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Guide to the Edward D. Silver Military Service Collection, 1957-1964

Title

Edward D. Silver Military Service Collection (MSS Silver)

Dates

1957-1964 (inclusive)

Creator

Silver, Edward D.

Summary

The Edward D. Silver Military Service Collection consists of materials assembled by Silver during his Air Force training and service. Silver graduated from Oregon State College in 1957; he joined the U.S. Air Force after graduation and was declared missing in action in North Vietnam in 1968.

Quantity

0.2 cubic foot (1 box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Edward D. Silver enrolled at Oregon State College in 1952 and earned a BS in science from Oregon State College in 1957; he was enrolled in the Navy ROTC program at Oregon State. After graduation, Silver joined the U.S. Air Force and served as a pilot instructor at Vance Air Force Base and in Saudia Arabia. Silver was a Lieutenant Colonel in the 391st Tactical Fighter Squadron. In 1968, Silver was declared missing in action in North Vietnam.

Edward Dean Silver was born on February 2, 1934 in Batavia, Iowa. He grew up in Junction City, Oregon, and graduated from Junction City High School in 1952.

Content Description

The Edward D. Silver Military Service Collection consists of materials assembled by Silver during his training and service in the U.S. Air Force. The collection includes patches, rank insignia, pilot wings, a Pilot Flight Record and Log Book, driver's licenses for travel in Saudia Arabia, an identification card booklet, an engraved plate, and a cloth ascot worn with a flight suit. The patches, numbering about 40 total, were worn on a flight suit and represented various Air Force squadrons and training units such as the Combat Crew Training Wing and the Air Force Fighter Weapons School. The collection also includes some biographical information about Silver.

Preferred Citation

Edward D. Silver Military Service Collection, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

The materials were donated to the Archives in 2010 by Donna Silver.

Related Material

The [Reserve Officers Training Corps \(ROTC\) Records \(RG 058\)](#) consist of materials documenting ROTC programs at Oregon State; extensive photographic documentation of ROTC programs are available in the Military Photographic Collection (P 002), Naval ROTC Photographs (P 253), and the [Air Force ROTC Photographs \(P 281\)](#). The Archives' holdings include several collections of alumni or faculty that document the military or military service: [Benjamin D. Boswell Military Records](#), [Harvey L. McAlister Collection](#), [Oregon State Yank Collection](#), [Ulysses Grant McAlexander Collection](#), and [Bill Wilkins Papers](#).

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Organizations

Oregon State University--Alumni and alumnae.
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Topics

Fighter pilots--Training of--United States.
Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Missing in action.