Camp Forrest (Tullahoma, Tenn.) Photographs, approximately 1941-1945

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:
Camp Forrest (Tullahoma, Tenn.)

Inclusive Dates:
approximately 1941-1945

Scope & Content:
Consists of images from Camp Forrest in the form of negatives and black/white photographs. Prints are of an unidentified woman in a suit by a brick wall, three unidentified people in swim suits, and various headshots of unknown women. Negatives include a Christmas crafts exhibit, unidentified artwork, an image of three women by a single-engine airplane, a man on a telephone amid telephone exchange equipment, a dog, laboratory equipment, a drummer, group photos of unidentified individuals, an aerial view of camp, a toddler by a Christmas tree, a (December 1) 1943 certificate for the Volunteer Photographic Society (Chattanooga, Tenn.), and headshots of unidentified women and men. The group photos have a sign in front that reads “Camp Forrest” and are dated 1943. It is possible that the group photos are of or include prisoners of war. It is also conceivable that the artwork was made by POWs at the camp. Two signs with German writing may be seen in the Christmas crafts exhibit image. Loosely translated, one of the signs reads: “Do not bother [touch] the exhibits.”

Physical Description/Extent:
67 items

Accession/Record Group Number:
THS 971

Language:
English
Permanent Location:
VI-D-3v

Repository:
Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243-0312

Administrative/Biographical History
Located in Tullahoma, Camp Forrest was one of the largest U.S. Army training bases during World War II. In addition to training, the camp provided logistical support for the Tennessee Maneuvers conducted from 1941-1945. Camp Forrest became the first civilian internment camp in the nation when, from January-November 1942, approximately 800 “alien civilians” were interned there. On May 12, 1942, the camp became a prisoner of war (POW) camp and POWs began to replace the civilian internees. More than 22,000 Germans, Italians, and Japanese were kept there. Prisoners worked all over the camp in various places such as the hospitals, kitchen, bakery, and automotive shop as well as on several surrounding farms. By 1946, the war was over and Camp Forrest was listed as “surplus property.” The U.S. Air Force’s Arnold Engineering Development Center currently occupies the site.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials
The negatives occur first, followed by the black/white prints.

Conditions of Access and Use

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Index Terms

Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:
Arnold Engineering Development Center
Camp Forrest (Tullahoma, Tenn.) -- History -- Pictorial works
Volunteer Photographic Society (Chattanooga, Tenn.)
Subjects:
German Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1941-1948
Italian Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Photography -- Societies, etc.
Prisoner-of-war camps -- Tennessee -- 20th century
World War, 1939-1945

Geographic Names:
Coffee County (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources
Franklin County (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources
Tullahoma (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources

Document Types:
Aerial photographs
Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white photographs

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition:
Collection was donated to the Tennessee Historical Society by the Historical Center for Southeast New Mexico (Roswell, N.M.) in November 2001.

Processing and Administrative Information

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## DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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