

Edwin Swillinger Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Edwin Swillinger Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1945-2021

Bulk Dates: 1945-1954

ID No.: MSS86451

Creator: Swillinger, Edwin, 1927-2012

Extent: 350 items

Extent: 1 containers

Extent: 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: United States Army medic. Correspondence, photographs, and ephemera primarily relating to Swillinger's service during the Allied occupation of Japan between 1946 and 1948.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Edwin Swillinger were given to the Library of Congress by Heidi Swillinger, Timothy Swillinger, and Rebecca Shelley in 2021.

Processing History

The papers of Edwin Swillinger were arranged and described by Katherine Madison in 2022. During processing, the scrapbook in the collection was disassembled and its contents rehoused. The scrapbook was photocopied to preserve the context of the photographs and other documents in situ. Due to the fragile nature of much of the material in this collection, the majority of material was photocopied in order to promote ease of access. The originals of all photocopied material have been retained.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Edwin Swillinger in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Edwin Swillinger are open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Edwin Swillinger Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

| Date | Event |
|---------------|--|
| 1927, Aug. 11 | Born, Cincinnati, Ohio |
| 1946 | Enlisted, U.S. Army |
| 1947 | Technician Fifth Grade, 118th Station Hospital, United States Army, Fukuoka, Japan |

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| 1948 | Honorably discharged, United States Army |
| 1952 | B.S., University of Cincinnati, Ohio |
| 1954 | M.D., University of Cincinnati, Ohio |
| | Married Margery Stephenson (died 1997) |
| circa 2003 | Married Rose Marie Hartman Weishaupt (later divorced) |
| 2012, Aug. 19 | Died, Stockton, Calif. |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Edwin Swillinger span the years 1945 to 2021, with the bulk of the material dating from 1945 to 1954. The collection documents Swillinger's service as a medic in the United States Army during the Allied occupation of Japan following World War II. The collection consists primarily of photographs and military ephemera, such as camp newsletters, meal tickets, and Selective Service orders, taken from a scrapbook kept by Swillinger to document his military service and that of his twin brother, Richard Swillinger. Photographs are mainly candid and depict primarily military personnel and installations in the United States and Japan, including images of Nagasaki, Japan, in 1946 showing the aftereffects of the atomic bomb on the landscape. Material not part of the scrapbook consists of photocopies of letters written by Swillinger to his then-girlfriend Rose Marie Hartman, and a 1947 English translation of a 1945 report by Japanese doctors into the effects of radiation on the population of Nagasaki.

Material removed from the scrapbook has been photocopied to promote ease of access and preservation of the originals. Researchers are asked to use the photocopies in lieu of the originals, where available.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material.

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.

People

Hartman, Rose Marie--Correspondence.

Swillinger, Edwin, 1927-2012.

Swillinger, Richard (Richard Rafael), 1927-2014. Richard Swillinger military records.

Organizations

United States. Army--Foreign service--Japan.

United States. Army--Medical care--Japan.

Subjects

Atomic bomb victims--Japan--Nagasaki-shi.

Atomic bomb--Health aspects.

Atomic bomb--Japan--Blast effect

Atomic bomb--Japan--Nagasaki-shi--Blast effect.

World War, 1939-1945--Japan--Nagasaki-shi.

World War, 1939-1945--United States.

Places

Japan--History--Allied occupation, 1945-1952.

Nagasaki-shi (Japan)--History--Bombardment, 1945.

Occupations

Army medics.

Physicians.

Container List

| Container | Contents |
|-----------|--|
| BOX 1 | 118th Station Hospital, Fukuoka, Japan, miscellany, 1947 |
| BOX 1 | Photocopies |
| BOX 1 | Originals |
| BOX 1 | Biographical material, circa 1950s, 2010-2012, 2021, undated (2 folders) |
| BOX 1 | Camp newsletters, 1946-1948 |
| BOX 1 | Photocopies |
| BOX 1 | Originals |
| BOX 1 | Graduation program, Camp No. 2 Reserve Officers Training Corps, 1953 |
| BOX 1 | "The Investigation of the Atomic Bomb Disease" (1945) report translation, 1947 |
| BOX 1 | Photocopy |
| BOX 1 | Original |
| BOX 1 | Letters to Rose Marie Hartman, 1946-1947 |
| BOX 1 | Military orders, 1946-1948 |
| BOX 1 | Photocopies |
| BOX 1 | Originals |
| BOX 1 | Military patches, circa 1947 |
| BOX 1 | Miscellaneous Japanese documents, 1947 |
| BOX 1 | Photocopies |
| BOX 1 | Originals |
| BOX 1 | Photographs, 1946-1948 |
| BOX 1 | Range scores, circa 1947 |
| BOX 1 | Photocopies |
| BOX 1 | Originals |
| BOX 1 | Ration cards and meal tickets, 1946-1948 |
| BOX 1 | Photocopies |
| BOX 1 | Originals |
| BOX 1 | Scrapbook photocopy, circa 1950s |
| BOX 1 | Selective Service documents, 1945-1946 |
| BOX 1 | Photocopies |
| BOX 1 | Originals |
| BOX 1 | Travel documents, 1947-1948 |
| BOX 1 | Photocopies |
| BOX 1 | Originals |
| BOX 1 | Urakami Church, Nagasaki, Japan, postcards, 1947 |