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**GLEN E. ROBINSON**  
**"ONCE A SOLDIER" (MEMOIR), 1976**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Glen E. Robinson (1924–1984) was born and raised in Fayette County, Indiana and graduated from Connersville High School in 1943 and in September of the same year, he was inducted into the U. S. Army. Robinson was ultimately assigned as a replacement to the 79th Infantry Division, Company C in France shortly after D Day. He was injured fighting in hedgerows in France and was evacuated to England for recovery. Robinson was then assigned as a clerk with the 381st Military Police Battalion. Later he was transferred to the 399th Military Police Battalion, the 896th Antiaircraft Artillery and finally the 382nd MP Battalion where he served in Bremerhaven, Germany as part of the army of occupation until 30 October 1945, at which time he received his orders to return to the United States. After the war, Robinson returned to his job at American Central Manufacturing Company in Connersville but remained in the Army as an inactive reserve. In November, 1946, Glen Robinson married Genevieve (Jenny) Greathouse and they had two children, James and Sharon. In 1947 Robinson joined an active reserve group in Connersville as a clerk for the 908th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squad.

Sources:

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Glen Robinson's 405 page typewritten memoir tells the story of his years in the Army during World War II, beginning with his induction and continuing through his time in the reserves after the war up to the beginning of the Korean War. He presents detailed accounts of training, serving as a scout with the 79th Infantry Division in the hedgerows of France, his injuries caused by artillery explosion and convalescence in England. He continues with his return to active duty in France as a member of the 6921st Provisional Military Police Battalion/381st Military Police Battalion where he served as a mail clerk at company headquarters. He further details his reassignments to other MP and Antiaircraft Artillery units and serving with the army of occupation in Bremerhaven, Germany, October, 1945. His memoir continues with his return to civilian life, his marriage, and his involvement in the active reserves with 908th Explosive Ordnance Disposal squad from 1947 until the outbreak of the Korean War. The memoir abruptly ends at this time.

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