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CAMP ATTERBURY AND CAMP AUSTIN NEGATIVES AND CONTACT PRINTS, CA. 1946

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 folder of contact prints
1 bin of 35 mm acetate negatives

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1946

PROVENANCE: Bernard Schuck, Elwood, Indiana, 1988

RESTRICTIONS: Negatives may be viewed only with the assistance of library staff.

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Camp Atterbury (Ind.). Post Public Relations Office.
A camera trip through Camp Atterbury : a picture book of the field and its activities. Brooklyn, N.Y. : Ullman Company, [194-?]
Pamphlet Collection: UA26.C35 C3

Claude E. Cook. *The German Prisoner of War Camp at Austin, Indiana and its connection with Campbellsburg, Indiana during World War II:*
Pam Q Collection: D769.8.A6 C66 1998

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1988.0858

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

After America's entry into World War II the Army announced on January 6, 1942 that a training camp would be built in Johnson County, Indiana. The new post was named for Hoosier Brigadier General William Wallace Atterbury, a World War I military transportation expert, and later President of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Construction of the camp was begun early in 1942 on approximately 40,000 acres of land purchased from farmers in Johnson, Bartholomew, and Brown counties. By April, 1942, more than 15,000 civilian workers were employed there.

Camp Atterbury also served as an internment camp for Italian and German prisoners of war housed in a compound on the western edge of the camp. Due to labor shortages in Indiana when the 1944 canning season arrived, several packing plants applied to use the prisoners of war held at Camp Atterbury. Many of the prisoners left the camp during the day to work on nearby farms and canneries. The Army also established a branch prisoner of war camp at the Morgan Packing Company in Austin, Indiana.

Sources:

<http://www.indianamilitary.org/CA%20POWs/SoThinkMenu/CAPOW-START.htm>

http:

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is comprised of two rolls of black-and-white 35 mm acetate negatives copied from two booklets written and illustrated by German prisoners of war while at Camp Atterbury and Camp Austin during WWII. The negatives were made by a former German prisoner at the camp named Paul Haberkorn living in Berlin in 1987. He photographed them from his personal copies of the booklets and sent them to the donor, Bernard Schuck. The contact prints were later made by I.H.S.

In folder 1 are contact prints of the booklet entitled, *PW Camp Atterbury Indiana*. It was a special edition of the PW Camp Newspaper "Lagerstimme" with drawings by Heinz Kunze, and edited by Hans Andritsch. It was created by the German prisoners at Camp Atterbury in appreciation of the treatment they received while at the camp and dedicated to the Commanding Officer Colonel John L. Gammell. It contains illustrations with captions showing the activities of the prisoners.

Folder 2 contains contact prints of the small booklet entitled *POW Camp Austin, Indiana, U.S.A.* Created by the prisoners near the end of their imprisonment in 1946, it is dedicated to camp commander Captain Arlie G. Belcher, his staff, and the Jack Morgan Family, owners of the canning company where the prisoners worked. Created in appreciation of the prisoner's fair treatment at the camp, it includes a dedication, and drawings and captions of prisoners lives in Camp Austin.

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