SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Col. James Carroll Kemp, Sr. WWII Command Maps and Photographs

Dates: 1944-1945

Accession #: 2018-016

Collector: Kemp, James Carroll Sr., 1913-1992

Physical Description: 16 maps, 5 photographs

Languages: Collection material in German and in English

Processing: Brie Dipietro processed the collection, and Julia A. Cowart created the finding aid in 2018.

Collection Summary: Command maps and aerial photographs from WWII that detail battles in the Hürtgen Forest in Germany 1944-45.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:

John Kemp, grandson of James Carroll Kemp, Sr. donated this collection in 2018.

Related material:


Biographical Sketch:

James Carroll Kemp was born in Edgefield, S.C. on September 14, 1913 to Albert Lee and Eva Kemp. Kemp was a 1935 graduate of Wofford College and served in the U.S. Army during WWII (March 1941 to January 1946). He commanded the third battalion, 22nd infantry, of the Fourth (Ivy) division at the invasion of Normandy in 1944. He received the Silver Star for gallantry in action near Groshau, Germany, on November 20, 1944, in some of the most bitter fighting of the European campaign.
He received the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Silver Star with Oakleaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Oakleaf Cluster, ETO Ribbon with Five Battle Stars and Arrowhead French Croix de Guerre avec de Vermeil and Belgium Fouragere. Kemp passed away September 18, 1992.

**USING THE COLLECTION**

**Access Restrictions:** None.

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**ARRANGEMENT**

This collection is arranged by format.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Battle of Hürtgen took place from September 19, 1944 to February 10, 1945 and was the longest battle on German soil during World War II.

From an Allied perspective, the primary goal was to prevent the German forces from reinforcing troops engaged in the Battle of Aachen and a later goal was to advance to the Rur River and seize control of the Rur Dam (as part of Operation Queen). The most direct route to achieve this was through Hürtgen Forest.¹ The Hürtgen forest is located along the border between Belgium and Germany in the southwest corner of the German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The Rur River runs along the eastern edge of the forest.

The battle of the Hürtgen ended in a German defensive victory and the Americans suffered 33,000 casualties during the course of the battle.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

**Aerial Photos**

1. Bad Mergentheim April, 1945
2. Heidenheim Town Plan April 1945
3. Grosshau, Kleinhau, Bogheim, Strass, Gey
4. 106G.2700.9.SEP.44.F136"11542SQDN (two pieces)
5. (US 33/085/667)12.OCT.44.(F/24)//67T/RGP.1015

Battle Maps

1. Forst, Konicl, Kleinhaus, Grobhau (enlarged piece of Munich of map group C)
2. Germany 1:100,000 ULM Sheet W-4 (used with map group B)
3. Germany 1:100,000 Mannheim Sheet U-3 (used with map group C)
4. Numbered Map of Western Germany 1944 (used with map group A)
5. Germany 1:100,000 Augsburg Sheet W-5 (used with map group B)
6. Western Germany Hinterweiler 1:25,000 1944 (used with map group A)
7. Central Europe 1:100,000 Kaiserslautern Sheet U-2 (used with map group C)
8. Germany Wallendorf Second Edition 1:25,000 1944 (enlarged piece of Munich map group C)
9. Southern Germany Munich (used with map group C)
10. Western Germany Stadykyll 1:25,000 (used with map group A)
11. South Central Germany Aalen 1:25,000 (enlarged corner of map group C)
12. Western Germany Lendersdorf 1:25,000 (enlarged piece of Munich map group C)
13. Germany 1:100,000 Weilheim Sheet X-5 (used with map group B)
14. Konigsbronn (enlarged corner of Sheet W-4 of group B)
15. Western Germany Dollendorf 1:25,000 (enlarged piece of Munich map group C)

Strip Map

16. Route to Worms, Germany March 9, 1945