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Lawrence E. Osswald Collection

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Creator

Osswald, Lawrence E.

Title

Lawrence E. Osswald Collection

Date

1943-1944

Extent

.208 Linear feet

Language

English
German

Access

The collection is open for research.

Abstract

Lawrence E. Osswald (12/11/1912-1/19/2003) was born in Jamaica, Long Island, New York. His parents immigrated to the US from Munich, Germany in 1905. They moved to Wilmington, Delaware in the early 1920's. After high school, Lawrence attended the University of Delaware for two years. He married in 1939 and went into the Army in 1942. After his military service, he returned to Wilmington and continued a 30 year career with E. I. DuPont. He was transferred to Kinston, North Carolina in 1953 with the opening of a new DuPont Dacron Research Facility in eastern North Carolina. He had two sons. He passed away at the age of 90. His son, Tom Osswald, gave the collection to Forsyth Library.

Scope and Contents Note

The collection is from Lawrence E. Osswald's time in Hays, Kansas where he served as Corporal in the US Army 480th MPEG Company in a American Prisoner-of War camp for Germans POW's. The camp was located on the grounds of the Agricultural Experiment Station south of Hays. Most of the photographs are copies of pictures that were taken by L. C. Aicher who was the superintendent at the Fort Hays Experiment Station during this time. Film no. 2867C by L. C. Aicher (Information regarding Mr. Aicher is taken from "Ethnic and Historical research concerning the Volga Germans and Ellis County Kansas" located in the Center for Ethnic Studies.)

The collection also contains a diary that has 3 pages written in German language. A *Stars and Stripes Mediterranean edition* newspaper rounds out the collection.

Arrangement Note

Osswald's series are arranged by photographs, the diary and the newspaper.

Controlled Access Headings

Osswald, Lawrence E.
 Aicher, L. C.
 Fort Hays Experiment Station, Hays, Kans.
 World War, 1939-1945 -- Prisoners and prisons, American
 Prisoners of war -- Kansas
 Hays, KS -- Prisoners of war
 Stars and Stripes (Newspaper)
 Photographs
 World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives.

Collection Inventory

Box Number	File Number	Title of File	Subtitle of File (If needed)
1	Osswald 001	Lawrence E. Osswald Photograph Collection	"This is some of their cattle in the east pasture - Oct. 1943"
1	Osswald 002	Lawrence E. Osswald Photograph Collection	"This is a detail digging silo's and also filling silo's. The silo's are about 35 feet dep and 18 or 20 ft in diameter and hold about 200 tons of silage - October 1943" (Ft. Hayes, KS)
1	Osswald 003	Lawrence E. Osswald Photograph Collection	"The P.W's Mess Hall with some of them outside - October 1943"
1	Osswald 004	Lawrence E. Osswald Photograph Collection	T/S Howard Lifferts; Pvt. Thomas Ursetti; Pfc. Leonard Scrudato; Pvt. Daniel R. Sinicox; T/S Thomas J. Tobin
1	Osswald 005	Lawrence E. Osswald Photograph Collection	"This is part of the non-commissioned officers group - October 1943" (names and hometowns are listed on 006)

1	Osswald 006	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	Cpl. Walter P. Karugas, N.Y. Mills, N.Y.; Cpt. James O. Millison, Tenn.; Cpl. Charles S. Fisher, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Cpl. Alex J. Prather, Cwynehurst, Dela.; 1st Lt. Neal A. Broyles, Boise, Idaho; T/S Frank J. Moncha, Elmhurst, N.J.; Cpl. George Pruett, Tennessee; Sgt. Ernest L. Mattord, Iron Mt., Michigan; Cpl. Lawrence E. Oswald, Wilm., Dela.; (Dad - Back row last on the right).
1	Osswald 007	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	"The building on the left is the PW's barracks. Also shows the middle guard tower in the center background and more P.W.'s - October 1943"
1	Osswald 008	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	"This is the P.W.'s barracks showing some of the P.W.'s and the corporal of the guard."
1	Osswald 009	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	Photo of a large group of military personnel in front of a brick building. Names and hometowns are listed on back.
1	Osswald 010	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	Photo of a convoy of trucks filled with people and equipment. The trucks are parked in front of one huge barn and several sheds.
1	Osswald 011	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	"This is an airplane view of part of the 3800 acres of land that make up the station. The two long white buildings at the right part of the picture is the P.W.'s Barracks and mess hall. Our barracks is the brick building being constructed above the water tower, lower left and the office is the next brick building."
1	Osswald 012	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	"Lt. Boyles - Our Lt. in charge of this detail"
1	Osswald 013	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	"Me, Charlie Fisher, Bob Ely Take in front of the Exp. Sta. Office - Sept. 28, 1943" (Dad & Bob Ely were friends from Wilmington, DE.)
1	Osswald 014	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	"11/11/43 - Armistice Day Dedication Ceremony - Ft. Hayes"

1	Osswald 015	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	Soldiers marching down a street ; unknown city
1	Osswald 016	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	Soldiers marching down a street ; unknown city
1	Osswald 017	Lawrence E. Oswald Photograph Collection	Group of soldiers standing at attention ; unknown city
1	Osswald 018	Lawrence E. Oswald Collection	Stars and Stripes Mediterranean Newspaper / Italy Edition - September 19, 1944
1	Osswald 019	Lawrence E. Oswald Collection	Diary / German language