COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:
Broome, Billy Pleasant, 1927-2020

Inclusive Dates:
1945-1955

Scope & Content:
Consists primarily of photographs and military orders of Sgt. Billy P. Broome’s service in the Korean War. The military orders are Broome’s assignments once detached from the 159th Field Artillery in Korea and returning home. The military documents include his Army Reserve registration, Selective Service card, immunization register, and a certificate of proficiency. Many of the photographs, both foldered (Box 1, Folder 5) and scrapbooked, depict Broome’s camp, including sleeping tent, orderly tent, and Broome’s fellow soldiers. One captured a USO show featuring Knoxville native Patricia Neal. Broome brought home two 1000 won notes as well as a 5 cent military payment certificate.

Box 2 contains artifacts from Broome’s military service, which include: his Army cap, dog tags, United Nations ribbon, I Corps patch, and commemorative Korean War ring.

Physical Description/Extent:
.75 cubic feet

Accession/Record Group Number:
2012-015

Language:
English
Administrative/Biographical History

Born on October 26, 1927, in Elizabethton, Tennessee to Horace and Cora Broome, Billy Pleasant Broome attended Elizabethton High School. He played football and ran track and was a member of the 1945 All East Tennessee Football team. In 2002, the Elizabethton High School Sports Hall of Fame inducted him into his ranks. Broome officially joined the military on September 27, 1950. He married Margaret Waechter on December 21, 1950. Sgt. Broome served in the 159th Field Artillery on both the front lines and as a cook. He left Korea on August 6, 1952, assigned to the Tennessee Military District headquarters in Nashville. After the war, Broome sold snack food for Continental Baking Company and worked as a self-employed painter and wallpaperer. He and his wife, Margaret, had a son, William Albert Broome, and a daughter, Terry Cole. Broome died on July 26, 2020, in Elizabethton and is buried in Happy Valley Memorial Park.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Collection is arranged alphabetically by document type.

Conditions of Access and Use

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Index Terms

Personal Names:
Broome, Billy Pleasant, 1927-2020

Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:
United States. Army.
United States. Army -- Military life
United States. Army -- Officers

Subjects:
Korean War, 1950-1953
Soldiers -- United States -- 20th century -- Biography -- Sources

Geographic Names:
Elizabethton (Tenn.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Imjin River (Korea) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Korea -- History -- 20th century -- Sources

Document Types:
Clippings (information artifacts)
Correspondence
Dog tags (military tags)
Military cap
Money (objects)
Photographs
Rings (finger jewelry)

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition:

Processing and Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:

Processing Information:
Completed by Zachary Keith, September 2020.
## Detailed Collection Description

### Container List

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