



Guide to the Edward Paul Doyle, O.P. Collection
1932, 1942-2000

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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.
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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.
1959-1961	President of Dominican Educational Association.
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.

Box 1	Folder 1	Edward P. Doyle, O.P.	1932-1994
Box 1	Folder 2	Edward P. Doyle, O.P., negatives	undated
Box 1	Folder 3	Edward P. Doyle, O.P., photocopies	undated
Box 1	Folder 4	Nordhausen 4" x 6" black & white photographs.	1945
Box 1	Folder 5	Nordhausen 2.5" x 3.5" black & white photographs.	1945
Box 1	Folder 6	Nordhausen photocopies	1945
Box 1	Folder 7	Nordhausen exhibit photographs see oversized	1945

Series: Subject Files

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.

Material from the 1st U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council International Liberators Conference, October 26-28, 1981, includes copies of his "I Was There..." remarks and an oral history interview with Father Doyle and other Conference participants. The last pieces in the Collection are excerpts from the 1st edition and a copy of the January 1999 edition of Timberwolf Tracks: The History of the 104th Infantry Division, 1942-1945.

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically.

Box 1	Folder 8	Biographical Information	1946-1989
Box 1	Folder 9	Correspondence	1943-1996
Box 1	Folder 10	Clippings - Day of Remembrance	1989 May 4
Box 1	Folder 11	Clippings - D-Day, 40th Anniversary	1984
Box 1	Folder 12	Clippings - Doyle, Edward P.	1943-2000
Box 1	Folder 13	Clippings - Holocaust	1974-1985
Box 1	Folder 14	Clippings - Holocaust Awareness Day	1996 Dec 5
Box 1	Folder 15	Clippings - Service Honors Holocaust Victims	1985 Apr 14
Box 1	Folder 16	Holocaust Memorial Ceremonies	1982 Mar 30
Box 1	Folder 17	Holocaust Memorial Ceremonies - Days of Remembrance	1984
Box 1	Folder 18	Holocaust Memorial Program - RI State House Rotunda	1985 Apr 14
Box 1	Folder 19	Inaugural Assembly: American Gathering of Jewish Survivors	1985 Apr 21
Box 1	Folder 20	Mother's Day - Germany	1945
Box 1	Folder 21	Newsweek: D-Day + 40 years	1984 Jun 11
Box 1	Folder 22	Obituaries - Doyle, Edward P.	1997
Box 1	Folder 23	Program - RI Interfaith Comemoration of Yom Hashoah v'Hagevurah	1995 Apr 26
Box 1	Folder 24	United States Holocaust Museum - Correspondence	1985, 1995
Box 2	Folder 25	United States Holocaust Museum - International Liberators Conference	1981 Oct 26-28
Box 2	Folder 25	United States Holocaust Museum - International Liberators Conference interview	1981 Oct 26-28
Box 2	Folder 26	U.S. News & World Report: Hitler's Horrors	1995 Apr 3
Box 2	Folder 27	The American Legion: D-Day + 40 years	1984 Jun
Box 2	Folder 28	The Friar Crier	1945

Box 2	Folder 29	The Liberators - Special Comemorative Issue	1981
Box 2	Folder 30	Timberwolf tracks - 104th Inf. Division	1999
Box 2	Folder 31	Timberwolf tracks - 104th Inf. Division - photocopy extract	1946
Box 2	Folder 32	Time: D-Day + 40 years	1984 May 28