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Collection Overview

Creator: Edward Paul Doyle, O. P. 1907-1997
Title: Edward Paul Doyle, O. P. Collection
Dates: 1932, 1942-2000
Quantity: 2 box(es) (1.0 linear feet)
Abstract: The collection centers around Dominican Brother Edward Paul Doyle’s military service as a World War II U.S. Army Chaplain, participation in the 104th Infantry Division liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Nordhausen, Germany, and attendance at Holocaust remembrance events during the 1980s and 1990s.
Identification: Ms. doyle
Language: The records are in English.
Repository: Phillips Memorial Library, Special and Archival Collections 549 River Avenue Providence, RI 02918-0001 http://www.providence.edu/Academics/Phillips+Memorial+Library/

Biographical Information

Edward Paul Doyle, O.P. Ph.D., (1907-1997) was a Dominican Brother, who also served as a Chaplain with the U.S. Army's 104th Infantry Division during World War II.

Born June 30, 1907 in Fall River, Massachusetts, Doyle was one of nine children of Patrick J. and Anne (Harrison) Doyle. A graduate of B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River, he joined the Dominican Order in 1932 and was ordained in Somerset, Ohio in 1939. Upon receiving a Master’s Degree from The Catholic University of America in 1941, Doyle came to Providence College to teach philosophy and theology. He received a Doctorate from the Aquinas Institute in River Forest, Illinois in 1962.

In 1943 Doyle was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant and assigned to the 104th Infantry Division, also known as the Timberwolves. After months of training in the western United States, the division departed for Europe in August 1944 and spent the next nine months in continuous combat through France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany. By April 11, 1945, the division captured the town of Nordhausen, which they discovered was a sub-camp of the notorious death camp Buchenwald.

After the war, Doyle continued to teach at Providence College and then in 1954 began to assume various teaching positions with other institutions. In 1976, Doyle returned to Rhode Island to serve as the Chaplain at Summit Medical Center in Providence, RI., before becoming a member of the St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in 1987. Doyle remained with the Dominican community at Providence College until his death in 1997.

Father Doyle's achievements include positions as the first president of the Dominican Educational Association and director of the School of Catholic Studies at the University of Virginia Catholic Center. As national chaplain for the Timberwolves, he went to West Point each year to present the 104th Infantry Division's Terry Allen award to a graduating senior.

Timeline

1907 June 30 Born in Fall River, MA as Edward Aloysius Doyle; one of 9 children of Patrick James and Annie (Harrison) Doyle.
1925-1930 Student at B.M.C. Durfee High School, Fall River, MA, and graduate of Aquinas College High School in Columbus, OH.
1930-1932  Student at Providence College in Providence, RI, member of Class of 1934, enrolled in the pre-ecclesiastical program.

1932 Aug 15  Reception of Dominican habit at St. Rose Priory in Springfield, KY; took the religious name Paul.

1933 Aug 18  Simple Profession at St. Rose Priory in Springfield, KY.

1933-1940  Student of philosophy at Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, IL, of theology at St. Joseph Priory in Somerset, OH, and Immaculate Conception College in Washington, DC.

1936  Reception of A.B. Degree in Philosophy from Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, IL.

1936 Aug 16  Solemn profession at St. Joseph Priory in Somerset, OH.

1939 May 17  Ordination at St. Joseph Priory in Somerset, OH, by Bishop James J. Hartley of Columbus, OH.

1940-1941  Student at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

1941  Reception of M.A. Degree in Religious Education.

1941-1954  Member of Providence College religion/theology faculty, including leave of absence for military service.

1943 Aug 25  Sworn in as 1st Lt. in the Army Chaplains’ Corps by David Sawyer, 2nd Lt. in the Providence College Army Specialized Training Program Unit; began training at Chaplains’ School one month later.

1944 May-1945  Catholic Chaplain of the 1st Battalion, 413th Infantry Regiment, 104th (Timberwolf) Infantry Division.

1944 Sep 6  Landed on the beaches of Cherbourg, France, with 104th Infantry Division.

1945 Apr 11  Entered the concentration camp at Nordhausen, Germany with the 104th Infantry Division.

1945 Nov 6  Notification from Terry Allen, Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding the 104th Infantry Division, to Frederick C. Foley, O.P., P.C. President, that Captain Edward P. Doyle has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the European Theatre of Operations.

1946  Honorable discharge with rank of Major after serving in the 14th Armored Division and in the 104th Infantry Division.

1951-1976  Member of theology faculty and/or Chaplain at Emmanuel College in Boston, MA (part-time), Seton Hill College in Greensburg, PA, Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY, Siena Heights College in Adrian, MI, Molloy College in Rockville Centre, NY, and Annhurst College in Woodstock, CT.

1953  Awarding of AMVETS (American Veterans) life membership.


1959-1962  Student at Aquinas Institute in River Forest, IL.

1962  Reception of Ph.D. Degree in Pastoral Theology.

1965-1966  Director of School of Catholic Studies at University of Virginia Catholic Center in Charlottesville, VA.
1970-1971 Research Fellow at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT, receiving training in preventive mental health counseling, guidance and therapy for religious women.

1976-1980 Parochial minister and Director of Adult Education at St. Raymond Church in Providence, RI.

1976-1997 Chaplain at Summit Medical Center in Providence, RI.

1980-1987 Limited parochial service at St. Raymond Church in Providence, RI.

1981 Oct 26-28 Award from U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council at International Liberators Conference, Washington, DC, for valiant service during the liberation of Nazi concentration camps; delivered remarks "I Was There..."

1982 Apr 3 Father Doyle and Eli Bohnen, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, Providence, RI (Assistant Chaplain in U.S. Army 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division, which liberated the Nazi concentration camp at Dachau, Germany), co-recipients of the 1st “Never Again” Awards at Yom Hashoah (Day of Destruction) Commemoration sponsored by the Jewish Community Center in Providence and the Jewish Federation of RI.

1987-1997 Member of St. Thomas Aquinas Priory, the Dominican community at Providence College.

1989 Citation at retirement as 104th Infantry Division Association Chaplain, recognizing his 37 years of spiritual support to the Timberwolves.

1996 Sep Father Doyle’s donation of his files and photographs to Providence College.

1996 Dec 2 Remarks at Providence College Holocaust Awareness Day.

1997 Apr 12 Death in Providence, RI.

1997 Apr 15 Burial in Dominican Community Cemetery at Providence College.

Scope and Content Note
The collection is comprised primarily of clippings, correspondence, programs, and articles relating to the 40th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion (June 6, 1944) and the 1st U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council International Liberators Conference (October 26-28, 1981). The collection also contains a rich assortment of photographs taken in 1945 by Doyle at the Nordhausen concentration camp in Germany and a number of photographs of Doyle before and after his military service.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged into two series.
Series list
Photographs
Subject files

Index Terms
These records are indexed under the following headings in the HELIN catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials should search the catalog under these index terms.

Doyle, Edward P. -- Manuscripts
Doyle, Edward P. -- Photograph collections
Nordhausen (Concentration camp) -- Miscellanea
Nordhausen (Concentration camp) -- Pictorial works
Photograph collections -- Rhode Island -- Providence
United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Administrative Information

Custodial History
Prior to its donation, the collection remained in the custody of Father Edward P. Doyle, O.P.

Preferred Citation
Edward Paul Doyle, O. P. Collection, Providence College Library, Special and Archival Collections

Acquisitions Information
In 1996, Father Edward P. Doyle, O.P., donated his collection of documents, photographs and printed material to the Providence College Archives and Special Collections.

Processing Information
The collection was originally processed in 1997.

Restrictions
Open for research.

Terms governing use and reproduction: Photocopying and scanning of materials is a fee based service available in the repository and is allowed at the discretion of the Librarian of Special and Archival Collections when in compliance to the College's policy on copyright and publication.

Related Material
There are no known related materials to this collection.

For a history of the army unit, which Chaplain Doyle served with, see Box 2, folder 30: Timberwolf tracks : the history of the 104th Infantry Division, 1942-1945.

No materials were separated from this collection.
Inventory

Series: Photographs
Dates: 1932-1994
Extent: 7 folders
Material types:
- black-and-white negatives
- black-and-white photographs
- color photographs
- photocopies

Scope and Content Note
This series contains negatives, prints, and photocopies consisting of images of Father Doyle and of the death camp at Nordhausen, Germany. The black and white photographs of Nordhausen were taken by Father Doyle and are all dated April 12, 1945.

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**Dates:** 1943-2000  
**Extent:** 26 folders  
**Material types:**  
- certificates  
- clippings  
- letters (correspondence)  
- monographs  
- oral histories (document genres)  
- programs  
- serials (publications)

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains some correspondence, biographical data on Father Doyle, obituaries, and clippings. Additional clippings reflect his interest in the Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion (June 6, 1944), the 104th Infantry Division and the Holocaust, especially the death camp at Nordhausen.


**Arrangement**

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Box 2   Folder 32   Time: D-Day + 40 years   1984 May 28