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Allen Yeary Collection

Creator: John T. Yeary **Dates:** 1942-1946

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Biographical Note

Allen H. Yeary was born on October 4th, 1914 in Kentucky. From 1942 to 1943, Yeary trained at the Army Engineer Corps Officer Candidate School in Fort Belvoir, Virginia (class 52A). In mid-1943 he graduated as a second Lieutenant, and later served with the 431st Engineer Dump Truck Company, 1394th Engineer Construction Battalion.

He served in the US until shipped to the Pacific in mid-1944 where he served on the Russell Islands, Guadalcanal, and the Philippines. Yeary returned to the states in 1946 and left the Army as a Captain. After the war he became chairman of Taggart Shoes inc. and became very active in his community.

John Yeary passed away on October 7th, 1992 at 78 years old.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Allen Yeary collection consists of official documents and papers; including everything from quizzes to field exercise reports during Yeary's training as an engineer at Fort Belvoir, Virginia in 1942-1943.

Arrangement

The collection arrived with no discernable arrangement and was rearranged by subject matter in a more efficient working order by PMML staff. The collection is contained within 3 archival boxes.

Series One: School Related Documents, 1942-1943, Box 1

This series includes all paperwork, including handwritten notes and exams, which were taken in the classroom at the engineering school in Fort Belvoir, Va. The notes and assessments cover a variety of topics that the standard infantryman and engineer would have to know during World War II, including marksmanship, communications, building bridges, demolition, making decoys, etc.

Series Two: Field Related Documents, 1942-1943, Box 2

These papers deal mainly with the field exercises that Yeary participated in during training at Fort Belvoir. These papers include tactical maps for field exercises, job reports for vehicle maintenance, marksmanship score sheets, and "Command and Orders", which were situations that Yeary would have to assess in the field.

Series Three: Other Documents Related to Yeary, 1942-1946, Box 2

This series is all other paperwork that is related to Yeary, however they do not fit into the school or field related categories. This paperwork includes insurance forms, unused leave forms, and other pamphlets. Yeary studied military law at Fort Belvoir, and his military law folder is included in this series. In this folder there is paperwork in regards to mock trials and procedures for a court martial.

Series Four: Field Manuals, 1942-1943, Box 3

This series includes field manuals and textbooks that Yeary kept during his training in Virginia. These range from pocketbooks on basic training to textbooks and workbooks created especially for officers in training.

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Separations

Item ID Description

80001301 Graphic: Chemical Warfare Agents, Engineer School, Fort Belvoir (VA)

80001302 Graphic: Chemical Warfare Agents, Engineer School, Fort Belvoir (VA)

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

Yeary, Allen

Subjects

Fort Belvoir (Va.) World War 1939-1945- Pacific

Container List

Box Folder

Item ID

			Series 1: School Related Documents	
1	1	800013003	The Armored Force School Weekly Schedule (8 pages double sided)	Nov- 42/Dec-42
		800013004	Duty Rosters for Motor Vehicles	Aug-42
		800013005	Maintenance textbook return checklist	Dec-42
		800013006	Handwritten notes and quizzes (66 pages) regarding motor pool	1942
		800013007	"Hasty Estimation of Bridge Capacities" card	ND
		800013008	"How to get ready to instruct" card	ND
		800013009	Engine and Air fuel notes instructions	ND
		800013010	Slips of paper used for small 10 question quizzes (8 slips)	ND
		800013011	Lubrication guide	ND
	2	800013012	"Machine Gun Quiz"	Aug-42
		800013013	Explosives and Demolitions worksheet	ND
		800013014	" "	Feb-43
		800013015	Explosives and Demolitions quiz	Mar-43
		800013016	Assault tactics quiz	ND
		800013017	Signal Communications Quiz	Mar-43
		800013018	Engineer mathematics quiz	ND
		800013019	Obstacles quiz	ND
		800013020	Study question sheets (3 sheets)	ND
		800013021	Field Fortifications, class problem (7 pages double sided)	Dec-42

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800013022	River crossings (4 pages double sided)	Jan-43
800013023	River Crossings quiz (6 pages double sided)	ND
800013024	Math quiz (2 pages)	ND
800013025	Antiaircraft defense quiz	Jan-43
800013026	Maps and aerial photos problem	ND
800013027	Rigging quiz	ND
800013028	Line of action estimation sheet	ND
800013029	Rigging notes (3 pages double sided)	ND
800013030	Riflemanship worksheet	ND
800013031	Marksmanship study guide (5 pages double sided)	ND
800013032	Equipment check list (2 pages double sided)	Feb-43
800013033	Functions of the WAAC artillery piece	Sep-43
800013034	Marches and camps notes	Feb-43
800013035	Signal Communications study guide	Sep-42
800013036	Traffic management, operation of a convoy (2 pages double sided)	ND
800013037	Maps and aerial photos worksheets and maps (5 pages, 1 large map)	ND
800013038	"Comments on the organization of a position defense" (3 pages double sided)	Jan-43
800013039	Erection of decoys (20 pages)	ND
800013040	Revision of lesson assignments sheet	ND
800013041	Components of engineer demolition sets	ND
800013042	Special text for enlisted specialists school, extracts. (3 pages double sided)	ND
800013043	Carpenter equipment (2 pages double sided)	ND
800013044	Characteristics of infantry weapons	Mar-43

	800013045	Symbols used in terrain exercises	ND
	800013046	Chest schematics	ND
3	800013047	Command and orders student's solution worksheet (5 pages)	Oct-42
	800013048	Antimechanized defense assessment (3 pages)	Oct-42
	800013049	Patrolling quiz	ND
	800013050	Military roads worksheet (5 pages including schematics)	Nov-42
	800013051	Roads test	ND
	800013052	Engineer tools and equipment quiz	ND
	800013053	Maps and aerial photos quiz (2 pages)	ND
	800013054	Antitank mine field report	ND
	800013055	5 aerial maps of Fort Belvoir	ND
	800013056	Maps and aerial photos problem (2 pages)	Feb-43
	800013057	Tactical maps for assessment (4 pages)	ND
	800013058	Water supply study guide(7 pages)	Jan-43
	800013059	Maps and aerial photos problem (4 pages)	ND
	800013060	Barbed wire entaglements worksheet (2 sheets)	ND
4	800013061	Chemical warfare pocket reference card	ND
	800013062	Weapons training (3 pages)	Oct-42
	800013063	Water supply supplementary text (4 pages)	Jan-43
	800013064	Notes on stereo-vision (3 pages)	ND
	800013065	Sample problem on traverse adjustment (2 pages)	Sep-42
	800013066	Weekly training schedule (2 pages)	Oct-42
	800013067	Manuals list	Mar-43
	800013068	Notes on field sanitation (8 pages double sided)	Feb-43

	800013069	Camouflage training (2 pages)	ND
	800013070	Army echelon maintenance system	ND
	800013071	Kitchen check list	ND
	800013072	Job instructor training (5 pages)	ND
	800013073	Definitions sheet	ND
	800013074	Basic training notes (25 pages double sided)	ND
	800013075	Articles of war	ND
	800013076	Questions for the junior officer (4 pages double sided)	ND
	800013077	Chemical warfare, first aid (2 pages)	Dec-42
	800013078	Summary of war gases table	ND
	800013079	Officer candidate instruction sheet (2 pages)	Oct-42
	800013080	Textbook list	ND
	800013081	Table manners	Dec-42
	800013082	Erection of flat tops (4 pages)	ND
	800013083	Field of fortifications (2 pages)	ND
	800013084	Double apron fence sheet	ND
	800013085	Purchase of uniforms and equipment, price list	Mar-43
	800013086	Standard Operating Procedure, 431st Engineer Dump Truck Company, (3 pages double sided)	ND
5	800013087	Handwritten notes (33 pages)	ND
	800013088	Second platoon name list	ND
	800013089	Textbook turn in (2 pages)	ND
	800013090	Schedule of calls	Nov-42
	800013091	Schedules of instruction (16 pages)	Feb- 43/Jul-43

Series 2: Field Related Documents

2	1	800013092	Job reports (10 pages) section E	ND
		800013093	Job reports (11 pages) section E-F	ND
		800013094	Job reports (7 pages) section F-G	ND
		800013095	Job reports (6 pages) section G	ND
		800013096	Engine tune up shop practice	ND
		800013097	1000 mile maintenance check sheet	ND
		800013098	Rifle marksmanship score sheets (3 pages)	ND
		800013099	Command and Orders- constructing a bridge	May-42
		800013100	Command and Orders- Comparison of own lines of action	Oct-42
		800013101	Command and Orders- oral field orders	Sep-42
		800013102	Command and orders- engineer estimate of situation (2 pages, double sided)	May-42
		800013103	Command and orders-field orders	Oct-42
		800013104	Student field check lists	Oct-42
		800013105	Identification of camouflage installations	Jun-42
		800013106	Terrain exercises- engineer platoon in combat, defense (4 pages double sided w/ maps)	ND
		800013107	Form for a complete written field order	ND
		800013108	Tactical maps (7 maps)	ND
		800013109	Form for engineer estimate of the situation	ND
		800013110	Command and orders- leadership roles	Jul-42
		800013111	Command and Orders- Comparison of own lines of action	Oct-42
		800013112	Command and orders- estimate of a situation (2 pages double sided)	Oct-42

	800013113	Terrain exercises- engineer platoon in combat, attack (1 pages double sided w/ map)	Nov-42
2	800013114	The engineer company- night attack (w/ map on back)	Oct-42
	800013115	2 tactical maps	ND
	800013116	Situation problem, maps and aerial photos	Sep-42
	800013117	Firing range instruction and schedule sheet (2 pages)	ND

Series Three: Other Documents Related to Yeary

3	800013118	April 1945 calendar	ND
	800013119	Application for national service life insurance	ND
	800013120	Claim for unused leave	1946
	800013121	"Instruction sheet- 5th SVC form 2PQ51"	ND
	800013122	"Promotion criteria and computation of efficiency index" (2 pages)	ND
	800013123	"Think It Over" pamphlet (4 pages)	ND
	800013124	"Study, note keeping and examinations" pamphlet (3 pages)	Aug-42
	800013125	"Assault of a fortified position" booklet (5 pages double sided)	ND
	800013126	Interpretation of travel orders (2 pages double sided)	Jan-43
4	800013127	Military Law folder (with enclosed papers):	ND
	800013128	Court martial charges	Jul-42
	800013129	Summary of expected testimony (3 pages)	ND
	800013130	Quartermaster laundry sheet	ND

ND	Trial of Oliver Harris (5 pages)	800013131
Apr-43	Military Law study aid (8 pages double sided)	800013132
ND	Military law folder, applications, etc (11 pages double sided)	800013133

Series 4: Field manuals

3	1	800013134	Infantry field manual	ND
		800013135	Basic field manual, Aerial photograph reading	ND
		800013136	Basic field manual, Sketching	ND
		800013137	Basic field manual, US rifle, Caliber .30, M1903	ND
		800013138	Air-ground Training	ND
		800013139	Lesson Assignments for Officer Candidate School	ND
		800013140	Commercial Repair Facilities Directory	ND
		800013141	Officer Candidates	ND
		800013142	The Armored Force School, Motor Inspection Guide 6th revision	1942
		800013143	The Armored Force School, Motor Inspection Guide 4th revision	1942
		800013144	Work Book, Company Management, Section 1	ND
	2	800013145	Lesson book (384 pages)	1942
	3	800013146	Special Text, Company Management, Section 1 (302 pages)	1942