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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

The U.S. Army Special Services Agency was set up by the Army in the years following World War II to increase morale by providing recreational activities to troops stationed in Europe during the Cold War era. The activities included crafts, theatrical productions, and parties.

Scope and Contents

Archival material documenting the recreational activities provided to U.S. Army troops in Europe by the U.S. Army Special Services, ca. 1945-1971. Newsletters comprise the majority of the collection.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Armed Forces -- Operations other than war
- Cold War
- Soldiers -- Recreation -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Newsletters

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Morale and Welfare of Occupation Personnel. Chapter 8 of The American Military Occupation of Germany 1945-1953, by Oliver J. Frederiksen (Historical Division, Headquarters, United States Army, Europe.), 1953
Box 1, Folder 2	Games, Contests and Relays, by Seward C. Staley (NY: A.S. Barnes & Co.), 1924
Box 1, Folder 3	G.I. One Act Plays, At Ease Series, vol. 17. Prepared and distributed by The Special Services Division, Army Service Forces. (NY: Street & Smith Publications, 1945). [four copies], 1945
Box 1, Folder 4	Skits & Bits, At Ease Series, vol. 20. Prepared and distributed by The Special Services Division, Army Service Forces. (NY: Street & Smith Publications, 1945), 1945
Box 1, Folder 5	Easter Activities Ideas, circa 1955-1956
Box 1, Folder 6	Geography Quiz Materials, circa 1960s
Box 1, Folder 7	Service Club Activities Program News, 1951
Box 2, Folder 1	Service Club Activities Program News, 1954
Box 2, Folder 2	Service Club Activities Program News, 1955
Box 2, Folder 3	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes, 1956
Box 2, Folder 4	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes, 1957
Box 2, Folder 5	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes, 1958
Box 3, Folder 1	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes, 1959
Box 3, Folder 2	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes No. 2, 1961
Box 3, Folder 2	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes No. 4, 1962
Box 3, Folder 2	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes No. 1, 1963
Box 3, Folder 2	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes No. 4, 1964
Box 3, Folder 3	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes No. 1, 1967
Box 3, Folder 3	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes No. 3, 1968

Box 3, Folder 3	U.S. Army Service Clubs, USAEUR [U.S. Army in Europe] Notes No. 2 and No. 3, 1969
Box 3, Folder 4	U.S. Army Special Services Agency, Europe, Newsletter, 1968-03-1968-04
Box 3, Folder 5	U.S. Army Special Services Agency, Europe, Newsletter, 1971-06-1971-10