Robert Martensen Collection

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Biographical Note

Robert Frank Martensen was born in Chicago on August 16, 1926 to Frank and Josephine Martensen. He grew up on the South Side of Chicago, attending Tilden High School, and joining the ROTC.

In early 1944, he was appointed Cadet Corporal in the ROTC, and by mid-1944 he was certified as a Marksman-First Class by the NRA and began serving in the Army.

Martensen served in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, including Luzon, Philippines and Japan. He was honorably discharged in late 1946, and passed away on February 22, 1984.
Scope and Content of the Collection

This collection consists of the military records and citations, personal photos, and souvenirs from Robert Martensen’s time in the Army during WWII. It also includes some memorial items from Martensen's death.

Arrangement

The collection arrived with no discernible arrangement and was rearranged chronologically into series by PMML staff. The collection is contained within 1 letter box and 2 medium flat boxes. The collection is arranged into series according to military service, newspaper clippings, personal papers, and photographs.

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**Photographs - Located in "Photographs Collection"** 1945-1984

800132035  Robert Martensen Memorial Card  2/27/1984
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800132037  "Home on Leave" picture of Robert Martensen on stoop n.d.
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800132039  Robert Martensen on white steps  4/1945
800132040  Robert Martensen smoking in the grass in (illegible) Japan n.d.
800132041  Robert Martensen standing in the grass in (illegible) Japan n.d.
800132042  Portrait of Robert Martensen n.d.
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Key Subjects

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