

**Fred A. Schild World War II Collection
MS-71**

ABSTRACT

This collection contains biographical material, correspondence, photographs, ephemera, and objects relating to Fred A. Schild, of Covington, Ky, who was killed in 1944 while serving in the United States Army during World War II.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Creators: Murphy family

Span Dates: 1911-2014

Bulk Dates: 1941-1945

Extent: 1.7 linear feet and one 37" x 81/2" photograph and one rolled flag

Languages: The materials are in English.

Repository Location: Eva G. Farris Special Collections and Schlachter University Archives, W. Frank Steely Library, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky

ACCESS POINTS

Subjects:

Soldiers' bodies, Disposition of
Soldiers

World War, 1939-1945

World War, 1939-1945--Records and correspondence

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns

Names:

Devine, David, Jr., ?-1944

Feldhaus, Alvin

Huff, M.R. (Melvin?)

Law, Farrell

Murphy, Earl (Pat)

Murphy, Luella B.

Murphy, Michael

Murphy, Orville Paul

Pressler, Ray

Schild, Amelia

Schild, Fred A., 1917-1944

Schild, Harry

Schultz, S.H.

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United States. Army

United States. Army. Armored Replacement Battalion, 18th. Company A

Formats:

Portrait, Group

V-Mail

RELATED MATERIALS

Other Inventories: Inventory and summary of correspondence created by Al Murphy in 2014 is located in Box 1, Folder 1.

Related Archival Materials: See MS-54 Al Murphy Vietnam Military Service Papers. Fred A. Schild is Al Murphy's uncle.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

Orville Paul Murphy married Fred A. Schild's sister Luella Betty Schild. Fred was the son of Amelia and Harry Schild from Covington, Kentucky. Murphy corresponded with Schild and others from the Covington area while they served in World War II. Fred graduated from Holmes High School, Covington, in December 1935. He served in the United States Army during World War II, training first at Fort Knox, Kentucky then at Fort Meade, Maryland. He was killed in action in Germany on September 14, 1944.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Series I, Correspondence (1938-1948), folder 1 is an inventory of the correspondence with a brief summary of each letter created by Al Murphy in 2014. This series includes letters, V-mail or postcards primarily from Fred A. Schild and David A. Devine, Jr., but also Earl (Pat) Murphy, Alvin Feldhaus and Farrell B. Law, Ray Pressler, and M.R. Huff. The series includes a letter from the United States Army informing Fred Schild's parents of his death and a letter from the Secretary of War informing his mother Amelia Schild of burial options. The letters primarily discuss everyday life, family affairs, and his current station in the war. The collection includes correspondence from David Devine, Jr., also originally from Covington and a friend of Schild's. He entered the army in April 1942 and was sent overseas in September 1943. Devine Jr. was killed when the cargo plane that he was piloting went down while returning from a delivery in China to its base in India. He left behind a wife, Annise Devine, and a son, David Devine III.

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Series II, Biographical Information and Ephemera (1936-1944, 1999), includes biographical material about Fred A. Schild, an oversize photo of his unit Company A of the 18th Armored Replacement Battalion taken January 1942 at Fort Knox, Ky. Schild is in the top row, 15th from left, next to a man wearing eyeglasses. Series also includes the contents of his leather wallet with photographs, identification cards, and currency, memorials to him including an American flag flown over the U.S. Capital in 1999, and a newspaper clipping about Devine, Jr.'s death.

Series III, Personal Objects (approximately 1940-1944), includes a military personal effects package – a shipping container (cardboard) that contained Schild's leather wallet and its contents. This was sent to the Schild's after Fred's death. This series also includes a garrison cap, a ring made from a 1928 British florin, his wallet and a leather pouch.

SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT

This collection has three series. **Series I:** Correspondence, **Series II:** Biographical Information and Ephemera, and **Series III:** Personal Objects. Correspondence is arranged chronologically and grouped by year.

CONTAINER LISTING

Description	Date	Box	Folder
Series I: Correspondence			
Inventory and summary of correspondence	2014	1	1
Correspondence	1938-1945	1; see also O/S SC Newspapers Box 1	2-15
Postcards and greeting cards	1940-1944	1	16-17
Correspondence from the United States Army to Harry and Amelia Schild	1944, 1948	1	18
Series II: Biographical Information and Ephemera			
Biographical materials	1936, 1999	1	19
Military unit photograph	1942 January	O/S	
Personal effects in wallet-photos	circa 1940- 1944	1	20
Memorials	after 1945, 1999	1; 4; see also SC Flags	21

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Ephemera-business cards, tickets	circa 1940-1944	1	22
Clipping about the death of David A. Devine, Jr.	circa 1944	1	23
Series III: Personal Objects			
Garrison cap	circa 1942-1944	2	
Personal effects package	1944	3	
Ring	after 1928	3	
Man's wallet	circa 1942-1944	3	
Leather pouch	circa 1942-1944	3	

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ACQUISITION AND APPRAISAL

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Gift from the Murphy family, 2015 (NKU2015-004)

Custodial History: Orville Paul Murphy collected and saved Fred A. Schild's letters, many of which were originally sent to Murphy. Orville Paul Murphy left these letters to his children who collectively donated the letters and other Schild materials.

NOTES

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