

World War II unit route maps collection, 1944-1945

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Collection Summary

Title: World War II unit route maps collection

Inclusive Dates: 1944-1945

Bulk Dates: 1945

Call No.: G5721.S7 coll .W6

Creator: Library of Congress

Extent: 85 maps

Language: Collection material primarily in English. One map in French.

Location: Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: The World War II unit route maps collection consists of maps created by individual U.S. military units commemorating and outlining their movements, engagements, and routes of travel during the second World War. The maps primarily depict historical and geographic landmarks and major events pictorially. Most maps were created by units of the U.S. Army at the division and battalion level, and many are undated, but presumed to have been created in or around 1945 at the conclusion of the war. Units operating in Western Europe -- particularly France, the Low Countries, and Germany -- have the most representation, with select maps depicting Italy, North Africa, the Pacific Ocean, the Philippines, and the Aleutian Islands. The collection consists of 85 unique maps.

Provenance

This collection consists of items selected from Geography and Map general holdings and individual donations and purchases.

Processing History

The collection was processed and arranged by Michael Klein, Robert Morris, and Carissa Pastuch in 2022-2024.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The World War II unit route map collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the [Geography and Map Reading Room](#) prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Folder number, World War II unit route map collection, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

During the Second World War (1939–1945), unit route maps were created by American soldiers for fellow soldiers likely to boost morale. These maps trace the routes, major skirmishes, and major landmarks encountered by United States military units of varying sizes—including Army units and a few Navy vessels—through the Atlantic, European, and North African Theaters of Operations. Each map is a unique pictorial depiction of the unit's experience during the conflict.

Scope and Content Note

85 maps of various sizes printed and manuscript housed in individual folders

Arrangement

The World War II unit route map collection is arranged in a single series:

- Series 1: [Atlantic, North African, and European Theaters](#)

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

Organizations

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United States. Army. Infantry Regiment, 355th
United States. Army. Tank Battalion, 743rd

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Military maps.
Pictorial maps.

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