildings and structures on the post grounds of Fort DuPont. Records contain description sheets for individual buildings and structures, maintenance lists of various equipment, machinery, systems, and annual reports of construction and repair activities. Description sheets show post plan and building number, place, designation of building, capacity, total cost, date completed, materials (walls, foundations, roof, floors), total floor area, size (main building, wings, basement), height of first floor above ground, how lighted, water, sewer, or gas connected, how heated and type of heat, type of water heater, cooking ranges, refrigerators, and meters installed, additions and installation (date, description, and cost), photo of building or structure, sketch of floor plans with construction details and general remarks.

The maintenance records lists buildings, heating plants, utilities, transformers, electric lighting and power, equipment in buildings, etc., shows building number, general description of equipment or system (type and dimension), and remarks. Annual reports of construction and repair show fiscal year, building number, designation of building, description of important repair work over one hundred dollars, repair expenditures for present fiscal year, total repair expenditures since construction or installation of building or system, total original cost, cost of new construction (alterations and additions only) and replacement value.

Arrangement: Description sheets are generally arranged numerically by building number. Annual reports are arranged chronologically by fiscal year. There is no order apparent for the maintenance lists.

Title: *Fort DuPont "Flashes"*

Record Group: 0775.005

Span Dates: 1942-1943

Creator: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Extent: 1 roll of 35mm microfilm

Location: Delaware Public Archives, Self-Service Microfilm [Cabinet 1, Drawer 4]

Summary: *Fort DuPont "Flashes"* was the World War II post newspaper published bi-monthly by the Special Service Office at Fort DuPont, located just south of Delaware City, Delaware, for the purpose of acquainting members of the command with the activities of other units. Reporters from each unit contributed articles or supplied information that generally highlighted personal interest stories or anecdotes from within that unit. Other sections contained in the newspaper included results of post sports activities, a message from the chaplain, announcements of upcoming events and post gossip. Beginning in December 1942, photographs were included with some of the articles and issues were published only once a month.

Arrangement: Chronologically, thereunder numerically by volume and issue number.

Title: Dover Airport Architectural Drawings

Record Group: 0775.010

Span Dates: 1941

Creator: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Extent: 0.1 cubic foot, 1 folder

Barcodes: 477256

Summary: Architectural drawings of the Dover, Delaware, Airport for the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Note: In accordance with the Delaware Public Archive's [security procedures for viewing architectural drawings](#), accessing this record requires submitting a written request to the State Archivist for approval.

Governor's Papers (RG 1302)

The records consist of proclamations, oaths of office, official's bonds, commissions, extradition requests, appointments, resignations, correspondence, reports, accounts, pardons, and other general inquiries. Files relating to World War II have been noted below.

Title: Governor Richard McMullen's Papers

Record Group: 1302.M03.007

Span Dates: 1939-1940

Extent: 34.65 cubic feet: 9-0.47 cubic foot boxes relate to World War II

Barcodes: 087513, 087514, 087516, 087517, 087519, 087521, 087844, 087854

Arrangement: Chronologically by year, thereunder by subject. Folders relating to World War II include:

- 1939:
 - Barcode: 087848
 - Delaware River Crossing Commission
 - Barcode: 087513
 - United States Navy
 - United States Marine Corps
 - U.S. Neutrality Act
 - Barcode: 087514
 - War Department
 - Barcode: 087844
 - National Guard
- 1940:
 - Barcode: 087854
 - War Department
 - Barcode: 087516
 - Adjutant General/National Guard
 - Barcode: 087517
 - Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense
 - Adjutant General

- Barcode: 087519
 - Battleship Delaware
- Barcode: 087521
 - Delaware River Crossing

Title: Governor Walter Bacon's Papers

Record Group: 1302.B03.007

Span Dates: 1941-1946

Extent: 32.95 cubic feet, 43-0.47 boxes relate to World War II

Barcodes: 087516, 087517, 087519, 087521, 087528, 087529, 087532, 087538, 087539, 087540, 087541, 987542, 087543, 087545, 087550, 087551, 087552, 087553, 087555, 087557, 087559, 087560, 087562, 087567, 087568, 087570, 087573, 087574, 087576, 087577, 087583, 087584, 087585, 087587, 087589, 087591, 087597, 087598, 087599, 087600, 087602, 087855, 087860

Arrangement: Chronologically by year, thereunder by subject. Folders relating to World War II include:

- 1941:
 - Barcode: 087855
 - Defense-Aluminum Collection
 - National Guard
 - 1942-Council of Defense (state)
 - 1943-Defense Council (state)
 - 1941/1943 Defense Expenses
 - Barcode: 087857
 - Delaware Safety Council
 - Barcode: 087528
 - United States Navy Department
 - United States War Department
- 1942:
 - Barcode: 087539
 - Defense-Sugar Rationing
 - Defense-Water
 - Disaster-Emergency and Evacuation
 - Defense-Auto
 - Defense-Physical Fitness
 - Defense-Preservation of Records
 - Defense-Technical Personal Resources
 - Price Control Administration
 - Tire Rationing
 - War
 - Women's Division-Volunteer Services
 - Youth Participation, Defense Protective Activities
 - Barcode: 087532
 - Delaware Safety Council

- Barcode: 087529
 - Adjutant General
- Barcode: 087538
 - U.S. Navy Department
 - U.S. War Department
- 1943:
 - Barcode: 087540
 - Aeronautics, Civil Authority
 - Civil Protection
 - Dim-Out
 - Facilities Securities Program
 - Methods of Protection-Municipal and Private Property
 - Methods of Protection-State Institutions (Schools and State Property)
 - State Rationing Administration-James L. Luke
 - War Disaster Relief Plan
 - Barcode: 087541
 - Council of Defense-City and Towns
 - Defense-Air Raid Warning Service-George Ehinger
 - Defense-Air Raid Warning Service
 - American Women's Volunteer Service
 - Civilian, U.S.
 - Committee on Benefits
 - Gasoline and Oil
 - State Gas Consultant-Dr. John H. Foulger
 - Barcode: 087542
 - Scrap Metals
 - Scrap and Salvage
 - Vocational Rehabilitation
 - War Gardens
 - Barcode: 087543
 - Adjutant General
 - Agricultural Problems-Study of
 - Applications-Male
 - Barcode: 087545
 - Delaware Committee on Children in War Time
 - Delaware Safety Council
 - Barcode: 087550
 - Office of Price Administration
 - Barcode: 087551
 - Post-War Correspondence
 - Post-War Material-Delaware
 - Barcode: 087552
 - State Council of Defense
 - Barcode: 087553
 - United War Fund

- Barcode: 087555
 - U.S. War Department
 - Defense Council (State)
- Barcode: 087860
 - Selective Service Appointments
- 1944:
 - Barcode: 087557
 - Council of Defense (Delaware)
 - Defense-Air Raid Warning Service
 - Defense-American Women's Volunteer Service
 - Defense-State Coordinator-W.S. Tabor
 - Defense-Gas and Oil
 - Defense-Health, Welfare, and Consumer Interest-Dr. William H. Speer
 - Defense-Miscellaneous Material
 - Defense-Scrap and Salvage
 - Defense-Soldiers' Vote
 - Office of Defense-Transportation
 - Defense-War Gardens
 - Terry, T.A., Commanding General, U.S. Army
 - Barcode: 087559
 - Adjutant General
 - Barcode: 087560
 - Boards of Registration
 - Barcode: 087562
 - Defense, Office of Civilian
 - Delaware Commission on Children in Wartime
 - Delaware Safety Council
 - Delaware Veterans Commission
 - Barcode: 087567
 - Office of Price Administration
 - Prisoners of War
 - Barcode: 087568
 - Soldiers Vote
 - Solid Fuel Administration for War
 - Barcode: 087570
 - U.S. Navy Department
 - U.S. War Department
 - United War Fund
 - U.S. War Ballot Commission
 - Veterans
 - War Savings Bonds and Stamps
 - Barcode: 087860
 - Selective Service Appointments
- 1945:
 - Barcode: 087573
 - Adjutant General

- Barcode: 087574
 - Board of Registration
- Barcode: 087576
 - Safety Council Commission
- Barcode: 087577
 - Council of Defense (State)
 - Defense, Civilian, USA
 - Defense, Selective Service
 - Defense, Surplus Property Administration
- Barcode: 087583
 - Office of Price Administration
 - Post-War Correspondence
- Barcode: 087584
 - Post-War Reports, etc.
 - Prisoners of War-Nazi Farm Laborers
- Barcode: 087585
 - Solid Fuels Administration for War
 - United War Fund
- Barcode: 087587
 - Veterans Assistance Program
 - War Production Board
 - War Savings Bonds and Stamps
 - War Assets Administration
 - U.S. War Department
 - U.S Navy Department
- Barcode: 087860
 - Selective Service Appointments
- 1946:
 - Barcode: 087589
 - Adjutant General
 - Adjutant General-National Guard
 - Barcode: 087591
 - Delaware Safety Council
 - Delaware Veterans Commission
 - Barcode: 087597
 - Post-War Correspondence
 - Barcode: 087598
 - Solid Fuels Administration for War
 - Barcode: 087599
 - Council of Defense (State)
 - Defense-American Women's Voluntary Service
 - Defense-County Coordinators
 - War Assets Administration
 - Barcode: 087600
 - U.S. Navy Department

- Barcode: 087601
 - U.S. War Department
- Barcode: 087602
 - Veterans Benefits
- Barcode: 087860
 - Selective Service Appointments

Title: Wartime Activity Files

Record Group: 1302.009

Span Dates: 1940-1946

Creator: Office of the Governor

Extent: 2.52 cubic feet: 2-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 399092, 399151

Summary: Governor's files for the State Council of Defense and Selective Service System relating to wartime preparation and education. Files include correspondence to and from the Governor regarding activities and functions of the State Council of Defense and the Selective Service System, as well as invoices, pamphlets and manuals. Invoices are to the State Council of Defense on operational matters. Pamphlets and manuals pertain to procedures, regulations and standards for wartime situations. Contents also include an organizational chart of the veteran's assistance program, an abstract of statutes, proclamations, and executive orders pertaining to national defense matters, summaries of State distribution of defense contracts, and a manual on civilian protection.

Arrangement: No apparent arrangement.

State Council of Presidents and Executives

At its inception in 1941, the State Council of Presidents and Executives was two different councils: the Council of Executives of State Agencies and the State Council of Presidents of Boards of State Agencies. During the War, the councils provided Governor Bacon with an analysis of Delaware's response to and participation in the war effort and made suggestions to the Governor and communities on issues like air raids, problems of evacuation and sanitation, and blackouts. The councils also addressed matters of concern to state employees: salaries, wages, working hours, work conditions, and the absence of a retirement plan. In 1945, the two councils merged to form the State Council of Presidents and Executives and to eliminate duplicate efforts. The Council continued advising the Governor until 1970 when the system was replaced by a cabinet form of government.⁶

Title: Administrative Records of the State Council of Presidents and Executives

Record Group: 1302.002.010

Span Dates: 1945-1968

Creator: Office of the Governor

⁶ "Council of Executives and State Agencies, State Council of Presidents and Executives," State Agency History. Accessed 20 May 2014. <http://archives.delaware.gov/collections/aghist/1302-001.shtml>

Extent: 0.11 cubic feet, 2 folders

Barcode: 338646

Summary: Administrative records of the State Council of Presidents and Executives that include membership rosters, rosters of committee appointments, and response lists for Council meetings. Entries on membership lists (1946-1968) include purpose of list, title, name of executive, and office address.

Arrangement: Chronologically by record type. 2 folders relate to World War II:

- "Membership Lists": 1945, 1946

Note: Box also contains 1302.011, 1302.012, 1302.013

Title: Reports of the State Council of Presidents and Executives

Record Group: 1302.002.011

Span Dates: 1942-1964

Creator: Office of the Governor

Extent: 0.08 cubic feet, 2 folders

Barcode: 338646

Summary: Copies of reports from representatives of the various agencies made to the Councils on major areas of concern within the State. Reports detail the status of the agency at the time of the meeting, any problems that had surfaced within the agency, and specific areas of concern for the entire state. A 1942 Report to the Governor on the Status of State Agencies and a 1945 report from the President of the Council of Executives on the activities of the Council from its inception until its merger with the Council of Presidents of State Agencies both contain some information relating to World War II.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Note: Box also contains 1302.010, 1302.012, 1302.013

Title: Correspondence of the State Council of Presidents and Executives

Record Group: 1302.002.012

Span Dates: 1942-1969

Creator: Office of the Governor

Extent: 0.27 cubic feet, 2 folders

Barcode: 338646

Summary: Correspondence files of the Councils including letters, carbon copies of responses to letters, and copies of materials received with letters or sent out with responses.

Includes materials sent to and from Leon deValinger, secretary of the Council of State Agency Executives in its early years and secretary of the State Council of Presidents and Executives, relating primarily to the chairman's invitations to attend council meetings. Of interest to World War II researchers are folders from 1942-1943 and 1945.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Note: Box also contains 1302.010, 1302.011, 1302.013

Title: Historical Sketch of the State Council of Presidents and Executives

Record Group: 1302.002.013

Span Dates: 1949

Creator: Office of the Governor

Extent: 0.01 cubic foot, 1 folder

Barcode: 338646

Summary: Unsigned reminiscence of the early history of the Council of Presidents and Executives. Details origins of the Council of Presidents of State Agencies and the Council of Executives of State Agencies, charting the major work each performed until 1945 when they merged to form the State Council of Presidents and Executives.

Note: Document appears to have been a presentation given by Dr. M. A. Tarumianz at a February 9, 1949, special meeting of the Council. See also the series 1302.11, Reports of the State Council for 1942 and 1945, for additional information on the early history and activities of the Council. Box also contains 1302.010, 1302.011, 1302.012.

Title: Minutes of the State Council of Presidents and Executives

Record Group: 1302.002.015

Span Dates: 1942-1972

Creator: Office of the Governor

Extent: 0.34 cubic feet, 5 folders

Barcode: 338643

Summary: Proceedings of the meetings of the Council of Executives of All State Agencies (1942-1945) and the State Council of Presidents and Executives (1945-1970). The minutes reflect the activities of the Council in its advisory capacity to the Governor. Early minutes detail the emergency measures taken by the State during World War II. Some minutes from 1943-1945 include the treasurer's reports showing receipts and sources of income, deposits, expenditures, and balance on hand.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically. 5 folders relate to the World War II time period:

- 1942-1943
- 1944
- 1945 (2 folders)
- 1946

Note: Box also contains 1302.14 and 1302.16

Delaware Department of State Records (RG 1325)

Title: Newspaper Clipping Collection

Record Group: 1325.003.008

Span Dates: 1939-present

Creator: Delaware Public Archives

Extent: 34.08 cubic feet, 10 folders relate to World War II

Barcodes: 404937, 404939, 404941, 404993, 404997, 515029

Summary: Collection of newspaper clippings concerning people and topics of historical interest. This is a “convenience collection” created for the Delaware Public Archives Research Room and staff use.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by subject. Of particular interest to World War II researchers are:

- General: Civil Defense (Box 4, Barcode: 404937)
- General: Dover Air Force Base (Box 6, Barcode: 404939)
- General: Fort DuPont (Box 8, Barcode: 404941)
- General: Fort Miles (Box 8, Barcode: 404941)
- General: Fort Saulsbury (Box 8, Barcode: 404941)
- General: Military (Box 12, Barcode: 404993)
- General: Wars (Box 16, Barcode: 404997)
- General: World War II (Box 16, Barcode 404997)
- Oversized World War II clippings (Barcode: 515029)
- Personal: Gov. Walter W. Bacon (Box 1, Barcode 404998)

Title: Record of Delawareans Who Died in World War II

Record Group: 1325.003.053

Span Dates: 1941-1958

Creator: Delaware Department of State, Delaware Public Archives

Extent: 2.59 cubic feet

Barcodes: 390461-390464, 486240, 486506

Location: Images have been digitized and can be accessed online through the [Delaware Heritage Collection](#).

Summary: Compiled service records collected for use in the World War II memorial at the Delaware Memorial Bridge and in the Delaware Memorial Volume. A basic form was filled out by family members describing the soldier’s military training, service history, cause of death/injury, and basic family information. In addition, the following records are included in some, but not all folders: photos of servicemen, obituaries, funeral notices, discharge papers, letters from commanding officers, citations of awards, official death notifications, letters from comrades, remarks from grieving parents, and correspondence from the Archives. The statement, “Not a Delawarean” is written on some forms. This does not necessarily reflect the veteran’s connection with Delaware, just that they were not included on the memorial.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by serviceman’s name.

Note: See also the World War II Memorial Volume (RG 1325-003-217) and a list of deceased World War II servicemen from New Jersey (RG 1540-000-073).

Title: World War II News Clippings

Record Group: 1325.003.054

Span Dates: 1940-1947

Creator: Delaware Department of State, Delaware Public Archives

Extent: 15-1.26 cubic foot boxes, 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1-0.24 cubic foot box, 3-0.67 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 091659, 091660, 091717, 091718, 091719, 353448, 353450, 353447, 353451, 353453, 353869, 353870, 353871, 353873, 405038, 405045, 405046, 405048, 405049, 405050

Summary: Scrapbooks and loose news clippings of items relating to Delaware's involvement and the participation by Delawareans in the World War II efforts at home or overseas. News clippings concern service records, honors or decorations received by, and death notices of Delawareans serving in the military. Also included are articles documenting the wartime activities and events of businesses and organizations in Delaware, as well as articles on the selective service, air raid procedures and precautions, and war time production. Loose clippings are attached to index cards with adhesive. The index cards seem to be divided by those that are biographical and those that are topical. The records may have been used in the book *Delaware's Role in World War II, 1940-1946*, by William H. Conner and Leon de Valinger, Jr.

Arrangement: Arranged by record type, thereunder no apparent arrangement. Biographical news releases about servicemen are arranged alphabetically by last name.

- Killed and Deceased Servicemen (Barcode: 091659)
- Discharged Servicemen (Barcode: 091660)
- Newspaper Clippings “A-H” (Barcode: 091718)
- Newspaper Clippings “I-S” (Barcode: 091717)
- Newspaper Clippings “T-Z, Miscellaneous, KIA” (Barcode: 091719)
- Clippings on Index Cards (Barcodes: 353448, 353869, 353451, 405045)
- Military Clippings (Barcodes: 353871, 405046)
- Miscellaneous Clippings (Barcode: 353450)
- Miscellaneous Clippings (Barcode: 353873)
- Miscellaneous Clippings, Boxes 4 and 5 and Press Releases about Servicemen 1-2 (Barcode: 353870)
 - Box 1: A-Barker
 - Box 2: Barkely-Booker
- Press Releases About Servicemen, Boxes 3-6 (Barcode: 353453)
 - Box 3: Bookhammer-Burton
 - Box 4: Burton-Clark
 - Box 5: Clark-Cox
 - Box 6: Cox-Deptula
- Press Releases About Servicemen, Boxes 7-10 (Barcode: 405049)
 - Box 7: Deptula-Eaton
 - Box 8: Eberhardt-Forman
 - Box 9: Forman-“Gr”
 - Box 10: Grabinski-Harvey
- Press Releases About Servicemen, Boxes 11-14 (Barcode: 405048)
 - Box 11: Harwanko-Horner
 - Box 12: Horner-Johnston
 - Box 13: Johnston-Kula
 - Box 14: Kula-Lowry
- Press Releases About Servicemen, Boxes 15-18 (Barcode: 405038)
 - Box 15: Lozos-Mays
 - Box 16: Haywell-Mungeni

- Box 17: Murger-Norris
- Box 18: Norris-Phillips
- Press Releases About Servicemen, Boxes 19-24 (Barcode: 353447)
 - Box 19: Phillips-Reiver
 - Box 20: Reiver-Sample
 - Box 21: Sample-Sipple
 - Box 22: Sipple-Stricker
- Press Releases About Servicemen, Boxes 25-28 (Barcode: 405050)
 - Box 23: Stritmatter-Tunnell
 - Box 24: Tunnell-Wechtenhiser
 - Box 25: Wechtenhiser-Wolfe
 - Box 26: Wolfe-Zwilgmeyer

Title: World War II Scrapbooks

Record Group: 1325.003.069

Span Dates: 1940-1946

Creator: Delaware Department of State, Delaware Public Archives

Extent: 4.03 cubic feet: 2-1.26 cubic foot boxes, 4-0.49 cubic foot boxes, 1-0.19 cubic foot box, 1-0.62 cubic foot box (Book-Flat-Regular)

Barcodes: 151388, 141276, 346520, 346522, 346521, 346519, 346523, 346519, 346520, 346521, 346521, 346522, 520351

Summary: Newspaper clippings from state newspapers with a few photos and ephemera, that primarily relate to civilian war efforts like war bond drives. Scrapbooks relate to war bond drives, the United Service Organization (USO), Office of Price Administration (OPA), military actions and servicemen, Delaware Branch of the American Women's Voluntary Services (AWUS), the Wilmington Committee of the British War Relief Society, selective service, the draft, and jobs for returning veterans between 1944 and 1947.

Arrangement: Each scrapbook is arranged by subject and thereunder chronologically by date of clipping.

- Barcode 141276:
 - General World War II-related clippings
- Barcode 151388:
 - General World War II-related clippings
- Barcode 346519:
 - War Loan and Bonds, February-April 1943
 - War Loan and Bonds, April-June 1943
- Barcode 346520:
 - Office of Price Administration (OPA), 1943-1944
 - Office of Price Administration (OPA), 1944-1945
 - United Service Organization (USO), 1940-1943
- Barcode 346521:
 - War Bond Articles, 1943-1944
 - War Bonds, 1944

- United Service Organization (USO)-Wilmington Newspaper Articles, 1945-1946
- Barcode 346522:
 - Office of Price Administration (OPA)-Wilmington Newspaper Articles, 1943
 - Delaware Branch of the American Women's Voluntary Services, 1941-1945
- Barcode 346523:
 - Draft Board, 1944-1947
- Barcode 520351:
 - British War Relief Society Scrapbook, 1940-1945

Title: World War II Records

Record Group: 1325.003.095

Span Dates: 1941-1946

Creator: Delaware Department of State, Delaware Public Archives

Extent: 39.41 cubic feet, 37-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 140024, 140025, 353449, 353452, 386189, 386194, 395201, 395204, 395206, 395207, 399386, 405043, 399350, 399355, 399357, 399361, 399395, 395212, 386191, 353872, 399372, 399361, 399375, 399381, 399388, 399390, 399394, 405040, 405042, 405044, 405047, 405055, 405056.

Summary: Assortment of materials collected during the war years relevant to Delaware's participation in wartime activities and used as working papers for the publication *Delaware's Role in WWII*. Materials include publications on subjects like descriptions of battles, histories of various units, and post-war adjustment information, wartime newsletters from various organizations, publications on the administration and function of the Selective Service Board. Induction lists from local draft boards, ration books, office files from the Delaware Council of Defense, various materials relating to promotions and publicity of bond drives and other local war efforts from the Civil Defense Office and periodical wartime publications of local defense industries are also included.

Arrangement: Arrangement by subject, thereunder no apparent arrangement.

- Box 1 (Barcode 140024)
 - World War II-Preserving War Records
- Box 17 (Barcode 140025)
 - World War II Civil Defense Posters and News Advertisements
- Box 6245 (Barcode 399388)
 - Defense Plant Publications
- Box 6277A (Barcode 395204)
 - Books on Selective Service
- Box 6327 (Barcode 395201)
 - Selective Service Inductions: Delivery Lists 1-38
- Box 6283A (Barcode 399375)
 - Selective Service Inductions: Delivery Lists 39-57
- Box 6285A (Barcode 399390)
 - Selective Service Inductions: 58-78
- Box 6287A (Barcode 395206)
 - Books on Selective Service

- Box 6288 (Barcode 353872)
 - Civil Defense Publications and Correspondence
- Box 6325 (Barcode 405044)
 - Delaware Council of Defense
- Box 6326 (Barcode 386191)
 - Civil Defense, Loans, Bonds, Etc.
- Box 6329 (Barcode 405043)
 - Airplane Spotters, Senator Tunnell's Speeches
- Box 6330 (Barcode 386194)
 - Civil Defense Bond Drives
- Box 6331 (Barcode 405056)
 - Delaware Council of Defense
- Box 6333 (Barcode 405047)
 - Delaware Council of Defense
- Box 6334 (Barcode 399395)
 - Civil Defense
- Box 6335 (Barcode 353449)
 - Civil Defense-School Health
- Box 6336 (Barcode 386189)
 - Civil Defense Airplane Spotters
- Box 6373 (Barcode 395207)
 - Selective Service District, Delawarean Separation Records, History
- Box 6374 (Barcode 399357)
 - Aircraft Spotters, Blackouts
- Box 6375 (Barcode 405041)
 - World War II Bill Frank Clippings and Civil Defense Materials
- Box 6376 (Barcode 405042)
 - Newsletters
- Box 6377 (Barcode 399350)
 - Books on Selective Service
- Box 6378 (Barcode 399395)
 - Civil Defense
- Box 6379 (Barcode 395212)
 - Civil Defense
- Box 6380 (Barcode 399386)
 - Aircraft Warning Reports
- Box 6381 (Barcode 399366)
 - Books, etc., CONAD (Continental Air Defense Command)-War & Peace
- Box 6382 (Barcode 399372)
 - Defense Plant Publications
- Box 6384 (Barcode 405055)
 - Newsletters and Newspapers
- Box 6422 (Barcode 399361)
 - Defense Plant Publications

- Box 6429 (Barcode 353452)
 - Civil Defense General Files
- Box 6431 (Barcode 399355)
 - Defense Plant Publications
- Box 6385 (Barcode 405040)
 - World War II Books and Booklets
- Box 6423 (Barcode 399381)
 - World War II-Papers, Rough Drafts

Title: World War II Veterans Information Cards

Record Group: 1325.003.115

Span Dates: 1941-1946

Creator: Delaware Department of State, Public Archives Commission

Extent: 7.31 cubic feet: 10-0.39 cubic foot boxes, 14-0.19 boxes

Barcodes: 120328, 120329, 120330, 120331, 120332, 120333, 120334, 120335, 120336, 120337, 120338, 120339, 120340, 120341, 120342, 120343, 120344, 120345, 120346, 120347, 120348, 120349, 120350, 120351,

Summary: Information about Delaware World War II veterans collected on punch cards used for accumulating statistics that would be used in *Delaware's Role in World War II*. Records show name and address, sex, race, age, and marital status of veteran, whether enlisted or drafted, commissioned, decorated, wounded, previous service in World War II, serial number, rank, medals received, civilian occupation, date of birth, date of entrance into service, length of service and branch of service.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by name of veteran. There is not an index of included veterans.

- Barcode 120332: Aaron, Charles H. to Bayard, Thomas F.
- Barcode 120344: Bayard, Samuel C. to Broadwater, Herbert
- Barcode 120338: Broaddus, Robert to Carey, Robert E.
- Barcode 120342: Carlin, Charles J. to Conner, Joseph P.
- Barcode 120336: Connolly, Edward A. to Delle, Denne Albino
- Barcode 120340: Dell, Richard W. to Duling, Guy W.
- Barcode 120329: Duncan, Irwin N. to Fisher, Walter N
- Barcode 120333: Fisherman, Herman to Good, Roy
- Barcode 120330: Good, Vernon E. to Harstead, Sydney A.
- Barcode 120334: Hart, Allan H. to Hudson, Glenn R.
- Barcode 120331: Hudson, Frederick E. to Joyner, Steven
- Barcode 120335: Jubb, Lee Roy to Kyper, Gerald E.
- Barcode 120341: Lacy, Harold Burton to Lutton, Homer F.
- Barcode 120343: Lutton, Stanton L. to McGee, Norman T.
- Barcode 120350: McGee, Theodore to Morris, Leon W.
- Barcode 120337: Morris, Melvin M. to Parisi, John P.
- Barcode 120339: Parisan, Francis J. to Pufahl, Francis J.
- Barcode 120348: Quaintance, Robert Lee to Rowe, John R.
- Barcode 120346: Rowe, Lawrence W. to Short, Francis R.
- Barcode 120345: Short, Eben A. to Shetzer, D.G.

- Barcode 120347: Stevens, Allie J. to Timmons, George
- Barcode 120351: Timmons, Franklin J. to Warren Herman W.
- Barcode 120349: Warren, Henry R. to Wilson, William R.
- Barcode 120328: Wilson, William Jo to Zydahowicz, Raymond J.

Title: Radar Site 11-General Housing Plan, State Architectural Drawings Collection

Record Group: 1325.003.191

Span Dates: 1942-1945

Creator: U.S. Military

Extent: 0.1 cubic foot: 1 oversized folder

Barcode: 537678

Summary: General Housing Plan for Radar Site 11 in Bethany Beach, Delaware, during World War II.

Note: In accordance with the Delaware Public Archive's [security procedures for viewing architectural drawings](#), accessing this record requires submitting a written request to the State Archivist for approval.

Title: World War II Memorial Volume Work Papers

Record Group: 1325.003.216

Span Dates: 1944-1949

Creator: Delaware Department of State, Public Archives Commission

Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box

Barcode: 338701

Summary: Documentation relating to the preparation and printing of the Memorial Volume (RG 1325.003.217). Work papers include correspondence from Governor Walter W. Bacon expressing appreciation that the project he suggested in 1944 was nearing completion, the State Archivist's presentation speech on December 7, 1949, mock-up and sample copies of interior pages and front cover, blank pages with borders as well as an unbound copy of the final product.

Title: World War II Memorial Volummae

Record Group: 1325.003.217

Span Dates: 1944-1949

Creator: Delaware Department of State, Public Archives Commission

Extent: 1 volume in 0.41 cubic foot box

Barcode: 391913

Summary: The World War II Memorial Volume is a commemorative volume created by the Public Archives Commission at the request of Governor Walter W. Bacon to honor the men and women of Delaware who lost their lives in the service of their country during World War II. The volume primarily consists of biographical information such as a veteran's name, rank, branch of service, home address, names of parents, date and place of death, service information, honors received and length of military service. The accounts disclose the names of those who died in combat and of accidental deaths, those who were missing and presumed lost, and others who died of service-connected

disabilities. Whenever possible, information contained in the volume was verified by next of kin.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by serviceman/servicewoman's name.

Note: Also available electronically on the Delaware Public Archives' website: <http://archives.delaware.gov/eBooks/WWIIMemorialVolume.pdf>

Title: Working Papers for *Delaware's Role in World War II*

Record Group: 1325.003.236

Span Dates: 1941-1952

Creator: Delaware Department of State, Public Archives Commission

Extent: 3.94 cubic feet: 8-0.47 cubic foot boxes and 7-0.1 cubic-foot oversized map folders

Barcodes: 395253, 395254, 395255, 395256, 395257, 395258, 395259, 534500, 534686, 534687, 534688, 534689, 534690, 534691, 534692

Summary: Materials collected or created for the Public Archives Commission publication, *Delaware's Role in World War II*. Materials include press releases from 1951-1952, chapter notes, photographs, posters for recruitment, bond drives, and military campaigns, newspapers, newspaper clippings, correspondence, bid information, and items on persons getting awards. Also included are information on the Victory Corps, military unit histories, air raid control centers, deceased servicemen, and the USO in Dover and Wilmington. Reports including annual agricultural data, emergency farm labor, land use, farm use, how the war affected employment, and a report on conservation of phone activity are included. The Working Papers also contain minutes of the Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources, as well reports and pamphlets on how other states like North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Illinois preserved their World War II records. Some ration coupons are filed with Chapter 22 records.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder by folder title.

- Barcode 395253: "A" to Chapter 9
- Barcode 395254: Chapter 10 to Military Units
- Barcode 395255: Military Units (continued) to "Newsl"
- Barcode 395256: "Newsm" to Press Releases B
- Barcode 395257: Press Releases "C to M"
- Barcode 395258: Press Releases "N to T"
- Barcode 395259: Press Releases "U to Z"
- Barcode 534500: Typed Manuscript, 1952
- Barcode 534686: Posters, Undated
- Barcode 534687: Posters, 1943
- Barcode 534688: Posters, 1944
- Barcode 534689: Posters, January 1 through June 4, 1945
- Barcode 534690: Posters, June 18 through September 19, 1945
- Barcode 534691: Posters, October 8 through December 31, 1945
- Barcode 534692: Posters, 1946

Title: World War II Memorial Plaque Inquiries

Record Group: 1325.003.243

Span Dates: 1941-1958

Creator: Delaware Department of State, Public Archives Commission

Extent: 0.47 cubic feet: 1-0.47 cubic foot box

Barcode: 486505

Summary: Correspondence used to determine the eligibility of World War II soldiers to have their names placed on a memorial at the Delaware Memorial Bridge. This record consists primarily of correspondence between State Archivist Leon deValinger and those who knew the soldiers, including family members and religious leaders. The last two folders refer to correspondence between deValinger and the World War II Veterans Compensation Bureau in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to see if the soldiers had been counted by the State of Pennsylvania. The last two folders are arranged by soldiers' names. Some of these soldiers are also listed in 1325-003-053 (Record of Delawareans Who Died in World War II)

- Folder 1: Correspondence without soldiers' names mentioned
- Folder 2: A-F
- Folder 3: G-L
- Folder 4: M-S
- Folder 5: T-Z
- Folder 6: PA Correspondence in Reference to World War II Bonuses: A-K
- Folder 7: PA Correspondence in Reference to World War II Bonuses: L-Z

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by soldier's surname

Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission (RG 1470)

Title: Veterans Military Pay Commission Return Cards

Record Group: 1470.002

Span Dates: 1950

Creator: Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission

Extent: 5.04 cubic feet: 4-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 399816, 399819, 399846, 399886

Summary: World War II veterans reply cards acknowledging the return of their discharge/separation paper from the Commission. The Veterans Military Pay Commission had to receive these cards before bonus checks were issued to veterans. The cards show the claim file number, date of signing and signature of veteran.

Arrangement: Arranged numerically

Title: Reactivated World War II Cash Bonus Claim Files

Record Group: 1470.006

Span Dates: 1955-1958

Creator: Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission

Extent: 2.52 cubic feet: 2-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 339849, 399821

Summary: Record of claims that were originally rejected because of “failure to apply” by January 1, 1951, but were reactivated for payment when the application period was extended under [Delaware Laws Volume 50, Chapter 535](#) and [Volume 51, Chapter 23](#).

Files include an application for bonus, a copy of a veteran’s separation or discharge papers, and occasionally other supporting documents. Files include the original applications for bonus claim and a copy of separation/discharge papers. Both forms show the name, address and physical description of veteran, branch of service, claim number, dates of service, place of entry and discharge, date of document, and signature of veteran. Separation/discharge records show the rank, military occupation, battles and campaigns participated in, decorations and citations received, and date of service outside of the United States. The reason for rejection is usually noted on the folder or the application form. Other supporting documents occasionally included are correspondence to and from the Commission or applicant, and copies of awards and citations. In 1957 an Act of the General Assembly (SB #528) extended the claim period one additional year.

Arrangement: Arranged numerically.

Note: Records are **confidential**. To access the veteran’s separation/discharge records, please contact Delaware’s [Commission of Veterans Affairs](#). Advanced notice is required to review confidential records created by the Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission that do not contain military separation or discharge records. Sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced.

Title: World War II Cash Bonus Disbursement Sheets

Record Group: 1470.011

Span Dates: 1949-1951

Creator: Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission

Extent: 1.32 cubic feet: 2 – 0.67 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 144004, 144005

Summary: Record of State cash bonus payments made to Delaware veterans of World War II and their beneficiaries. The warrant sheet entries show the warrant sheet number and date, the signature of Commission Chairman, the claim number, name and address of veteran, the amount paid and the check number, and the total amount paid.

Arrangement: Arranged numerically by warrant sheet number and thereunder numerically.

Title: World War II Bonus Claim Files-Rejected

Record Group: 1470.012

Span Dates: 1949-1951

Creator: Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission

Extent: 3.78 cubic feet: 3-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 399729, 399730, 399748,

Summary: Cash bonus claims rejected and veterans' applications for World War II bonus payments that had been submitted to and subsequently denied by the Commission.

Files contain the original application for bonus claim and a copy of a veteran's separation/discharge papers. Both forms show the name of veteran and their address, physical description, their branch of service, claim number, dates of service, places of entry and discharge, date of document signing, and signature of veteran. The separation/discharge papers show a veteran's rank, military occupation, battles and campaigns, decorations and citations, and dates of service outside the United States. Other supporting documents include correspondence to and from the Commission and citations. The reason for rejection is usually noted on the folder cover or application form.

An Act of the Legislature in 1955 extended cash bonus claims for World War II Delaware Veterans through 1957. In 1957 the Legislature extended the application period for an additional year, and in 1961 the application period was re-opened again for several months. Index cards of the claims and rejected claims are filed in one card catalogue, however, the claims and rejected files were separated. Index cards for World War II do not note if claim was accepted or rejected.

Arrangement: Numerically by claim number

Note: Records are **confidential**. To access the veteran's separation/discharge records, please contact Delaware's [Commission of Veterans Affairs](#). Advanced notice is required to review confidential records created by the Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission that do not contain military separation or discharge records. Sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced.

Title: World War II Bonus Claims Paid

Record Group: 1470.013

Span Dates: 1949-1951

Creator: Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission

Extent: 108.36 cubic feet: 84-1.26 cubic foot boxes, 18-1.26 cubic foot boxes of index cards

Barcodes: Claims Paid: 399698, 399699, 399700, 399701, 399702, 399703, 399704, 399705, 399706, 399707, 399708, 399710, 399712, 399713, 399714, 399715, 399716, 399717, 399718, 399720, 399722, 399724, 399725, 399728, 399731, 399732, 399733, 399735, 399737, 399738, 399739, 399740, 399741, 399742, 399744, 399745, 399746, 399747, 399749, 399750, 399751, 399752, 399753, 399756, 399757, 399758, 399759, 399760, 399761, 399763, 399764, 399765, 399766, 399767, 399768, 399769, 399770, 399771, 399772, 399773, 399774, 399775, 399776, 399777, 399778, 399780, 399781, 399782, 399784, 399785, 399786, 399788, 399789, 399790, 399791, 399792, 399794, 399796, 399802, 399810, 399812, 399832, 399863, 399883,
Index cards: 503972, 503973, 503974, 503975, 504613, 504614, 504615, 504616, 504617, 504618, 504619, 504620, 504621, 504622, 504623, 504624, 504625, 504626.

Summary: Applications approved for Delaware veterans and beneficiaries applying to receive cash bonus payments for active service in the armed forces during World War II as provided for by an act of a special session of the 115th General Assembly. Files contain the application for bonus, a copy of separation/discharge papers, and occasionally other supporting documents for each veteran submitting a claim.

Supporting documents occasionally contained in the file include copies of citations and awards, correspondence to and from the Commission, applicant, and other military personnel or organizations concerning verification of facts or the need for additional information to process the claim, and return cards informing the Commission that the veterans had received the separation/discharge papers originally forwarded with the bonus claim applications.

Arrangement: Card file is arranged alphabetically by name of veteran on paid and rejected claims. Claims paid are arranged numerically by file number.

Note: Records are **confidential**. To access the veteran's separation/discharge records, please contact Delaware's [Commission of Veterans Affairs](#). Advanced notice is required to review confidential records created by the Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission that do not contain military separation or discharge records. Sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced.

Title: Reactivated Cash Bonus Payment Period for World War II and Korean War—Claims Paid and Rejected

Record Group: 1470.016

Span Dates: 1961-1962

Creator: Delaware Joint Veterans Claims Commission

Extent: 2.52 cubic feet: 2-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 386504, 386505

Summary: Record of claims by veterans originally barred from receiving state bonuses due to the expiration of the original filing period. Claims were refiled under an extension granted for active service members during World War II or the Korean War created under [Delaware Laws Volume 53](#), Chapter 82. Files include an application for bonus, a copy of separation/discharge papers, and occasionally other supporting documents like copies of citations and awards, correspondence to and from the Commission, and return cards acknowledging receipt of separation/discharge papers.

Applications show the claim number, name, contact information of veteran, name under which veteran entered the service, date and place of veteran's birth, branch of the service, service serial number, date and place of enlistment/induction/commission, date and place of entry into and release from active service, condition of discharge, and whether veteran received any service-connected disability pension. Also noted are dates of service outside the United States, total months outside the United States, if the veteran was a legal resident at time of active entry, whether legal residency was established at time of entry, length of time as legal resident of Delaware, contact information for next-of-kin and/or wife if married, any prior applications for bonus in this or any other States, received any prior bonus due veterans because of military service, amount of bonus due, date of document, and signature of applicant.

The separation/discharge record is the capstone military service document that represents the complete and verified record of a service member's time in the military, awards, medals, and honors, and other pertinent service information like promotions, details of

combat or overseas service, military occupational specialties, and records of trainings and schools completed.

Arrangement: Arranged numerically by claim number. Claim numbers are indexed in a card file arranged alphabetically by the name of the veteran.

- Barcode 386504: Paid Claims #1-346
- Barcode 386505: Rejected Claims #56-363 (Box is shared with RG 1470.017)
- **Note:** Records are **confidential**. To access the veteran's separation/discharge records, please contact Delaware's Commission of Veterans Affairs. Advanced notice is required to review confidential records created by the Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission that do not contain military separation or discharge records. Sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced.

Title: Check Disbursement Sheets for Reactivated Cash Bonus Payments for World War II and Korean War

Record Group: 1470.017

Span Dates: 1961-1962

Creator: Joint Veterans Claims Commission

Extent: 0.01 cubic foot: 1 folder

Barcode: 386504

Summary: Record of cash bonus payments made to eligible Delaware World War II and the Korean War veterans and their beneficiaries. Sheets show warrant sheet number and date, signature of Committee chairman, claim number, name and address of veteran, amount paid, check number and total amount paid.

Arrangement: Arranged numerically by warrant sheet and thereunder by claim number

Note: Not confidential, but shares a box with confidential material

Title: World War II Bonus Claims Paid Checks

Record Group: 1470.027

Span Dates: 1949-1951

Creator: Delaware Veterans Military Pay Commission

Extent: 4.1 cubic feet: 10-0.41 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 075814, 075815, 075816, 075817, 075818, 075819, 075820, 075821, 075822, 075823

Summary: Copies of bonus claims checks paid to Delaware World War II veterans.

Arrangement: Arranged numerically by claim number.

Delaware Department of Transportation (RG 1540)

Title: List of New Jersey World War II Deceased Servicemen

Record Group: 1540.073

Span Dates: 1956

Creator: Delaware Department of Transportation, State Highway Department

Extent: 0.01 cubic foot: 1 folder

Barcode: 486237

Summary: List of New Jersey residents who died in World War II, most likely used to create the plaques at the Delaware Memorial Bridge honoring the war dead. The list shows only the names of the deceased and date of the list, March 30, 1956, and does not contain any other details.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by the name of the deceased.

Delaware State Council of Defense (RG 1673)

Title: Indices to Volunteer Enrollments

Record Group: 1673.001

Span Dates: 1942-1945

Creator: State Council of Defense

Extent: 16 cubic feet: 16-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 155087, 455275, 455279, 455287, 455297, 455311, 455316

Summary: Card index to individuals associated with various volunteer organizations working with the State Council of Defense during World War II. Card shows name, residence, and phone number of volunteer and particular organization associated with. Organizations represented include Civil Air Patrol, Auxiliary Police, Control Room, Aircraft Warning Service, casualty groups, plant protection, women and men retail wardens, active wardens and messengers.

Arrangement: Separated by organization and thereunder arranged alphabetically by name of volunteer.

Title: State Council of Defense General Files

Record Group: 1673.002

Span Dates: 1942-1946

Creator: State Council of Defense

Extent: 41.82 cubic feet: 33-1.26 cubic foot boxes, 1-0.47 cubic foot box

Barcodes: 156354, 156355, 156356, 156357, 156358, 156360, 156361, 151393, 151395, 158653, 158654, 158655, 158656, 158657, 158658, 158659, 158660, 158661, 158662, 158663, 158664, 158665, 158666, 158667, 158668, 158669, 158670, 158675, 158682, 158921, 455301, 455304, 455307, 455312

Summary: Records reflect the functions of the heads of Civilian Defense centers throughout the State during World War II. Files include correspondence, periodicals, financial records,

handbooks, news clippings, surveys of homes and more. Subjects covered in files include blackouts, war bond drives, selective services, airplane spotters, and more.

Arrangement: Some files are arranged alphabetically by subject heading and the remaining files have no apparent order.

- Box 54 (Barcode 455304): General Files-Correspondence
- Box 55 (Barcode 455307): General Files-Correspondence
- Box 56 (Barcode 455312): General Files-Correspondence, Miscellaneous
- Box 57 (Barcode 455301): General Files-Correspondence
- Box 58 (Barcode 158656): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 59 (Barcode 158658): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 60 (Barcode 158657): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 61 (Barcode 158653): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 62 (Barcode 158655): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 63 (Barcode 158654): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 64 (Barcode 158660): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 65 (Barcode 158661): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 66 (Barcode 158663): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 67 (Barcode 158659): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 68A (Barcode 158662): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 68B (Barcode 158921): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 69 (Barcode 158667): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 70 (Barcode 158675): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 71 (Barcode 158670): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 72 (Barcode 158668): WWII-General Files, Surveys
- Box 73 (Barcode 151393): WWII-General Files, Surveys
- Box 75 (Barcode 158669): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 76 (Barcode 156354): General Files
- Box 77 (Barcode 156355): General Files
- Box 78 (Barcode 158666): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 79 (Barcode 158664): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 80 (Barcode 158665): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 81 (Barcode 158682): General Files-Correspondence, Bulletins, Literature
- Box 84 (Barcode 156356): General Files-National Defense
- Box 85 (Barcode 156357): General Files
- Box 86 (Barcode 156358): General Files-Papers, Bulletins, Volumes
- Box 87 (Barcode 156360): General Files
- Box 88 (Barcode 156361): General Files
- Box 74 (Barcode 151395): General Files-Papers, Bulletins, News Clippings

Title: Minutes of the Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources

Record Group: 1673.003

Span Dates: 1942

Creator: State Council of Defense

Extent: 0.01 cubic foot: 1 folder

Barcode: 338813

Summary: Minutes of a Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources meeting held on February 25, 1942. Primary topic discussed in meeting was planning for the preservation of historic buildings, paintings, documents, and books in case of enemy attack.

Arrangement: No apparent arrangement

Note: Shares box with 1673.000. Other notes from the Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources can be found in 1325.003.236 (Working papers for *Delaware's Role in World War II*).

Title: Civilian Defense Organizational Charts

Record Group: 1673.004

Span Dates: 1942

Creator: State Council of Defense

Extent: 0.2 cubic foot, 1 oversized map folder

Barcode: 479712

Summary: Charts depicting the organizational structure of the State Council of Civilian Defense and the Office of Civilian Defense in Wilmington.

The "State Council of Civilian Defense, Civilian Protection" chart lists the position titles and some of the names of men holding the positions. The "Civilian Defense Organization, Wilmington - Delaware" chart is headed by the Director, Mayor Albert W. James. Positions and names of office holders are noted. Wilmington artist F. E. Schoonover is listed as Director of Arts and Crafts for Victory. An additional chart displaying "Air Raid Warden Organization" is also included but lists position titles only.

Arrangement: No apparent arrangement.

Title: Civil Defense Training Class Schedules

Record Group: 1673.005

Span Dates: 1942

Creator: State Council of Defense

Extent: 0.2 cubic foot: 1 oversized folder

Barcode: 479319

Summary: Schedules for various areas of World War II homefront Civil Defense training classes that note the type of class, as well as the class's date, time, and location. Class topics included first aid, sewing and knitting, surgical skills, home nursing, home service, nurse's aides, blood donors, nutrition, first aid, chemical warfare, auxiliary fireman, auxiliary police, American Women's Volunteer Service, family morale, physical fitness, air raid protection, motor corps and running repairs, fire arms, and decontamination squad. In some cases, the schedules list the names of some of the unit leaders.

Arrangement: No apparent arrangement

Title: State Council of Defense Organizational Charts

Record Group: 1673.006

Span Dates: 1942

Creator: State Council of Defense

Extent: 0.1 cubic foot: 1 oversized folder

Barcode: 479320

Summary: Charts depicting the organizational structure of the State Council of Defense.

The State Council of Defense organizational chart is headed by the chairman, Governor Walter Bacon, and lists the other positions but not the names of the position holders.

Arrangement: No apparent arrangement

Title: Home Address Notification Cards

Record Group: 1673.000.007.001

Span Dates: 1941-1946

Creator: State Council of Defense

Extent: 2.52 cubic feet: 2-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 455308 and 156995

Summary: Address cards sent to the State Selective Service Board notifying the Board that a registrant had been discharged, separated from, or entered into active service. Each registrant was credited against the quota for the local board. Home address cards show the name of registrant, rank or rating, race, branch of service, date entered service, serial or service number and home address at time entered the service, state, county, local board number and selective service order number for enlistee who had registered with the Selective Service Board. Data found here is compatible with that found on DDS form 166. This series also contains separation cards for enlistees who have been discharged or separated from services. The separation cards contain that noted above with the addition of date of discharge or separation, type of discharge certificate, reason for discharge or separation of enlistee and signature and rank of reporting officer. Data found here is compatible with that found on DDS form 167.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by name of enlistee.

Note: Records are **confidential**. Advanced notice is required to review confidential records created by the State Council of Defense. Sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced.

Military Records (RG 1800)

Title: Coast Artillery Journals

Record Group: 1800.003

Span Dates: 1920-1940

Creator: War Department

Extent: 0.24 cubic feet: 19 volumes in 0.24 cubic foot box

Barcode: 390438

Summary: Journals contain gunner's instructions for the operation of military ordnance. Journals include instructions for: anti-aircraft artillery, fixed artillery, mobile seacoast artillery, submarine mining, artillery searchlight battery, training management, tactics and techniques for artillery, and anti-aircraft command.

Arrangement: Chronological by date of journal.

Title: Historical and Pictorial Review

Record Group: 1800.005

Span Dates: 1940

Creator: Delaware National Guard

Extent: 0.03 cubic foot: 1 volume and CD in 0.24 cubic foot box

Barcode: 390325

Summary: Historical and pictorial review of the Delaware National Guard in 1940. Review includes brief history of the National Guard and shows names and pictures of officers and enlisted men, with brief histories of individual batteries.

Arrangement: Arranged by individual battery.

Title: Selective Service Appointments

Record Group: 1800.020

Span Dates: 1940-1946

Creator: Adjutant General

Extent: 1.26 cubic feet: 1-1.26 cubic foot box

Barcode: 151408

Summary: The records document executive appointments to the Selective Service system and include acceptance of appointments, oath of office, personnel sheets, and certified copies of appointment orders.

Arrangement: Arranged by type of document.

Title: Military Personnel Files

Record Group: 1800.061

Span Dates: 1940-1946

Creator: Military

Extent: 7.66 cubic feet: 7-1.26 cubic foot boxes and 2-0.19 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 124027, 151387, 158440, 158441, 455264, 455266, 455282, 455283, 455300, 455303

Summary: Card files contain name of service person, service identification number, rank, classification, date of enlistment, camp stationed, and birthdate. Occasionally the card file also includes the serviceman's place of residence and a notation of honorable discharge.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by name of service person:

- Box 1 (Barcode 455300): Military Personnel
- Box 2 (Barcode 455282): Military Personnel
- Box 3 (Barcode 455283): Military Personnel
- Box 4 (Barcode 455303): Military Personnel
- Box 5 (Barcode 455264): Military Personnel
- Barcode 151387: Military Personnel Files, Index Cards, A-L
- Barcode 124027: Military Personnel Files, Index Cards, M-Sz
- Barcode 158440: War History Index Cards Personnel
- Barcode 158441: War History Index Cards Personnel

Title: Civilian Volunteer Card File

Record Group: 1800.063

Span Dates: 1941-1945

Creator: Military

Extent: 2.52 cubic feet: 2-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 455266, 455293

Summary: Index card file that was maintained on volunteers who participated in homefront activities in Delaware during World War II. Cards show name, address, and the activity in which they participated. (i.e. block warden, auxiliary fireman, messenger, Red Cross, Air Raid Warden, American Women's Volunteer Services (AWVS), auxiliary police). Cards also have an unidentified number.

Arrangement: Arrangement roughly alphabetical by name of individual.

Title: Aptitude Cards

Record Group: 1800.064

Span Dates: 1941-1942

Creator: Military

Extent: 1.26 cubic feet: 1-1.26 cubic foot box

Barcode: 455262

Summary: Index card file providing information on workers in various occupations. Cards list person's name, address, phone number, age, types of jobs held, and number of years person held job. Purpose of the record is unknown.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by occupation, thereunder alphabetically by worker's name.

Title: State Guard Scrapbook

Record Group: 1800.077

Span Dates: 1941-1944

Creator: Military-State Guard

Extent: 0.49 cubic feet: 1 volume in a 0.49 cubic foot box

Barcode: 346524

Summary: After Delaware's National Guard units were nationalized in 1940 and 1941, the State Guard was organized to take its place. This scrapbook relates to the State Guards' formation, activities, and personnel, especially Company B from Dover. The scrapbook consists of newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, and ephemeral material.

Arrangement: Chronologically

Title: World War II News Releases

Record Group: 1800.080

Span Dates: 1946-1947

Creator: Military

Extent: 0.47 cubic feet: 1-0.47 cubic foot box

Barcode: 091661

Summary: Biographical press releases about Delawareans in the Armed Forces during World War II and used by the *News Journal*. Information was collected on forms created by the *News Journal* and included biographical information about Delawareans serving in the armed services during World War II. Forms show name and address of person releasing information, name, rank and home residence of individual's personal data being released, name and residence of parents or spouse (if married) and a short summary of training completed. Some correspondence from parents noting information relating to their child's military activities is included. Photographs accompanied some of the releases; they have been removed and placed in the Delaware in World War II photograph collection (RG 1325.003.206). Photostat copies of the items removed remain in the file.

Arrangement: No apparent arrangement

Title: Chaplain's Files

Record Group: 1800.086

Span Dates: 1932-1945

Creator: Delaware National Guard

Extent: 1.40 cubic feet: 1-1.26 cubic foot box, 0.40 cubic feet shared w/ RG 1800.096

Barcodes: 151377, 120925

Summary: Files reflect the daily activities of the Regimental Chaplain, Major Park W. Huntington, of the 198th Coast Artillery (A.A.). Files include subject files and financial records. Subject files reflect the routine duties of the Chaplain and also contain news clippings, correspondence to and from Chaplain, and training manuals. Financial records contain bank statements, canceled checks, and lists of the guardsmen and amounts they received. The financial records also include a list of guardsmen with the names and addresses of their next of kin.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by file heading.

Title: National Guard Enlistment Records

Record Group: 1800.087

Span Dates: 1941-1945

Creator: Delaware National Guard

Extent: 7.56 cubic feet: 6-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 151103, 151109, 151122, 151132, 151133, 455306,

Summary: Individual enlistment records of applicants for the Delaware National Guard during World War II. Applications show name, race, and address of applicant, place and date of enlistment, unit designated, term of service of enlistee, any prior service, date and place of birth, citizenship information, educational background, civilian trade/occupation and length of service, and occupational military qualifications. Enlistment records also include marital status and number and relation of dependents, any criminal offenses, proper rejections for enlistment, medical and mental fitness, overall state of health, place, date and name of witness to information given, signature of witness and applicant, and general remarks (usually promotions, transfers, or dismissals). The Oath of Allegiance and Certification of Oath show place of residence, full name of enlistee, date, name, grade, unit, and signature of a certifying officer. Physical exam results, next of kin information and beneficiary information are also included.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by name of applicant

Note: Records **are confidential**. Advanced notice is required to review confidential military records from Record Group 1800. Researchers interested in obtaining access to these confidential records should be aware that sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced.

Title: Record of Discharged Servicemen Forms

Record Group: 1800.088

Span Dates: 1941-1948

Creator: Military

Extent: 2.52 cubic feet: 2-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcode: 111093, 455286

Summary: Recorded information of military service personnel for discharge or separation papers.

Arrangement: No apparent arrangement.

Note: Records **are confidential**. Advanced notice is required to review confidential military records from Record Group 1800. Researchers interested in obtaining access to these confidential records should be aware that sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced.

Title: World War II Civil Defense Posters

Record Group: 1800.091

Span Dates: 1940s

Creator: Military

Extent: 0.77 cubic feet: 0.77 cubic feet in 1-oversized box

Barcode: 256476

Summary: Posters displaying the Civil Defense symbols for Staff Corps, emergency food, Driver Corps, Air Raid Warden, Auxiliary Fireman, and Auxiliary Police.

Arrangement: No apparent arrangement.

Title: National Guard Administrative Files

Record Group: 1800.096

Span Dates: 1932-1956

Creator: Delaware National Guard

Extent: 7.6 cubic feet: 7-1.26 cubic foot boxes

Barcodes: 111089, 151358, 151359, 158080, 455272, 455277, 455285,

Summary: Administrative files include decimal files, correspondence, reports, and files on various subjects relating to the National Guard. Files within the series include: Purple Heart file; inspection, 1932-1940; repairs, 1932-1940.

Arrangement: Folders are arranged numerically by filing system number.

Title: Company/Unit Records

Record Group: 1800.098

Span Dates: 1930s-1960s

Creator: Delaware National Guard

Extent: 31.5 cubic feet, 3 cubic foot boxes relate to World War II

Barcodes: 158097, 151363, 455476,

Summary: Orders, promotions, enlistment records, discharges, and files on various subjects relating to the Delaware National Guard including the state rifle range and armories throughout Delaware.

Arrangement: Arranged by company and unit or subject heading.

- Barcode 151363:
 - State Guard Bills, 1942-1944
 - Miscellaneous Purchase Orders, 1937-1942
 - Oaths of Office
 - Physical Examinations, 1932-1940 (**confidential**)
- Barcode 158097:
 - Attendance Roll, 142nd Fighter Bomber Squad, 1945-1955
- Barcode 455476:
 - State Rifle Range, 1943
 - State Rifle Range, 1942-1943
 - Rifle Range, Magazine, Etc., New Castle, DE, 1940-1941
 - Milford Armory
 - Wilmington Armory Commission
 - Wilmington Armory, 1943
 - New Castle Armory
 - Surplus Property at New Castle County Airport
 - New Castle County Air Base
 - Newark Armory, 1943

- Georgetown Armory
- Georgetown Armory, 1939-1942
- Bethany Beach Armory, 1942
- Laurel Armory, 1942-1943
- Record of Service, 1930-1955

Note: Series includes Company/Unit records from after the end of World War II. Only those records dating from the World War II period are included above. Advanced notice is required to review confidential military records from Record Group 1800. Researchers interested in obtaining access to these confidential records should be aware that sensitive and/or personal information in the files will be redacted before the records are serviced. Some files share boxes with confidential material.

Sussex County Levy Court (RG 4200)

Title: Volunteer Roster and Service Record Books

Record Group: 4200.016

Span Dates: 1942-1944

Creator: Sussex County Levy Court

Extent: 0.24 cubic feet: 2 volumes in 1-0.24 cubic foot box

Barcode: 494174

Summary: Record of Air Raid Warning Control volunteers who manned a center at the Courthouse in Georgetown, Delaware. The record lists the name of the volunteers, date they volunteered, their hours of service, as well as the color of signal received and time it was received.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by the date of service

City of Wilmington (RG 5100)

Title: City of Wilmington Administrative Files

Record Group: 5100.003.455

Span Dates: 1973-2006

Creator: City of Wilmington

Extent: 6.3 cubic feet, 0.01 cubic foot-1 folder relates to World War II

Barcode: 490468

Summary: Subject files for various issues brought before the Wilmington City Council. One file relates to a World War II monument dedicated November 11, 1991 in the city.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Town of Bethany Beach (RG 7000.001)

Title: Minutes of the Bethany Beach Town Council

Record Group: 7000.001

Span Dates: 1923-1997

Creator: Town of Bethany Beach

Extent: 12 rolls of 35mm roll of microfilm, 1 roll relates to World War II

Location: Delaware Public Archives, Self-Service Microfilm [Cabinet 15, Drawer 9]

Summary: Minutes may include the date, place, and time of the meeting, members in attendance, and the proceedings of the meetings. Business discussed includes purchases and work approved, boardwalk, taxes and tax collecting, business licenses, lighting, road and street maintenance, election of new members, light plant, bonds, water system, ordinances, agreements, town election results, financial statements, World War II blackouts, zoning, Street Aid Fund, police, wreck of the *African Queen*, garbage collection, mosquito control, reports from various committees, legislation, schedule of fees, legal opinions, beach replenishment, and recreational activities.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by date of meeting.

Note: Roll #1 (September 1923-July 1964) contains minutes relating to World War II.

Brandywine/Claymont School District (RG 8182)

Title: Brandywine/Claymont School Board Minutes

Record Group: 8182.002

Span Dates: 1938-1954 (2 volumes: 1938/39 through 1947/48 and 1948/49 through 1953/54)

Creator: Brandywine School District/Claymont School District

Extent: 3.72 cubic feet, 1 volume covering the 1938/39 through 1947/48 academic years in a 0.41 cubic foot box contains content relating to World War II

Barcode: 470002

Summary: Record of the Board of Education of Claymont Special School District meetings, 1919-1978. Minutes include date and place of meeting, names of Board members and officers present and absent, discussion of Board business, and school accounts. Subjects discussed include school attendance, taxes to be raised, purchase of equipment and supplies, building and renovation projects and needs, purchase of land for new schools, contracts and bids, correspondence sent to the Board, Delaware School Auxiliary Association, temporary school buildings, election of officers, WPA murals and work, bus transportation, DDT, desegregation, *Evans vs. Buchanan*, personnel, and deeding District property to the New Castle County School District. Topics relating to World War II include air raid drills and other homefront activities, Americanization classes, and student safety and health.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by date of meeting.

General Reference Collection (RG 9270.001)

The General Reference Collection is a convenience collection that contains materials collected by or deposited with the Delaware Public Archives concerning any topic or person that could be useful for the interpretation of Delaware history. The series does not contain official state records.

Title: Speech Given by Edwin F. Englehart on Memorial Day, 1994 (General Reference #185)

Extent: 1 folder

Barcode: 392364

Summary: "Speeches given by Edwin Englehart Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 1994"

Title: Prisoner of War Camps (General Reference #269)

Extent: 1 folder

Barcode: 392368

Summary: 2 papers: "A personal account of the activities of the Prisoner of War Camps. . . from its Headquarters at Fort DuPont, Delaware" and "Historical Evaluation for the Determination of the Presence of German Prisoner-of-War Burials in the Bear Trap Golf Course and Subdivision Area," 2000.

Title: VEA Bobcat (Military Newsletter from WWII) (General Reference #304)

Extent: 1 folder

Barcode: 392369

Summary: World War II newsletter, the "VEA Bobcat," that was published weekly by the 198th Coast Artillery from Bora Bora.

Title: Congressional Medal of Honor (General Reference #640)

Extent: 2 folders

Barcode: 392385

Summary: Correspondence relating to Delaware recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Medal of Honor monument

Title: Doctors in World War II (General Reference #813)

Extent: 1 folder

Barcode: 409466

Summary: Special Commemorative Issue of the *Delaware Medical Journal* for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944. Includes article on "Gordon Keppel, Ranger Surgeon" that was also published in the Fall-Winter 1999-2000 edition of *Delaware History*

Title: Regimental History: 198th Coast Artillery (General Reference #932)

Extent: 1 folder

Barcode: 471038

Summary: Regimental History of the 198th Coast Artillery from September 1940 through February 1944.

Title: World War II (General Reference #870)

Extent: 6 folders

Barcode: 386200

Summary:

- Folder 1: World War II
- Folder 2: World War II-Reminiscences of Caroline Abbott-1992, 1994
- Folder 3: World War II-1943
- Folder 4: World War II-Records of Harbor Defense Troops-1945
- Folder 5: Dachau Concentration Camps-Marty Levin, 1945
- Folder 6: World War II Ephemera

Pamphlet Collection (RG 9270.004)

A collection of non-state or local government publications, including pamphlets, brochures, booklets, magazines, and similar published material that contain information about Delaware

Title: “Memory of the Members [of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association] who Made the Supreme Sacrifice in World War II”

Subject: Societies and Clubs

Barcode: 391677

Date: 1942-1947

Title: “World War II Remembered, Harrington, Delaware”

Subject: Cities and Towns

Barcode: 391652

Date: 1989

Title: “Millsboro Honor Roll—World War II, by Aubrey P. Murray.”

Subject: Cities and Towns

Barcode: 391654

Date: 1989

Title: *Delaware Beach Life*: Articles on Rehoboth, Lewes, and World War II

Subject: Cities and Towns

Barcode: 391653 and 391657

Date: 2004

Title: "Ensure the Future: National Dedication Day, May 29, 2004"
Subject: Delawareana General
Barcode: 520354
Date: 2004

Reference Reels (RG 9270.005)

A collection of records on microfilm at the Delaware Public Archives that include copies of original records in the Archives, records that were loaned for microfilming, or microfilm that was purchased to enhance the Archives' holdings. The collection is divided into three broad categories of records: general, church, and genealogy. Records are arranged numerically by reference reel number.

Title: "Young American Patriots: The Youth of Maryland and Delaware in World War II." Published by Northern Publishers, Inc.
Location: Delaware Public Archives, Self-Service Microfilm. Cabinet 21, Drawer 5, Roll #106
Date: 1946

Title: Delaware Women at War
Location: Delaware Public Archives, Self-Service Microfilm. Cabinet 21, Drawer 5, Roll #106
Date: 1946

State Reports (RG 1325.003.147)

Title: State Report: "List of Educational Institutions Available to Veterans under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 and War Industry Workers for Post-War Adjustment"

Record Group: 1325.003.147

Span Dates: 1944

Creator: Veterans Military Pay Commission (RG 1307) and Department of Public Instruction (RG 8005)

Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 pamphlet

Barcode: 075050 and 075272

Summary: Educational opportunities for veterans following their World War II service.

Title: State Report: "Delaware's Children: Are They Being Prepared to Cope with the Problems of a Post-War World"

Record Group: 1325.003.147

Span Dates: 1942

Creator: Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families (RG 1501), Published by the Delaware Citizens Association in February 1943.

Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 pamphlet

Barcode: 138024

Summary: A report on how Delawareans should prepare children for four specific goals following the war: Grow into well-balanced human beings, live in a community, prepare for and earn a living, and get along well with other people. Report was a result of the Delaware Conference on Children in a Democracy, held in November 1942, in Wilmington, Delaware.

Title: State Report: "State of Delaware Veterans' Assistance Booklet: A Manual of Information for Veterans, Their Dependents, and Agencies Interested in their Welfare"

Record Group: 1325.003.147

Span Dates: 1946

Creator: Veterans Military Pay Commission (RG 1307)

Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 pamphlet

Barcode: 075050

Summary: A resource for veterans to use while readjusting to civilian life upon their return to the US that includes information on what to do after discharge, obtaining medical care, re-entering the workforce or education system, and other related matters. Compiled and edited by the Delaware headquarters of the Selective Service System.

Title: State Report: "Delaware State Air Code"

Record Group: 1325.003.147

Span Dates: 1923, 1943

Creator: Department of State (RG 1325)

Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 pamphlet

Barcode: 131516

Summary: Pamphlet of the "Uniform State Law for Aeronautics," passed March 23, 1923 by the Delaware Secretary of State. A stamp on the front of the booklet shows the date of 10/2/1943.

Title: State Report: "A Reconnaissance Survey of Cape Henlopen Military Reservation, Fort Saulsbury, and Bethany Beach"

Record Group: 1325.003.147

Span Dates: 1941

Creator: Health and Social Services (RG 1500)

Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 report

Barcode: 138021

Summary: Study on the geographic areas surrounding Cape Henlopen, Fort Saulsbury, and Bethany Beach, including environmental risks, community profiles, and summary of health services available to servicemen stationed at those military establishments.

Title: State Report: "Delaware: A Reconnaissance Survey of Fort DuPont, 1941"
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1941
Creator: Health and Social Services (RG 1500)
Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 report
Barcode: 138021
Summary: Study on the geographic area surrounding Fort Du Pont including environmental risks, community profiles, and summary of health services available to servicemen stationed at Fort DuPont.

Title: State Report: "A Report on the Feasibility of a Crossing of the Delaware River near Wilmington Connecting the State of Delaware to New Jersey"
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1941
Creator: Department of Transportation (RG 1540)
Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 report
Barcode: 138056
Summary: Study on the legal and administrative aspects of constructing a bridge or tunnel between Delaware and New Jersey over the Delaware River.

Title: State Report: "Report of Delaware River Crossing Commission to Hon. Richard C. McMullen, Governor of Delaware, 1939"
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1939
Creator: Department of Transportation (RG 1540)
Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 pamphlet
Barcode: 138067
Summary: A summary of the longer "Report on the Feasibility of a Crossing of the Delaware River near Wilmington Connecting the State of Delaware to New Jersey"

Title: State Report: "Defense for the Delaware: Fort Delaware, Fort DuPont, Fort Mott State Parks" (DelDoc #34.226)
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1993
Creator: Division of Parks and Recreation
Extent: 1 sheet of microfiche
Location: DelDoc # 34.226. Report is available on microfiche at the Delaware Public Archives
Summary: Report contains brief historical backgrounds of Fort Delaware, Fort DuPont, and Fort Mott (New Jersey) State Parks.

Title: State Report: “General Basic Evacuation Plan of the State of Delaware”
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1943
Creator: Delaware State Evacuation Authority, State Council of Defense (RG 1673)
Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 pamphlet
Barcode: 075218
Summary: Basic plan in the event that Delaware needed to be evacuated due to an enemy bombing or other threat during World War II.

Title: State Report: “Americanization in Delaware—A State Policy Initiated by the Delaware State Council of Defense”
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1939
Creator: State Council of Defense (RG 1673)
Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 pamphlet
Barcode: 075218
Summary: Report prepared by Esther Everett Lap that outlines policies for assimilating immigrants living in Delaware to American language, culture, and values.

Title: State Report: “Educational Opportunities for Returned Service Men and Women”
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1944
Creator: University of Delaware (RG 8500)
Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 pamphlet
Barcode: 138103
Summary: Brochure advertising educational opportunities for returning servicemen and women at the University of Delaware.

Title: State Report: “State of Delaware Veterans Commission and American Red Cross Veterans Clearing Bureau—State Conference on the Coordination of Services for Returned Veterans, March 4, 1944”
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1944
Creator: Veterans Military Pay Commission (RG 1307)
Extent: 1-0.24 cubic foot box, 1 pamphlet
Barcode: 075050
Summary: Program from conference on the topic of coordinating services for returning veterans.

Title: State Reports: “American Red Cross Veterans Clearing Bureau—Handbook of Information”
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1946
Creator: Veterans Military Pay Commission (RG 1307)
Extent: 1-0.24 cubic foot box, 1 report
Barcode: 075050
Summary: Contains information on state and federal services for veterans returning from the war.

Title: State Reports: “Air Warning Service 1942-1943”
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1942
Creator: State Council of Defense (RG 1673)
Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 report
Barcode: 075218
Summary: Roster and service record for the Georgetown (Sussex County) Air Raid Warning Control Center from January through April 1942.

Title: State Reports: “Air Warning Service”
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1942-1943
Creator: State Council of Defense (RG 1673)
Extent: 1-0.47 cubic foot box, 1 report
Barcode: 075218
Summary: One folder containing miscellaneous materials relating to the Aircraft Warning Service

Title: State Reports: Laws of Delaware
Record Group: 1325.003.147
Span Dates: 1941-1965
Creator: General Assembly (RG 1111)
Location: Laws of Delaware have been digitized and are available online through the [eBooks](#) section of the Delaware Public Archives website.
Summary: The Laws of Delaware are compiled and published by the Delaware General Assembly for each year the legislature is in session. Between 1941 and 1965, the legislature included resolutions, laws, appropriations, and proclamations relating to World War II. These include:

General Assembly Number	Volume Number	Year	Chapter(s)
108	43	1941	4, 32, 54, 57, 80, 81, 101, 110, 285, 319, 327, 330
109	44	1943	7, 8, 9, 17, 30, 57, 58, 62, 70, 71, 129, 187, 125, 178, 209, 210, 230, 235, 243, 244, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 252, 254, 256, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 268, 280
109	45	1944	1, 6, 7, 17, 20, 32, 72, 73, 98, 101, 215, 227, 254, 289, 304, 306, 329, 334, 342, 344, 352, 353, 355, 357, 358, 362, 364, 373, 374, 375, 377, 379, 380
114	46	1947	24, 68, 100, 170, 188, 194, 245, 246, 360, 363, 365, 366, 368, 371, 373, 379, 385, 386
115	47	1949	9, 11, 28, 75, 147, 309, 329, 347, 459, 461, 469, 480, 486, 488, 490, 492, 496, 497, 508
116	48	1951	7, 189, 268, 277, 281, 432, 435, 440, 458, 466, 468, 507, 509,
117	49	1953	52, 68, 69, 74, 160, 162, 207, 500
118	50	1955	24, 227, 535, 575, 675, 719, 739, 832
119	51	1957	28, 67, 390, 447
120	52	1959	142
121	53	1961	82, 218
122	54	1963	236, 397
123	55	1965	139, 484

Small Manuscript Collection (RG 9200)

Title: Polde Gosnik Collection

Record Group: 9200.G07.001

Span Dates: 2007-2009

Extent: 0.19 cubic feet: 1-0.19 cubic foot box

Barcode: 529376

Summary: Polde Gosnik was a Slovenian who was conscripted into the German Army during World War II, captured by the Allies, and spent time as a prisoner of war at Fort DuPont. The book and compact disc contain his remembrances and memoirs. The book, *Polde Gosnik – P.O.W.* was written by his daughter, Irena Trsinar, and is illustrated. The book includes photos from the Delaware Public Archives and is written in Slovenian. The CD has copies of some of the photos used in the book, an MP3 audio file of his interview on Radio Fireside, Ljubljana, Slovenia, and an English translation of the program

Note: The National Museum of Contemporary History must be credited if the interview is used.

Title: Meisler Papers

Record Group: 9200.M12.001

Span Dates: 1941-1945

Extent: 0.15 cubic feet: 1-0.15 cubic foot box

Barcode: 491665

Summary: Personal military records of James Meisler who served at Fort Miles during World War II. Fort Miles records include a letter describing life at Fort Miles, a Christmas dinner menu, a list of men in Battery A, news clippings of sporting events at Fort Miles, and a *Woman's Day* magazine which contains an illustrated article on Fort Miles. James Meisler's personal military records include a copy of his military discharge papers, Immunization Register, Soldiers Individual Pay Record, a Class B Pass and thirteen photos of Meisler and fellow soldiers.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by folder heading:

- Folder 1: Photos: Portraits, circa 1943-1944
- Folder 2: Correspondence: Meisler to Ann Holland, 1943
- Folder 3: Fort Miles: Women's Day Magazine, April 1944
- Folder 4: Fort Miles: Christmas Dinner Menu, 1943
- Folder 5: Fort Miles: List of Men in Battery A, n.d.
- Folder 6: Fort Miles: Sports News Clippings, circa 1943
- Folder 7: Meisler Military Discharge and Immunization Register, Soldier's Individual Pay Record, Class B Pass
- Folder 8: Photos
- Folder 9: Photo: Battery A, 539th FA BN, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina

Title: Dover United Service Organization (USO) Club Journal

Record Group: 9200.U01.001

Span Dates: 1943

Extent: 0.19 cubic feet: 1 volume in 0.19 box

Barcode: 536924

Summary: Record of activities at the Dover USO Club in the middle of World War II. The Journal shows the date, time, and type of activity that occurred, and especially the services they provided to servicemen. Entries include finding rooms for servicemen and family members, phone calls received, delivery of packages, information provided, bicycles loaned, delivery of supplies to the Club, building maintenance, messages delivered, dances and parties sponsored by the Club, donations by the public, and club hostesses.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by date.

Prints (RG 9026)

Title: Prints and Engravings: War

Record Group: 9026.001

Span Dates: 1787-1974

Extent: 1.08 cubic feet, 1 oversized folder of World War II prints

Barcode: 508339

Summary: The Prints and Engravings Collection includes myriad formats, including pen and ink, woodcuts, lithographs, and watercolors, and covers a variety of topics.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by subject. Of interest to World War II researchers are 4 prints and one poster. The prints are scenes from near Normandy, France, and were drawn by Charles B. Murphy and reproduced by the 62nd Engineers, Top Company, U.S. Army, in 1944.

- “Scene in the Road”: depiction of German guns, German and American dead, with Hill 192 in the background
- “Group of Bodies 50 Yard to South from Field”: depicting the body of Lt. Col. William E. Warfield, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 115th Infantry.
- “House at Crossroads”: depicts route the battalion follow to the south at 6 hours, 10 June 1944
- “Scene in Field”: depicts American and German deceased soldiers
- Printed poster highlighting the names of Delawareans who died in World War II and the Korean War. These names are listed on the Delaware Memorial Bridge.

Photographs

Title: Fort DuPont Building Construction and Maintenance Records

Record Group: RG 0775.002

Span Dates: 1902-1942

Creator: U.S. Army

Extent: 2 rolls of 35mm microfilm

Location: Delaware Public Archives, Self-Service Microfilm [Cabinet 1, Drawer 4]

Summary: Equipment and maintenance records for buildings and structures on the post grounds of Fort DuPont. Records contain description sheets for individual buildings and structures, maintenance lists of various equipment, machinery, systems, and annual reports of construction and repair activities. Description sheets show post plan and building number, place, designation of building, capacity, total cost, date completed, materials (walls, foundations, roof, floors), total floor area, size (main building, wings, basement), height of first floor above ground, how lighted, water, sewer, or gas connected, how heated and type of heat, type of water heater, cooking ranges, refrigerators, and meters installed, additions and installation (date, description, and cost), photo of building or structure, sketch of floor plans with construction details and general remarks.

The maintenance records lists buildings, heating plants, utilities, transformers, electric lighting and power, equipment in buildings, etc., shows building number, general description of equipment or system (type and dimension), and remarks. Annual reports of construction and repair show fiscal year, building number, designation of building, description of important repair work over one hundred dollars, repair expenditures for present fiscal year, total repair expenditures since construction or installation of building or system, total original cost, cost of new construction (alterations and additions only) and replacement value.

Arrangement: Description sheets are generally arranged numerically by building number. Annual reports are arranged chronologically by fiscal year. No order is apparent for maintenance lists.

Title: Delaware Development Office Photograph Collection

Record Group: 1306.000.000

Span Dates: 1941 - 1973

Extent: 6.55 cubic feet, 4 WWII photos

Barcode: 346175, 346180

Summary: Photographs taken to document state development (department) activities. Many of the photos were used in various promotional publications.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

- Box 2 (Barcode: 346175), Folder 5:
 - Delaware Memorial Bridge Veterans Memorial (3 photos)
- Box 7 (Barcode: 346180), Folder 10:
 - Displaced children arrive in Dover (photo #1663)

Title: General Photograph Collection

Record Group: 1325.003.036

Span Dates: 1860 - 2006

Extent: 33.51 cubic feet, 22 WWII photos in 8 boxes

Barcodes: 346201, 346206, 346228, 346230, 346248, 346231, 473088, 473089, 473090

Summary: The General Photograph Collection is primarily the result of small donations by

individuals or organizations. Because of the nature of the collection, a wide range of subjects and time periods are represented.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by subject.

- City and Town Scenes:
 - Box 1 (Barcode: 346201), Folder 3
 - Dover Honor Roll for World War II, photo #51
- Government and Politics:
 - Box 1 (Barcode: 346206), Folder 9
 - Dedication of World War II Memorial by Mayor James Hearn, photo #659
- Military:
 - Box 1 (Barcode: 346228): Folders 6-6b
 - Navy Relief Society, Fort DuPont, 261st Regiment (11 photos)
- Portraits:
 - Box 2 (Barcode: 346230), Folder 7
 - James P. Conner, photo #30
 - Box 3 (Barcode 346231), Folder 7
 - Admiral William F. Halsey Jr., photo #11
 - Box 5 (Barcode 473088), Folder 5
 - William Lloyd Nelson, photo #437-438
 - Box 6 (Barcode 473089), Folder 3
 - General Eugene Reybold, photo numbers 16, 17, 1259
 - Box 7 (Barcode 473090), Folder 12
 - George Welch, photo #297
- Transportation:
 - Ships
 - Box 4 (Barcode 346248), Folder 15
 - Reuben James (5 photos)

Title: Record of Delawareans Who Died in World War II

Record Group: 1325.003.053

Span Dates: 1941-1958

Extent: 2.59 cubic feet

Barcodes: 390461- 390464, 486240, 486506

Location: Images have been digitized and can be accessed online through the [Delaware Heritage Collection](#).

Summary: Compiled service records collected for use in the World War II memorial at the Delaware Memorial Bridge and in the Delaware Memorial Volume. A basic form was filled out by family members describing the soldier's military training, service history, cause of death/injury, and basic family information. In addition, the following documents are included in some, but not all folders: photos of servicemen, obituaries, funeral notices, alumni books, discharge papers, letters from commanding officers, citations for awards, official death notifications, letters from comrades, remarks from grieving parents, and correspondence from the Archives. The statement, "Not a Delawarean" is written on some forms. This does not necessarily reflect the veteran's connection with Delaware, just that they were not included on the memorial.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by serviceman's name.

Note: See also the World War II Memorial Volume (RG 1325-003-217) and a list of deceased World War II servicemen from New Jersey (RG 1540-000-073).

Title: Delaware's Role in World War II Photograph Collection

Record Group: 1325.003.205

Span Dates: 1940 - 1946

Extent: 3.18 cubic feet

Location: Images have been digitized and can be accessed online through the [Delaware Heritage Collection](#).

Summary: Photographs were collected for use in *Delaware's Role in World War II*, written by William H. Conner and Leon deValinger, Jr. The book was published by the Public Archives Commission in 1955. In addition to the photos used in the book, portraits of military personnel and an album from the Wilmington United Service Organization (USO) Club are also present. The book photographs include views of the Delaware National Guard, military bases in the state, Delaware servicemen and servicewomen in various theaters of war, and civilian efforts on the home front. Civilian activities include civilian defense, war bond drives, agricultural and industrial production, and selective service. Three folders of photos were not selected for publication.

There are five boxes of Delaware servicemen and servicewomen portraits. Most are photos of individuals, but there are many group portraits, also. Most group portraits show them in uniform and many were photographed in the theater of war. Branches of the armed forces include Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, WAVES, WACS, and SPARS. Some personnel were American Red Cross workers. There are nine folders of unidentified portraits.

The Wilmington USO operated in a building at 909 West Street from September 15, 1941 through June 30, 1946. The album photos show the exterior and interior of the building, USO personnel, servicemen at the club, and various activities that took place there.

Arrangement: Photos used in the book are arranged numerically by photo number. Military personnel are arranged alphabetically by name.

Title: Delaware in World War II Photograph Collection

Record Group: 1325.003.206

Span Dates: 1938 - 1961

Extent: 4.4 cubic feet

Location: Images have been digitized and can be accessed through the online [Delaware Heritage Collection](#).

Summary: Governor Walter W. Bacon authorized the Public Archives Commission to collect historical materials that would document Delaware's participation in World War II. The photographs they obtained document the military bases, servicemen, National Guard activities, and various civilian war efforts. Over 25% of the collection deals with the military bases in the state: Dover Air Force Base (photographs to 1961), New Castle

Army Air Base, Fort DuPont, Fort Miles, and Edgemoor Coast Guard Base. These photos include views of facilities, portraits, the National Guard personnel, prisoners of war, recruiting, selective service personnel, servicemen's portraits, and women in the armed forces.

Civilian war activities are depicted by photographs of the war loan drives, Victory Gardens and farming, civilian defense, industry and labor, rationing, salvage drives, Red Cross, USO and other service organizations, and celebrations of the war's end. The collection also includes the negative files of the News-Journal Company for the years 1938-1943. The News-Journal Company's negative files primarily focus on everyday Delaware life, especially in Wilmington, and include non-war related subjects typical of a local newspaper's photograph files.

Arrangement: The collection is divided into three subgroups and arranged by subject: Military Home Front; Civilian Home Front; and Delaware Life, 1938-1943.

Title: Post Card Collection

Record Group: 1325.003.207

Span Dates: ca. 1900 - 1982

Extent: 0.47 cubic feet, 2 WWII post cards

Barcode: 346168

Summary: Post cards documenting most areas and many subjects in Delaware.

Arrangement: Arranged in alphabetical order by name of town, or if not associated with a town, by subject.

- Wilmington-Transportation-Railroads:
 - USO Lounge, Pennsylvania Station, photo #826.
- World War II:
 - Gas Drill, 3rd WAAC Training Center, Ft. Oglethorpe, photo #833.

Note: Collection will become a part of the online Delaware Heritage Collection in Summer 2014.

Title: State Highway Department Photograph Collection

Record Group: 1540.000.009

Span Dates: 1908 - 2007

Extent: 66.9 cubic feet, 4 WWII photos

Barcode: 338877

Summary: Photographs used by the State Highway Department to document road and bridge construction, maintenance, conditions, and other department activities. During World War II, prisoners of war were used to clear ditches.

Arrangement: Partly arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder by location.

- Prisoners of War:
 - Box 7, Folder 6.

Title: Purnell Photograph Collection

Record Group: 9015.003.001

Span Dates: 1860 - 1965

Extent: 21.61 cubic feet, 109 WWII-related photographs

Barcode: 346095, 346097, 346103, 346107, 346111, 346097, 346103, 346107, 346111, 346116, 346125, 346126, 346128, 346130, 346136, 346139, 346142, 522680, 522684, 522687, 522688, 522699

Summary: Photographs collected by Harold W.T. Purnell (1896-1965) a Georgetown businessman, state senator, president pro tem, and civil leader. The collection contains representations of a wide range of subjects and time periods that give an excellent view of Delaware, and especially, Sussex County life. For easier access, the collection is divided into four sections: places, portraits, subjects, and albums and family photos.

Arrangement: The Places section is arranged alphabetically by the name of the town and thereunder alphabetically by subject. Portraits are divided into families, groups, individuals, and weddings and subdivided into identified, arranged alphabetically, and unidentified, arranged by broad time periods. Subjects are arranged alphabetically by subject heading. The albums and family photos are arranged alphabetically by family name with unidentified albums and photos at the end.

- Places:
 - Delaware City :
 - Box 2 (Barcode 346095), Folder 13
 - Dover:
 - Box 4 (Barcode 346097), Folder 3
 - Georgetown:
 - Box 10 (Barcode 346103), Folders 4, 5
 - Laurel:
 - Box 14 (Barcode 346107), Folders 5, 10, 16
 - Lewes:
 - Box 18 (Barcode 346111), Folder 5
 - New Castle:
 - Box 23 (Barcode 522680), Folder 13
 - Seaford:
 - Box 27 (Barcode 522684), Folder 6
 - Wilmington:
 - Box 30 (Barcode 522687), Folders 2, 4, 11
 - Box 31 (Barcode 522688), Folder 1
- Portraits - Family:
 - Duncan, Box 33 (Barcode 346116), Folder 10
- Portraits-Individuals:
 - Doris Deering
 - Box 42 (Barcode 346125), Folders 5
 - Edna Hutchinson
 - Box 43 (Barcode 346126), Folder 12
 - Margaret E. Macleod and Jean Matthews
 - Box 45 (Barcode 346128), Folders 4, 5

- Gladys M. Salisbury
 - Box 47 (Barcode 346130), Folder 7
- Subjects:
 - Associations:
 - Box 60 (Barcode 346136), Folder 5
 - Government:
 - Box 63 (Barcode 346139), Folder 8
 - Military:
 - Box 66 (Barcode 346142), Folders 1 – 7
 - Transportation:
 - Box 70 (Barcode 522699), Folder 4

Title: Pictorial History of Milford Photograph Collection

Record Group: 9015.009.001

Span Dates: 1880 - 1977

Extent: 1 photograph

Barcode: 346283

Summary: Photographs reproduced by the Archives' photographer from originals in possession of the Milford Historical Society and many local lenders for use in the book *Milford Through the Years, A Pictorial History of Milford, Delaware*.

Arrangement: Folders arranged by book chapter heading subjects.

- Box 1 (Barcode 346283), Folder 12:
 - Bond Drive, photo #79

Title: Lewis H. Kirk, Jr. Photograph Collection

Record Group: 9015.030.001

Span Dates: 1918 - 1967

Extent: 1 folder, 6 WWII photos

Barcode: 535222

Summary: Digital copies (43) of photographs and several documents, most relating to Lewis H. Kirk Jr.'s military career. Kirk was a resident of Wilmington from early childhood and served in the Delaware National Guard, 198th Coast Artillery Regiment, and U. S. Army. Kirk participated in World War II, the Korean War, and retired as a Colonel in the National Guard.

The photographs are of Kirk in the Delaware National Guard in the 1920s and 1930s, on Bora Bora Island with the 198th Regiment during World War II, in Korea during the Korean War, and with the 35th Anti-Aircraft Battalion at Fort Meade, Maryland. Copies of documents include his appointment as sergeant in the 198th in 1936.

Arrangement: Mostly arranged chronologically by time period of photo.

- Box 1 (Barcode 535222), Folder 3:
 - World War II – Bora Bora

Title: Jimmy Stout Collection, World War II Photographs

Record Group: 9015.033.001

Span Dates: 1942 - 1947

Extent: 0.19 cubic feet: 1-0.19 cubic foot box

Barcode: 536091

Summary: Photographs of Jimmy Stout, fellow soldiers, and friends. The collection consists of seventy-five small prints and two postcards. There are many photos of Jimmy and fellow soldiers in the 150th Motor Vehicle Assembly Company. Several photos celebrate the 10,000th vehicle assembled. Also included are views of military vehicles, places Jimmy Stout and others visited (including six photos from New Zealand), and unidentified women.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

Title: Glenn Rude Photograph Collection - General Photographs

Record Group: 9015.034.003

Span Dates: 1942 - 1945

Extent: 0.19 cubic feet, 1 folder contains 12 WWII photos

Barcode: 536900

Summary: Photographs of various subjects including World War II, businesses, group portraits, University of Delaware musical groups, lighthouses, aerial views of developments, and the Silverside swim team.

Arrangement: Unprocessed; no apparent arrangement.

Title: Farmers Bank Photographs

Record Group: 9200.F02.002.001

Span Dates: 1945 - 1967

Extent: 1.32 cubic feet, 13 WWII photos

Barcode: 491687

Summary: Photographs taken to document the activities of the Farmers Bank in Dover.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by subject heading.

- USO (5 photos)
- World War II events (8 photos)

Title: Marshall Family Photographs

Record Group: 9200-M01-003

Span Dates: 1865 - 2004

Extent: 1.33 cubic feet, 16 WWII photos

Barcode: 518379

Summary: Photograph albums compiled by the various branches of the Marshall family, a prominent Milford family. One album has photos and documents relating to Samuel Marshall's military service in World War II.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by album.

- Samuel Marshall album, pages 9, 11-12.

Title: Delaware State News Photograph Collection

Record Group: 9210.000.013

Span Dates: 1965-1998

Extent: 37.53 cubic feet, 3 WWII photos

Barcode: 508705, 508716, 508729

Summary: Photographs taken by staff photographers for use in Delaware's daily down-state newspaper.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by name or subject.

- Peter M. Kalasky, photo # 2765 (Barcode 508705)
- Joseph S. Strachar, photo # 5611 (Barcode 508716)
- Memorial Day, photo # 2452 (Barcode 508729)

Title: Schwartz Collection Photographs

Record Group: 9200.S07.002

Span Dates: 1942-1976

Extent: 0.19 cf, 1 folder with WWII bond drive photos

Barcode: 537186

Summary: Photographs of movie theaters in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, owned by the Schwartz family, including theater promotions and construction. Photographs include a World War II war bond drive event in Dover with actress Paulette Goddard and actor William Gargan.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by subject heading

- World War II Bond Drive, Folder 17, 1942-1945

Title: The Whale Photograph Collection

Record Group: 9210.042

Span Dates: 1975-1996

Extent: 16.34 cubic feet, 2 WWII photos

Barcode: 517167, 517182

Summary: Photographs taken for use in *The Whale*, a weekly Lewes newspaper.

Arrangement: Partly arranged alphabetically by subject or name of person, 1975-1996.

- Ethel M. Finley, photo # 765. (Barcode 517167)
- VFW Memorial, photo # 1551. (Barcode 517182)

Audio-Visual Records

Note: Advanced notice is required to access these records

Motion Pictures

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (RG 1620)

Title: Fort Miles Video Recordings

Record Group: 1620.004.047

Span Dates: 1942-2002

Creator: Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Parks and Recreation.

Extent: 1-0.24 cubic foot box

Barcode: 499380

Summary: Video recordings related to the history of Fort Miles. Two DVDs documenting the movement of the 2 “Big Guns” from Dahlgren, Virginia, to Cape Henlopen State Park (formerly Fort Miles) are included. The video footage documents the two-day period between the dismantling of the guns in Virginia to the settling of the guns on their mounts at Fort Miles. Also included is one DVD of original World War II film footage describing the Big Guns and one DVD of the German submarine (U-858) that was captured and taken to Fort Miles for processing.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically

Note: Advanced notice is required to view this record.

Delaware Department of Education (RG 8005)

Title: “Civil War’s End to World War II—Delaware Shifts into Gear”

Record Group: 8005.046

Span Dates: circa 1965

Extent: 9.5” reel

Barcode: 472861

Summary: Motion picture film used within the Delaware school system and/or created by the Department of Education for educational purposes.

Note: Advanced notice is required to access this record.

World War II Motion Picture Films (RG 1800.112)

A collection of World War II motion picture films that describes operations in Germany, France, Italy, and the Pacific, and includes subjects like the Nazi concentration camps, Okinawa, B-29 attacks on Tokyo. Most films are not specific to Delaware. The films describe military equipment like bazookas, M-2 carbine, remote control tank operations. Civil Defense films include topics relating to civil defense control centers, air raid wardens, fire guards, rescue units, first aid, victory gardens, and the Homes for Returning Veterans program. Most films are black and white with sound, are on 16 mm film, and were produced by the U.S. Army Signal Corp or the Office of Civilian Defense. When creator, length, and date of film are known, this information is included in the descriptions below.

Title: What to Do in a Gas Attack, Parts 1 and 2

Creator: Filmedia Production Corporation for Clorox Chemical Company

Date: 1940s

Barcode: 499436 and 499437

Length: 11 minutes

Title: Civil Defense: Factory Fire Guard, 1 and 2

Creator: U.S. Office of Civilian Defense

Date: 1940

Barcode: 395062

Length: 36.5 minutes

Title: Civil Defense Control Center

Creator: U.S. Office of Civilian Defense

Date: 1943

Barcode: 496540

Length: 40 minutes

Title: Homes for Veterans

Creator: National Housing Agency

Date: 1946

Barcode: 496535

Length: 30 minutes

Title: Help Wanted (First Aid)

Creator: Johnson & Johnson for the U.S. Office of Civilian Defense

Date: ca. 1943

Barcode: 496526

Length: 28 minutes

Title: Military Films and Video in DVD format of Admiral Nimitz, General Richardson and others inspecting the *U.S.S. Leonard*, the Invasion of Kwajalein Islands, and Naval Maneuvers off of Maui, Hawaii, in 1944

Creator: U.S. Military

Date: 1943-1944

Barcode: 491310

Notes: From the collections of the National Archives and Records Administration

Title: Victory Gardens, WWII

Creator: Better Homes and Gardens and U.S. Office of Civilian Defense

Date: ca. 1944

Barcode: 496500

Length: 8 minutes

Title: German Propaganda film (with booklet)

Date: ca. 1937-1939

Barcode: 496510

Length: 10 minutes

Title: *der Flachs* (The Flax) (German 16mm film)

Date: 1936

Barcode: 496511

Length: 17 minutes

Title: Control Center, Prints 1, 2, and 3

Subject: Shows basic operations of a neighborhood control center, including police, medical, and utility services.

Creator: U.S. Office of Civilian Defense

Date: 2/15/1943

Barcode: 496512, 496513, 496514

Length: 15 minutes each

Title: A New Fire Bomb

Subject: Demonstrates how British fought explosive fire bombs

Creator: U.S. Office of Civilian Defense

Date: ca. 1943

Barcode: 496515

Length: 8.5 minutes

Title: Air Raid Warden Reports, copies 1 and 2
Creator: U.S. Signal Corps and Academy of Arts and Sciences for the U.S. Office of Civilian Defense
Date: ca.1943
Barcode: 496516, 496517
Length: 11 minutes each

Title: Combat Bulletin #00: Operation Crossroads, Able and Baker Day Tests, Bikini Atoll
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1940s
Barcode: 485802
Length: 28 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #00: Various World War II Songs
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1940s
Barcode: 484312
Length: 26 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #00: Aviation Engine, 621.4-5
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1940s
Barcode: 485801
Length: 17 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #2: Italy, Hawaii, Southwest Pacific
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1940s
Barcode: 485803
Length: 12 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #3: Anzio: Admiralty Islands, Capodichino Airfield, Italy
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944
Barcode: 485804
Length: 19 minutes

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Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944

Barcode: 485805, 485806

Length: 18 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #5: Stop That Tank, B-29, Bazookas (Training Film)

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1940s

Barcode: 485807

Length: 16 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #6: Beachhead Operations

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1940s

Barcode: 485808

Length: 22 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #17: MED⁷, Invasion of Southern France; ETO⁸, N. France, Pacific Carrier Force

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1944

Barcode: 485809

Length: 34 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #19: MED: Expansion of Southern French Beachhead; ETO: Seized German Film, CBI⁹: Ledo-Burma Roads; ETO: Northern France German Surrender

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1944

Barcode: 485810

Length: 20 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #20: ETO: Flying Bomb Sites; MED: Marseille

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1944

Barcode: 485811

Length: 22.5 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #21: MED: Southern France, Italy (Pisa); CBI: Burma, ETO: Northern France

⁷ MED is Mediterranean Theater of Operation

⁸ ETO is Eastern Theater of Operation

⁹ CBI is China-Burma-India Theater of Operation

Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944
Barcode: 485812
Length: 20 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #26: CBI: Burma; MED: Bologna, Ploesti; ETO: Normandy, German
88MM gun, U-Boat Base Brest
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944
Barcode: 485813
Length: 31 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #27: Pacific: Philippines; ETO: Battle of Aachen, Italy; Pacific: Carrier
Operations
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944
Barcode: 485814
Length: 31 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #29: Netherlands; ETO Operations; Weasel M-29c; Palau Operations
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944
Barcode: 485815
Length: 14 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #31: USA: Personnel pick-up test at Wright-Patterson; MED Wine barrel
revetment; ETO: 8th AF fighter kills, remote control tank operations
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1940s
Barcode: 485816
Length: 14 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #32: ETO: Holland; Pacific: Jungle Fighting, B-29 attacks Tokyo, Carrier
Operations on Manila
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944
Barcode: 485817
Length: 21 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #33: ETO: Kwajalein; Leyte; Carrier strikes on Manila
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944
Barcode: 485818
Length: 17 minutes

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Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944
Barcode: 485819
Length: 16 minutes

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Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1940s
Barcode: 485820
Length: 20 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #36: Leyte; Mindoro; Luzon; Bologna; German Offensive
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944 or 1945
Barcode: 485821
Length: 20 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #37: Philippines, Burma; ETO: Battle of the Bulge
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944-1945
Barcode: 485822
Length: 22 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #40: Attack on Manila Harbor; First Landing on Luzon; Belgium; Alsace
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1944
Barcode: 485823
Length: 20 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #41: Pacific: Manila, Burma, Formosa; MED: Italy; ETO: Bombing of Berlin

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: ca. 1944

Barcode: 485824

Length: 26 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #42: MED: Allied Leaders at Yalta; ETO: Nazi Shipping, St. Vin; Pacific: Burma, U.S. Aircraft Hits Japanese

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1945

Barcode: 491033

Length: 30 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #43: Strafing and Air Combat; DDT Spray of Jungle; Capture of Ramree

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: ca. 1944

Barcode: 491034

Length: 17 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #44: Pacific: Invasion of Iwo Jima; USA: P-59

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1945

Barcode: 491035

Length: 22 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #45: Pacific: Iwo Jima; ETO: Radio Luxemburg; MED: Roosevelt at Suez; Pacific: Philippines, Bataan, Manila, Corregidor

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1945

Barcode: 491036

Length: 28 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #46: Dresden and Cologne bombing; Rhine Offensive; A-26 Description; Manila; Air Rescue; Iwo Jima

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1944

Barcode: 491037

Length: 25 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #47: Pacific: Tokyo Strikes, Iwo Jima, Corregidor, China; USA: T-26 Tank
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: ca. 1944
Barcode: 491038
Length: 25 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #48: ETO: Air Support, British Jet Plane; India: Mandalay; Pacific: Iwo Jima
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: ca. 1944
Barcode: 491039
Length: 32 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #51: Remagen Bridge; Okinawa; Philippines; Burma; Nazi Atrocities
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1945
Barcode: 491040
Length: 27 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #52: MED: Italy; ETO: Pacific; B-29 Tokyo strikes, Okinawa attack on Japanese Naval Base
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: ca. 1944
Barcode: 491041
Length: 25 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #53: End of Fighting in Europe; Okinawa; Nazi Atrocities; Eisenhower's Speech on VE Day
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1945
Barcode: 491042
Length: 31 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #55: ETO: Surrender Films; Pacific: Fall of Rangoon, Iwo & B-29s, USS Franklin
Creator: U.S. Army
Date: 1945
Barcode: 491043
Length: 28 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #56: ETO: Capture of Goering, 57mm Recoilless Rifle; Pacific: Japanese Suicide Bomb, Capture of Baguio

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1945

Barcode: 491044

Length: 28 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #57: ETO: Subs, B-17s; MED: Italy: Camo and Mines; Pacific: Jungle Rescue, Philippines, Japanese Planes

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1945

Barcode: 491045

Length: 28 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #58: ETO: Floating bridge M-4; Philippines, Allied Prisoners Freed in Burma, Okinawa

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1945

Barcode: 491046

Length: 24 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #59: ETO: Operation Pluto; USA: New Helicopters, M-2 Carbine; Pacific: Philippines, Okinawa

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: ca. 1944

Barcode: 491047

Length: 26 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #60: ETO: Lancaster Bombers, Oslo, Eisenhower in Paris; USA: Wire Laying by Plane; Pacific: China, Okinawa

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1940s

Barcode: 491048

Length: 20 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #61: Operation Fido; USA: M-40 and T-89 Carriers; Pacific: Borneo, Luzon, Okinawa, Kobe

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: ca. 1944

Barcode: 491049

Length: 26 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #62: MED: Redeployment; ETO: Holland; Pacific: Okinawa, Carrier Operations

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: ca. 1944

Barcode: 491050

Location: 25 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #63: ETO: British Flame Defense, Prague, V2 Rockets; Japanese Suicide Attacks, Glider Assaults

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: ca. 1944

Barcode: 491051

Length: 20 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #64: ETO: President at Berlin Conference, Signal Corp. Equipment; Pacific: China, Okinawa, Typhoon

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1945

Barcode: 491052

Length: 18 minutes

Title: Combat Bulletin #66: China: Pacific: Manila, Okinawa, 3rd Fleet; MED: Sinking of HMS Barham; Pacific: Army Nurses in Hawaii

Creator: U.S. Army

Date: 1941, 1945

Barcode: 491053

Length: 13 minutes

Private Sound Recordings (RG 9014)

In 1944 the Public Archives Commission began accessioning sound recordings of significant events in the State. The recordings were received from J. Gorman Walsh, Director, Radio Station WDEL, Wilmington, his colleague Harvey Smith and later from William Frank, WILM, the National Archives, and many others. The phonograph collection contains 12" and 16", 78 and 33 rpm sound recordings of World War II records. Recordings are organized by disc number. When possible, notes on the date of the recording and who recorded it are included below:

Title of Recording: Armistice Day 1946

Subject: Presented by Col. Geddes, U.S. Army, and accepted by the Adjutant General of the State of Delaware, Paul R. Rinard

Program: "Return of Colors to the State of Delaware"

Recorded By: Station WILM

Date: received April 1947

Disc #: 0018

Title of Recording: United States Navy LST #512

Subject: Description of war materials carried on tank landing ships (LST) during the war and conditions found in the Pacific

Recorded By: Station WILM

Date: June 25, 1946

Disc #: 0034

Title: Army Air Force 15th Easter Service

Subject: Interview with T/Sgt. James B. Law, Miami Florida and T/Sgt. Earl O'Bier, Greenwood, Delaware

Program: Easter Service, Italy

Recorded By: U.S. Army Radio Service, received by WDEL

Date: March 12, 1945

Disc: 0069

Title: Capt. Irvin W. Polish, 204 E. 29th Street, Wilmington, Delaware

Subject: Interview with Cpl. Irvin W. Polish, "Army Ordnance Headquarters Ammunition Division"

Recorded By: U.S. Army Radio Service, Received by Station WDEL, dubbed from French recording

Date: March 10, 1945

Disc: 0074

Title of Recording: S/Sgt. Francis Beck, Cpl. Robert McCann, PFC Earl Thomas

Program: Air Service Command in England

Recorded By: BBC, Received by Station WDEL

Date: January 30, 1944

Disc #: 0098

Title of Recording: Lt. William J. Stephensberg

Subject: Interviews with Lieut. William Stephensberg, Sgt. Thomas B. McGinnis, Cpl. William R. Price

Program: Air Service Command, England

Recorded By: BBC

Disc #: 0099

Title of Recording: Voices from the Fleet
Subject: Interview: Fulton Chandlee Wright, Jr. SoM3C, USNR, Wilmington, Delaware
Recorded By: U.S. Navy Dept., Washington, D.C.
Date: June 12, 1945
Disc #: 0100

Title of Recording: Merchant Marine Snapshots
Subject: Interview with Harry Kilmon, Merchant Marine, Wilmington, Delaware
Recorded By: Sound Masters, Inc.
Disc #: 0101

Title of Recording: National Guard of Delaware
Subject: Talk by Captain Paul Rinard on the enlistments in the Delaware National Guard
Program: Cut #2
Recorded By: Station WILM
Disc #: 0103

Title of Recording: C.A.R.E. Packages from Delaware
Program: Voices from Czechoslovakia, Poland, Germany, Italy, France
Recorded By: Station WILM
Disc #: 0103

Title of Recording: Art Rogerson
Subject: Interviewing crew of new plane at New Castle County Airport
Recorded By: Station WILM
Disc #: 0114

Title of Recording: Harold Russell
Subject: Movie star, talk on "Americanism"
Recorded By: Station WILM
Disc #: 0116

Title of Recording: Mothers of World War II
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: 1948
Disc #: 0133

Title of Recording: Selective Service Medal
Subject: Introduction by Col. Forman, speaker: Governor Walter W. Bacon
Recorded By: State Archives Commission
Disc #: 0175

Title of Recording: National Guard
Subject: 142nd Fighter Squadron
Program: Interviews: Col. Kellen, Lt. Col. Cammeron
Recorded By: Station WILM
Disc #: 0187

Title of Recording: VJ Day in Wilmington
Subject: Description of celebration and public reaction
Program: "Man in the Street" broadcast
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: August 14, 1945
Disc #: 0221

Title of Recording: Clement R. Atlee, Prime Minister, Great Britain
Program: "V-J Day Speech" by C.R. Atlee
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: August 14, 1945
Disc #: 0222

Title of Recording: V-J Day Announcement
Subject: Official V-J Day announcements from Washington, D.C., New York, London, Guam, and Bern, Switzerland
Program: NBC Network
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: August 14, 1945
Disc #: 0222

Title of Recording: William Lloyd Nelson
Subject: Sgt. Nelson's portrait painted by Orville M. Peets of Millsboro, Delaware. Presented to the State of Delaware by James J. O'Neil.
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: December 5, 1945
Disc #: 0225

Title of Recording: Selective Service Awards
Subject: Ceremony at Selective Service Headquarters, Wilmington, Delaware. Congressional Merit Awards to Selective Service Officials by Hon. William J. Storey and Col. Albert W. Foreman.
Program: Presentation of the Governor's Medal to Albert W. Foreman by Mr. Storey
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: January 21, 1946
Disc #: 0228, 229, 230

Title of Recording: Emily P. Bissell
Program: Gives Christmas Seal Message
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: December 1944
Disc #: 0233

Title of Recording: "Wailing Willy"
Subject: Air Raid Warning Signal nicknamed "Wailing Willy" located on top of the Nemours Building in Wilmington, Delaware
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: August 26, 1944
Disc #: 0234

Title of Recording: James M. Turner
Subject: Speaks for 6th War Loan Drive while home on furlough
Program: 5 parts
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: December 28, 1944
Disc #: 0235, 0236, 0237

Title of Recording: Black Market Foods
Subject: Stories about people and events in and around Wilmington: German Prisoner of War camp at Fort DuPont, Appointment of John J. Bunting, Director for Family Court
Program: Part of the program, "A Turn Around the Town"
Recorded By: Station WILM
Date: June 8, 1945
Disc #: 0247

Title: Army Posthumous Awards
Subject: Recipients: Silver Star: Pvt. Walter J. Hudson, Jr per Mrs. Walter J. Hudson, Millsboro. Bronze Star: Pvt. William Verderamo per Mrs. Mary Verderamo, Wilmington. Silver Star: Lt. Holstein Harvey III per Mrs. Van R. Coats, Wilmington
Program: Presentations by Col. Randolph, C.O., Fort DuPont. Citations read by Maj. Arthur E. Flood, P.R.O.
Recorded By: WDEL
Date: June 8, 1945
Disc #: 0247

Title of Recording: James P. Connor, Sgt., U.S. Army (C.M.H)
Subject: Presentation of his portrait to the State of Delaware
Program: Invocation: Joseph A. Enright, Presentation: Rev. Leo O'Neal, Acceptance: Walter

W. Bacon, Governor of Delaware, Speech: Lt. Gen. Eugene Reybold, Chief of U.S. Engineers, Greeting: Sgt. James P. Connor, Message: Donald P. Ross

Recorded By: Station WDEL

Date: June 1, 1945

Disc #: 0248, 0249, 0250

Title: Army Posthumous Awards

Subject: Recipients: Silver Star: Lt. R.S. Currier per Mr. Karl Currier, Wilmington. Bronze Star: Sgt. John G. Cannon, Jr. per Mrs. Margaret M. Cannon, Milford. Distinguished Service Cross: Lt. Joseph F. Myers per Mrs. Lucille Myers, Magnolia

Program: Presentations by: Col. Randolph Russell, C.O., Fort DuPont. Citations read by Maj. Arthur E. Flood, P.R.O.

Recorded By: Station WDEL

Date: March 23, 1945

Disc #: 0252

Title: Red Cross, Delaware Chapter

Subject: War Fund Rally

Recorded By: Station WDEL

Date: May 5, 1945

Disc #: 0253, 0254, 0255, 0256

Title of Recording: Dr. Washburn

Subject: Cut #3: Speaking on Selective Service

Recorded By: Station WILM

Disc #: 0341

Title of Recording: Ernest Lubin

Subject: Cut #1: Receives certificate of merit for work in S.O.S. (Supplies for Overseas Survivors) and Jewish Relief

Recorded By: Station WILM

Disc #: 0349

Title: U.S. Army Posthumous Awards

Recorded By: Station WDEL

Date: September 1, 1945

Disc: 587, 0591

Title of Recording: V-J Day

Program: Man on the Street

Recorded By: Station WDEL

Date: August 14, 1945

Disc #: 0612, 0613

Title: V.J. Surrender
Subject: Ceremonies
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: September 1, 1945
Disc #: 0615, 0616, 0617

Title of Recording: NBC
Subject: Official Surrender Acceptance
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: August 14, 1945
Disc #: 0618

Title of Recording: V-J Day
Subject: 1st Anniversary
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: August 13, 1946
Disc #: 0619, 0620

Title: V.E. Day
Subject: President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill
Recorded By: Station WDEL
Date: May 8, 1945
Disc #: 1079

Title of Recording: Wilson, Boggs, Leach
Subject: Armistice Day
Disc #: 1121

Title of Recording: Hon. Paul V. McNutt
Subject: Federal Security Agency and U.S. Office of Education
Program: "Education's Role in the War"
Disc #: 1213

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