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## John Zukowsky Collection

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## Biographical Note

John Zukowsky was born on August 8th, 1914 in New York City. With only 2.5 years of high school and no college, John worked as an elevator operator in New York from 1936-1943.

In May of 1943, he was drafted by the selective service into the army, and he reported to Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg, Mississippi for training with the 69th Infantry Division. Overseas with the 977th Field Artillery Battalion, Private First Class John Zukowsky participated in 3 major battle campaigns and served for 13 months as a 50 caliber machine gunner. John was slightly wounded in France in early August of 1944, and returned to action in December.

He was honorably discharged by the army in February of 1946 and returned home to his wife, Mary.

## Chronology

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
August 8, 1914	Birthday
May 3, 1943	Drafted into the army
August 8, 1944	Wounded in action
December 12, 1945	Awarded Combat Infantry Badge
January 28, 1946	Awarded Good Conduct Medal
February 23, 1946	honorably discharged from army

## Significant Awards

Purple Heart  
Good Conduct Award  
Combat Infantry Badge

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## Scope and Content of the Collection

The John Zukowsky Collection consists of official documents and papers, medical history, awards, insignia, personal items, and photographs related to John Zukowsky during his service with the 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during World War II. The majority of the collection concerning John's military service is dated from 1943-1946.

## Arrangement

The collection arrived with no discernable arrangement and was rearranged chronologically in a more efficient working order by PMML staff. The collection is contained within 1 archival folder.

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## Related Collections

Walter R. Noening Collection

## Separations

Item Number	Description	Date	Location
800071001	American Campaign Ribbon		
800071002	Challenge Coins (set of 2 in box)		
800071003	Combat Infantry Badge		
800071004	Combat Infantry Badge		
800071005	Combat Infantry Badge		
800071006	Dog Tags (set of 2) issued to John Zukowsky, Mary Medallion attached		
800071007	European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign ribbon, 2 bronze star devices		
800071008	European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign ribbon, 4 bronze star devices		
800071009	Good Conduct Award Lapel Pin		
800071010	Good Conduct Award Medal		
800071011	Good Conduct Award Ribbon		
800071012	Good Conduct Award Ribbon		
800071013	Good Conduct Award Ribbon		
800071014	Purple Heart Award set (lapel pin, medal and ribbon, in box)		
800071015	Purple Heart Award Ribbon		
800071016	Ruptured Duck Patch		
800071017	World War II Victory Ribbon		
800071018	Insignia, 4th Division		
800071019	Insignia, 4th Division		

800071020	Insignia, Seventh Army		
800071021	Insignia, Seventh Army		
800071022	Insignia, Seventh Army		
800071023	Insignia, 69th Division		
800071051	Photograph- Reads on back "Taken at side of Jewish U.S.O. in Hattiesburg"	June, 1943	Photographs Collection
800071052	Photograph- John in uniform in front of bush	2 August, 1943	Photographs Collection
800071053	Photograph- John in uniform, building in background, reads "With all my love- John"	2 August, 1943	Photographs Collection
800071054	Photograph- John in uniform, in front of tree, reads "With love-John"	2 August, 1943	Photographs Collection
800071055	Photograph- John in Class A uniform, in front of building	20 November, 1943	Photographs Collection
800071056	Photograph- John sitting in chair	2 August, 1943	Photographs Collection
800071057	Photograph- John on top of a building, reads "To Mary with love- John"	2 August, 1943	Photographs Collection
800071058	Photograph- John and 2 other men in Class A uniforms	20 November, 1943	Photographs Collection
800071059	Photograph- Group photo, reads "Myself, Boarda(?), Fitzgerald, Uchber, Frich"	2 August, 1943	Photographs Collection
800071060	Photograph- 8x10 portrait of John	N/A	Photographs Collection
800071061	Photograph- Large group photo, reads "Taken in Paris- May 29th 1945". John is 3rd from left	29 May, 1945	Photographs Collection

## 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

Zukowsky, John

## Subjects

United States Army, 69th Infantry Division, 977th Field Artillery Battalion  
World War 1939-1945- Europe  
World War, 1939-1945--Veterans--New York (State)--Biography.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
Small 5	1		<b>The John Zukowsky Collection</b>	<b>1940-1978</b>
		800071024	Registration Certificate for Selective Service	16 October, 1940
		800071025	Induction Paper into the Army	3 May, 1943
		800071026	V-mail from hospital to Mary	8 August, 1944
		800071027	Western Union Telegram stating John wounded in action	15 August, 1944
		800071028	Letter to Mary from War Department stating John returned to service	21 December, 1944
		800071029	Letter stating John being awarded the Combat Infantry Badge	12 December, 1945
		800071030	Officer notification regarding John transferring hospitals	17-21 December, 1945

800071031	Letter from Harry Truman thanking for his service	N/A
800071032	Entitlements to payment of premiums, disability compensation papers, etc	23 January, 1946- 30 September, 1946
800071033	Letter awarding John and others the Good Conduct Award	28 January, 1946
800071034	Hospital Release Statement	19th February, 1946
800071035	Information to those being Discharged by the Army	22 February, 1946
800071036	"Separation Qualification Record"	23 February, 1946
800071037	Honorable Discharge Letter with negatives	23 February, 1946
800071038	Instructions for those who have separated	26 February, 1946
800071039	Entitlement to Treatment Letter	26 February, 1946
800071040	"Notice of Classification"	28 February, 1946
800071041	Honorable Discharge Enlisted Record	N/A
800071042	Veteran's Administration Vocational Advisory Service Letter	16 May, 1946
800071043	Instructions on how to care for a Government Check	N/A
800071044	Acknowledgment of Stop Payment Request	5 November, 1946
800071045	US Civil Service Commission Disability Preference Claim	23 January, 1947
800071046	Medical History Report	N/A

800071047	Letter regarding copy of check requested by John	N/A
800071048	Reference to check from the General Accounting Office	14 May, 1947
800071049	Certification of Military Service	3 August, 1978
800071050	"Bataille de Normandie", reprint of 1947 map of D-day	N/A