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William Crum Papers

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Content Note

The recollections of William Crum's nearly four year stint in the United States Army in the European theater make up this manuscript collection. Written after Crum's retirement in 1982 from notes he took during the war, the manuscript reveals the activity of a non-combat soldier during the war. Crum omitted names and events that would have embarrassed surviving members of his company or their families. The manuscript follows his active military career from enlistment in Wichita through Italy and France as an ordinance specialist. Due to his educational experience at the University of Wichita, he was also in charge of the payroll for his company. His manuscript is detailed, especially regarding camp life, travel throughout Europe, reactions of Europeans freed from Nazi occupation and interaction with U.S. soldiers, and Crum's personal thoughts and insights about the war. The manuscript also includes Crum's discharge from active service and time spent in the Army Reserves including his promotion from Captain to Major in the Reserves.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	Manuscript of William Crum
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