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**102ND INFANTRY DIVISION
WORLD WAR II PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1939–1945**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

SKETCH

World War II took place from 1939–1945 between the Axis powers (Germany, Italy, and Japan) and the Allies (United States, Great Britain, France, and the Soviet Union) in both the European and Pacific theaters. The war began after Germany, led by Adolf Hitler, broke the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles and invaded Poland in 1939. The United States entered the conflict after the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japan in 1941. The war in Europe ended with Germany's surrender in the spring of 1945; the war in the Pacific theater with Japan concluded after the dropping of two atomic bombs and Japan's surrender in August 1945.

At the time of its entry into World War II, the United States' military was ill-prepared for war. Much of the enlisted force was poorly trained, and equipment was outdated. Despite this, the United States still maintained a military force of over 1.8 million soldiers in 1941. Throughout the conflict, the United States military drafted sixty-one percent of its personnel, seventy-three percent of which served overseas. By the war's end in 1945, the U.S. had a military force of over twelve million. Over 1 million individuals in this force were minorities, and 358,000 were women. In total, from all branches of the military, over 407,000 United States soldiers were lost throughout the conflict.

One group from this military force was the 102nd Infantry Division. This division, symbolized by a patch depicting a "z" circled by an "o," is known as the "Ozark Division." This division was adopted as part of the Organized Reserve in 1921 and assigned to the Ozark region of Arkansas and Missouri. It was activated for service in World War II in September 1942, and actually entered combat as part of the campaigns in the Rhineland and Central Europe in October of 1944. The division suffered 8,825 casualties during their service.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains thirty two black and white photographs (2 1/2" x 3 1/2" to 3 3/4" x 6") depicting soldiers and equipment during World War II. Soldiers are shown from the 102nd Infantry Division, the Pioneer School 1st Division, in full gear, in camp, and during a military exercise. Also included is a photo of a young woman from 1939, landscape photos, and photos of service at the Panama Canal.

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