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Franklin J. Yurco Collection

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Biographical Note

Franklin J. Yurco was born on July 31, 1944 in New York City, New York. He graduated from New York University Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Classics. During his time in New York University he worked for the New York Public Library. He moved to Chicago to begin graduate studies in the field of Egyptology at the Oriental Institute.

Yurco interrupted his studies when he served a three year tour of duty in the United States Army, which included a one year service in Vietnam where he served as a historian for the 5th Special Forces Group. After his tour of duty, Yurco returned to Chicago to resume his graduate studies alongside his wife, Dianne. He had two children with Dianne, Edward and Miriam.

He worked for three years as an epigrapher for the Oriental Institute Epigraphic Survey in Luxor, where he copied scenes and inscriptions in Karnak and Luxor temples and helped prepare relevant publications. For years, Yurco served as an assistant editor for the Encyclopedia Britannica and was a reference librarian at the University of

Chicago's Regenstein Library where he assisted the Near Eastern bibliographer. Some of his hobbies included walks along Chicago's lakefront in the summer and listening to the music of Mozart. Yurco suffered from Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (or Lou Gehrig's disease) in the last several years of his life, but that did not stop him from teaching. He contributed to an adult education course on Egyptian and Nubian pyramids at the Oriental Institute in the fall of 2003.

Franklin J. Yurco was instrumental in helping create the permanent Egyptian exhibit "Inside Ancient Egypt" at the Field Museum and helped create the "Egypt is Africa" exhibit at the Indianapolis Museum of Art in 1996. He succumbed to his illness when he died on February 6, 2004. He was 59.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Franklin J. Yurco Collection contains military related documents, certificates and a vast array of military related publications in regards to life in the military, spoken language and history of the military in Vietnam.

Arrangement

The collection arrived with no discernible arrangement and was rearranged categorically and then chronologically into series by PMML staff. The collection is contained within one linear feet size boxes. The collection is arranged into series according to government documents, miscellaneous, publications and maps.

Series One: Subject File, Box 1

Series one contains a vast assortment of items. The name of the series is called "Subject File" because the contents of the series did not have folders that fit into a specific series. The folders in the series include military discharge orders, different kinds of certificates and a miscellaneous folder. The miscellaneous file contains military payment certificates and an article from KMT.

Series Two: Publications, Box 1-2

This series contains a large assortment of military publications. Some of the books are about learning how to speak and write basic Vietnamese. Other topics that are mentioned in the other publications range from basic combat training, terrain intelligence and history of military action in Vietnam.

Series Three: Maps, Box

Series three contains one map of the world.

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Separations

Item ID	Description
800123044	American Legion Army Pin
800123045	United States Army EM Hat Badge
800123046	Military Intelligence Corps Collar Badge
800123047	U.S. Army Collar Badge
800123048	United States Expert Marksman Badge
800123049	Yurco Name Tag
800123050	Army Presidential Unit Citation Military Ribbon
800123051	Army Meritorious Unit Commendation Military Ribbon
800123052	Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation Military Ribbon
800123053	Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation Military Ribbon
800123054	Military Ribbon Row with National Defense Service Ribbon, Vietnam Service Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Ribbons
800123055	Military Ribbon Row with Army Commendation Military Ribbon, Army Good Conduct Military Ribbon
800123056	Army Green Service Uniform Jacket
800123057	Army Green Service Uniform Pants
800123058	Yurco's Belt

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

Yurco, Franklin J.

Subjects

Egyptology

United States – Army – Special Forces Group, 5th Airborne

United States – Army – Special Forces, 1st Airborne

Vietnam War – 1961-1975

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
Series One: Subject File, 1970-2004, n.d.				
1	1		Transfer and Discharge	
		800123001	Special Orders: Number 69 - Reassigned to Transfer Station	5/13/1971
		800123002	Discharge from USAR	6/19/1974
		800123003	Armed Forces of the United states Report of Transfer or Discharge	n.d.
1	2		Certificates	
		800123004	Department of the Army: The Army Commendation Medal Certificate	11/10/1970
		800123005	Department of the Army: Certificate of Appreciation	5/30/1971
		800123006	Certificate of Appreciation	n.d.

800123007	Department of the Army: Certificate of Training	n.d.
800123008	Certificate of Service	n.d.
800123009	United States Army Intelligence School: Certificate of Achievement	n.d.
800123010	Honorable Discharge Certificate	n.d.
800123011	Vietnamese Language Certificate	n.d.
800123012	Interrogator Skill Development Base Course Certificate	n.d.
800123013	By Direction of the Secretary of the Army- The Army Commendation Medal Citation	n.d.

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Miscellaneous

800123014	KMT: A Modern Journal of Ancient Egypt	Summer 2004
800123015	Military Payment Certificate: One Dollar	n.d.
800123016	Military Payment Certificate: Five Cents (6 copies)	n.d.
800123017	Military Payment Certificate: Ten Cents (3 copies)	n.d.
800123018	Military Payment Certificate: Twenty-Five Cents (3 copies)	n.d.

Series Two: Publications, 1967-1969, n.d.

1	Language and Grammar	
4	800123019 Vietnamese: Pocket Glossary English to Vietnamese and Vietnamese to English (2 copies)	n.d.
5	800123020 Vietnamese Phrase Book	n.d.
	800123021 The Writing of American Military History: A Guide	n.d.

6	800123022	Vietnamese: Basic Course - Volume I, Lessons 1-16	n.d.
	800123023	Vietnamese: Basic Course - Volume II, Lessons 7-32	n.d.
7	800123024	Vietnamese: Basic Course - Volume V, Lessons 65-80	n.d.
	800123025	Vietnamese: Basic Course - Volume VII, Lessons 97-112	n.d.
8	800123026	Vietnamese: Basic Course - Volume VIII, Lessons 113-128	n.d.
	800123027	Vietnamese: Introduction to the Standard Writing System	n.d.
	800123028	Vietnamese: Song Book	n.d.

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Intelligence

	800123029	Department of the Army Field Manual: Terrain Intelligence	Oct-67
	800123030	U.S. Army Intelligence School: Map Reading Booklet - Vietnam	Mar-68
	800123031	Intelligence Officer's Checklist	Nov-68
	800123032	Interrogator's Guide	Jul-69

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Military History

1	800123033	Outline History of Company D, 1962-70	n.d.
	800123034	U.S. Army Special Forces Participation in the CIDG Program: Vietnam--1957-1970, Part One of Three	n.d.
2	800123035	U.S. Army Special Forces Participation in the CIDG Program: Vietnam--1957-1970, Part Two of Three	n.d.
	800123036	U.S. Army Special Forces Participation in the CIDG Program: Vietnam--1957-1970, Part Three of Three	n.d.

800123037 Vietnamese: Vietnam, Yesterday and Today n.d.

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Military Handbooks

3 800123038 Soldier's Handbook for Defense Against
Chemical and Biological Operations and
Nuclear Warfare Feb-67

800123039 The Soldier's BCT Handbook Oct-68

4 800123040 A Pocket Guide to Vietnam n.d.

800123041 Vietnamese: Viet-Nam Area Study n.d.

800123042 Military Subjects and Situations - Volume II,
Lessons 21-40 n.d.

Series Three: Maps

2 **5** 800123043 World Map n.d.