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Leslie Bigelow Collection

Creator: Leslie S. Bigelow
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Biographical Note

Leslie Scott Bigelow was born April 17, 1920, and enlisted in the Army in 1942. He was a part of the 84th Infantry Division "Railsplitters" in Central Europe during World War II, and earned a Bronze Star for meritorious service against the enemy in Belgium and Germany as an Infantry Unit Commander in 1944-1945.

Bigelow died November 2, 1993.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Leslie Bigelow Collection consists of photographs, military records, and newsletters and other materials relating to the 84th Infantry Division. It also includes two Bronze Stars, a 335th infantry Regiment Plaque and a Military Sliding Scale.

Arrangement

The collection arrived with no discernible arrangement and was rearranged by PMML staff. The collection is contained within 1 slim legal box, and 1 oversize box.

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Separations

Item ID	Description
800139060	Panoramic Photo of Soldiers
800139061	Panoramic Photo of Soldiers
800139062	Bronze Star Medal with Lapel Pin
800139063	Bronze Star Medal without Lapel Pin
800139064	84th Infantry Division Shoulder Sleeve Insignia
800139065	335th Infantry Regiment Plaque
800139066	U.S. Army Military Slide Rule

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

Bigelow, Leslie Scott, 1920-1993.

Subjects

United States—Army—Infantry Division, 84th—History.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns—Ardennes.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Belgium.

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Europe, Central.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns—Germany.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Germany--Rhineland.

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1	1		Photographs	1945
		800139001	Leslie Bigelow in the snow	n.d.
		800139002	Caravan of Army trucks	n.d.
		800139003	Soldiers by an anti-tank gun	n.d.
		800139004	Two men in an Army Jeep	n.d.
		800139005	Soldier with a family	5/1/1945
		800139006	Soldier driving an Army Jeep	n.d.
		800139007	Soldier with a family	5/1/1945
		800139008	Soldiers on a stoop	n.d.
		800139009	Two soldiers	n.d.
		800139010	Soldier near a tree	n.d.
		800139011	Soldier in a town	n.d.
		800139012	Soldiers by an anti-tank gun	n.d.
		800139013	Soldiers by an anti-tank gun	n.d.
		800139014	Soldiers in an Army Jeep and near an anti-tank gun	n.d.
		800139015	"Baerl Railroad Bridge"	n.d.
		800139016	Leslie Bigelow with a woman on a lawn	n.d.
		800139017	"Crackerjack Blue Aid Station; Pal, Aid Man, Me" Belgium	n.d.
		800139018	Leslie Bigelow in trench coat	n.d.
		800139019	Leslie Bigelow with Rifle	n.d.

800139020	Leslie Bigelow color portrait with mustache	n.d.
800139021	Leslie Bigelow portrait, no mustache	n.d.
800139022	Leslie Bigelow portrait, no mustache	n.d.
800139023	Soldier with a dog	n.d.
800139024	Soldier with skis	n.d.
800139025	Leslie Bigelow portrait with mustache	n.d.
800139026	Leslie Bigelow in trench coat, close-up	n.d.
800139027	"Les Bigelow straddling barrel of German 128 mm anti-aircraft gun recently captured"	1945
800139028	Group of soldiers on an Army Jeep	n.d.
800139029	Leslie Bigelow standing on the back of another soldier	n.d.
800139030	Leslie Bigelow on front steps	n.d.
800139031	Leslie Bigelow with a gun	n.d.
800139032	Leslie Bigelow with another soldier	n.d.
800139033	"Soldiers of the 84th Division Railsplitters sitting on German 128 mm AA gun. Gun has various damage and holes in it from American fire."	1945
800139034	Leslie Bigelow portrait proof	n.d.
800139035	Soldiers marching	n.d.

1	2	Military Records	1942-1951
		800139036 Motor Mechanics Completion Certificate	1/16/1942
		800139037 Corporal to Sergeant Promotion Certificate	9/10/1942
		800139038 Honorable Discharge Certificate	5/3/1944
		800139039 Copy, Honorable Discharge Certificate	5/3/1944

800139040	Copy, Enlisted Record of Leslie Bigelow	n.d.
800139041	Copy, Honorable Discharge Certificate	5/3/1944
800139042	Infantry School Graduation Program	5/4/1944
800139043	Efficiency Report	6/30/1945
800139044	First Lt. Appointment Certificate	12/8/1945
800139045	Military Record & Report Separation Certificate of Service	1/7/1946
800139046	Military Record & Report Separation Certificate of Service	1/7/1946
800139047	Copy, Certificate of Service	1/7/1946
800139048	Separation Qualification Record	1/7/1946
800139049	Honorable Discharge Certificate	11/29/1951

1	3	84th Infantry Division Materials	1946
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800139050	84th Infantry Division Society Membership Card	n.d.
800139051	84th Infantry Division German Surrender Flyer	n.d.
800139052	84th Infantry Division Battle of the Ardennes Booklet	n.d.
800139053	Railsplitter Veterans Newsletter	9/1946
800139054	Railsplitter Award of the Bronze Star Medal Citation	n.d.

2		Oversize Box: Newspapers	1945
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800139055	Stars and Stripes Germany Edition	9/24/1945
800139056	Stars and Stripes Germany Edition	9/24/1945
800139057	84th Occupation Division Railsplitter Newspaper	9/19/1945
800139058	84th Occupation Division Railsplitter Newspaper	9/19/1945

800139059 84th Infantry Division Movement Map

n.d.