

Robert C. Hanes Collection

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Introduction

The contents of this collection range from a few items of Hanes's early school days through his retirement. Phillip Hanes donated his father's collection to the Clark County Historical Society in two installments: the first, including many physical artifacts, in 1998, and the second in 2004.

The archival collection fills five 5" Hollinger boxes, two 3" boxes, two oversize boxes, and one flat file, occupying roughly four feet of shelf space and an inch of 3-½ by 4 feet, flat file, drawer space. It consists of 618 photographs and 367 files divided into three series and fifteen subseries.

Series I Biographical papers, focusing primarily on his military career.

Series II Photographs from his career and family.

Series III Flat files of some personal records and several large maps

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

Biography

Robert Crissinger Hanes's family moved from Lancaster County in Pennsylvania and he was born in Clark County in 1903. He married Claribel Ferree, whose family had been long time residents of the county, dating back to the mid-1830s. They had two sons together, Phillip and Peter, and while they made their home in Springfield, Robert's career with the Ohio National Guard saw them moving to different states for their summers as he attending different training schools and field exercises.

As the Second World War drew closer, his training intensified. Robert was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and made commander of an infantry battalion. In early 1942, his unit, the 147th Infantry Regiment, 37th Infantry Division, shipped out for the South Pacific and eventually to Guadalcanal. There he selflessly proved himself and was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross, the country's second highest award for valor, behind only the Medal of Honor. The DSC was not given though; instead, he received the Silver Star, the third highest award.

He rotated back to the United States where his organizational talents were put to use training replacement soldiers at Camp Butner, North Carolina and Camp McClellan, Alabama. After the war, he left the army briefly but returned with the outbreak of the Korean conflict. Then, as a full Colonel, he efficiently ran the military port at Pusan harbor. Upon redeployment after his second war, he took responsibility for the Brooklyn Army Terminal in New York until his retirement. Claribel died in 1993 and the Colonel in 1998. Both are buried at Ferncliff cemetery in Springfield.

Colonel Hanes, like many men of his generation, never cared to speak about his combat experiences, not even to his children. Phillip Hanes remarked that his father would always demure, saying that he would talk about it later, but 'later' never came for the family. What stories Phil did learn were from overhearing veterans of the 147th who would occasionally meet in Cincinnati or Columbus.

Scope and Content

This collection contains three series. A fairly comprehensive selection of Hanes's military records are organized into series I, the majority of which centers on the years of 1941 through 1945, during which time he was an infantry officer. The photographs in the collection form series II, which can be roughly split into military and civilian categories. Series III is a modest selection containing only seven files that will not physically fit into the Hollinger storage boxes.

Series I: Biographical Papers

- Sub-Series A: Career Papers (23 files)
- Sub-Series B: Pre-War (14 files)
- Sub-Series C: South Pacific (37 files)
- Sub-Series D: Stateside (16 files)
- Sub-Series E: Home Front (21 files)
- Sub-Series F: Korea and Beyond (7 files)
- Sub-Series G: Oversized (22 files)

Series II: Photographs

- Sub-Series A: WWII, General (15 files, 48 photos)
- Sub-Series B: WWII, South Pacific (29 files, 82 photos)
- Sub-Series C: Korea & Beyond (28 files, 269 photos)
- Sub-Series D: Military, Oversized (21 files, 21 photos)
- Sub-Series E: Family Outings (86 files, 138 photos)
- Sub-Series F: Family Members (39 files, 60 photos)

Series III: Flat Files

- Sub-Series A: Accomplishments (3 files)
- Sub-Series B: Maps (4 files)

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Box and Folder Listing

Series	Subseries	Folder	Description
I	A	1	Armed Forces Identification Card
		2	Army Commendation Medal, Citation & Certificate
		3	Commission to Captain
		4	Commission to Captain
		5	Commission to Colonel
		6	Commission to Lieutenant Colonel
		7	Commission to Major
		8	Equator Crossing, Certificate & Card
		9	Equator Crossing, Certificate & Int'l Dateline Crossing
		10	Legion of Merit, Citation & Certificate
		11	Letter of Commendation
		12	Military Merit Citation Translation
		13	News Clipping: Promotion to Lieutenant Colonel
		14	News Clipping: Retirement
		15	Orders, Memos, Correspondence, 1936-1949, file 1
		16	Orders, Memos, Correspondence, 1936-1949, file 2
		17	Orders, Memos, Correspondence, 1936-1949, file 3
		18	Orders, Memos, Correspondence, 1949-1954, file 1
		19	Orders, Memos, Correspondence, 1949-1954, file 2
		20	Orders, Memos, Correspondence, 1954-1997
		21	Personal Records, 1946
		22	Retirement Certificate
		23	Silver Star Citation
	B	1	Equipment Receipts, 1942
		2	Masonic Paraphernalia
		3	<i>Newsweek</i> , July 1937
		4	Orders, Camp Shelby
		5	Orders, Classification Questionnaire
		6	Orders, Ft. McClellan
		7	Orders, Oath of Office Requests
		8	Orders, Report of Entry
		9	Orders, Request for Leave
		10	Orientation, "Factors of Morale"
		11	Pocket Notebook
		12	Roster, Training Battalion
		13	Thoughts on Early WWII German Tactics
		14	Training Notes, Ft. Benning, 1940
	C	1	Acceptance Letter to Join GFO Club
		2	Air Transport Information Sheet
		3	Book, <i>Pacific Islands Yearbook, 1942</i>
		4	Booklet, "Infantry Combat at Salerno & Guadalcanal"

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I	C	5	Brigade Special Order #201-43		
		6	Christmas Card		
		7	Commendation Letter to 147th Infantry		
		8	Daily Log Entries, Jan-Feb 1943		
		9	Drawing Tablet		
		10	Evaluation Letter		
		11	<i>Guadalcanal Herald & Examiner</i> , Feb 5, 1943		
		12	Guadalcanal Menu		
		13	Inspection Report, Feb 22, 1943		
		14	Letter Commending Chaplain Clifford Chadwick		
		15	Letter from Captain Shropshire		
		16	Letter from Colonel Tuttle		
		17	Letter from Colonel Tuttle		
		18	Letter from Governor of Samoa		
		19	Letter from Navy Commander Kemper		
		20	Letter Recommending Colonel Ridings for Medal		
		21	Letter Recommending General Spragins for Medal		
		22	Letter to Colonel Tuttle		
		23	Lyrics, "The Old Smash & Drive"		
		24	Map: Vavau and Togabatu		
		25	Memo to 147th Infantry		
		26	Notes: Guadalcanal Orientation		
		27	Notes: Lessons Learned, Jan-Feb 1943		
		28	Pocket Diary and Good Luck Piece		
		29	Presentation Note for British Sword		
		30	Program, Church		
		31	Program, Holy Communion		
		32	Program, Independence Day		
		33	Program, King's Birthday		
		34	Receipt for Lettuce		
		35	Regimental Memorial Service		
		36	Rugby Tickets		
		37	Watercolor Painting, Self Portrait		
			D	1	<i>Daily News</i> , Feb 3, 1944
				2	<i>Daily News</i> , Feb 4, 1944
				3	Equipment Receipts, 1945
				4	Loose Leaf Notebook
	5	News Clipping, Hanes Donates			
	6	Orders, Camp Butner			
	7	Speech, "Combat Leadership"			
	8	Speech, "Combat Leadership," Notes			
	9	Speech, "Fear in Battle"			
	10	Speech, "Fear in Combat"			
	11	Speech, "Morale"			

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I	D	12	Speech, "Returning Veterans" (Long Version)	
		13	Speech, "Returning Veterans" (Short Version)	
		14	Speech, "This is America" (Harry Richard)	
		15	Speech, "You're Here..."	
		16	Transcript, Radio Interview, 1944	
		E		1
	2			Gas Ration Booklet
	3			Handmade Christmas Card to Ferree Family
	4			Hospital Receipts
	5			International Harvester, <i>Harvester World</i>
	6			International Harvester, Letter from
	7			International Harvester, Letter to
	8			International Harvester, <i>News Letter</i>
	9			International Harvester, <i>The Springfield Truckmaker</i>
	10			Letter to Claribel Hanes
	11			News Clipping: Typhoon on Wake
	12			News Clippings: Edward Wakefield & Melvin Apple
	13			Springfield Federation of Women's Club Program
	14			Tax Receipt Stamps
	15			<i>The Wittenberg Bulletin</i> , Oct 1941
	16			War Ration Books, #1
17	War Ration Books, #2			
18	War Ration Books, #3			
19	War Ration Books, #4			
20	War Ration Card, Liquor			
21	War Ration Stamps			
F		1	Booklet: "Korean Customs"	
		2	Essay, "Forget It"	
		3	Korean Paper Currency	
		4	News Letter, Brooklyn Army Terminal	
		5	<i>Port Log Daily News</i>	
		6	Program, Port of New York Foreign Commerce Club	
		7	Thanksgiving Menu, 1952	
G		1	<i>A-Frame News</i> , Pusan	
		2	<i>Army Times</i> , San Francisco Port of Embarkation	
		3	Booklet: <i>Head From Life</i>	
		4	<i>Camp McClellan Cycle</i> , Deaths of Pyle and Roosevelt	
		5	<i>Charleston Evening Post</i> , Explaining Craft	
		6	Citation, Bronze Star	
		7	Citation, Legion of Merit	

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I	G	8	Citation, Silver Star		
		9	Commission to Captain		
		10	Commission to First Lieutenant		
		11	Commission to Lieutenant Colonel		
		12	Commission to Lieutenant Colonel		
		13	Commission to Major		
		14	Commission to Second Lieutenant		
		15	Diploma, Wittenberg College		
		16	<i>Korean Times</i> , Dec 9, 1952		
		17	News Clippings: Awarded Silver Star		
		18	News Clippings: Camp Butner		
		19	News Clippings: Hanes at Home		
		20	<i>Springfield Daily News</i> , Camp Butner		
		21	<i>Springfield Daily News</i> , DSC		
		II	A	1	Aircraft, WWII Era (?)
				2	Artillery Field Exercise
				3	Captain Hanes
				4	Company K, 147th Infantry
				5	Company Street
				6	Hanes on Parade
				7	Hanes on Skis
8	Lt Colonel Hanes & Unknown Officer				
9	Major Hanes				
10	Misc Photos and Telegrams				
11	Parade, 37th Division				
12	Receiving Korean Medal of Merit				
13	Receiving the Silver Star				
14	Ship, Passenger Liner				
15	Soldier, Unidentified				
	B		1	Aerial Photos, Guadalcanal, 1942	
			2	Aircraft, P-40	
			3	Beach Assault Landing Exercise	
			4	Bull	
			5	Camp Hanes-Mileage Marker	
			6	Coconut Crab	
			7	Flying Fish	
			8	General Benjamin Lockwood	
			9	GI with Parrot	
			10	Guadalcanal (?) Beach	
			11	Guadalcanal (?) From Sea	
			12	Guadalcanal (?) Palm Stands	

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II	B	13	Guadalcanal Tonsorial Parlor		
		14	Lt Colonel Hanes on Guadalcanal		
		15	Lt Colonel Hanes, Guadalcanal		
		16	Lt Colonel Hanes, Guadalcanal, 1943		
		17	Panama, From a Porthole		
		18	Ship, Japanese Wreck		
		19	Ship, Japanese Wrecked Transport		
		20	Ship, US Landing Craft		
		21	Ship, <i>USS Hunter Liggett</i>		
		22	Tonga (?), Building		
		23	Tonga (?), Civilians		
		24	Tonga (?), Ruins		
		25	Tonga (?), Tidal Reef		
		26	Tonga, Ha'amonga Trilithon		
		27	Tonga, Heketa Resting Stone		
		28	Tonga, Monument		
		29	Unknown Shelter		
			C	1	Aircraft, C-54 Skymaster
				2	Bridge Across Korean (?) River
				3	Celebration
				4	Celebration
				5	Colonel Hanes
				6	Colonel Hanes
				7	Colonel Hanes
				8	Colonel Hanes
				9	Colonel Hanes
				10	Colonel Hanes
				11	Hanes Conducting Briefing
				12	Hanes Conducting Inspection
	13	Hanes et. al.			
	14	Hanes et. al.			
	15	Hanes et. al.			
	16	Hanes et. al.			
	17	Hanes Inspecting Armored Car			
	18	Korean (?) Man			
	19	Official Meeting			
	20	Party			
	21	Photo Album, Brooklyn Army Terminal			
	22	Photos of Pusan			
	23	Photos, Korea, file 1			
	24	Photos, Korea, file 2			
	25	Pinning a Medal on Naval Officer			
	26	Sea Burial, James Downey			

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II	C	27	Ship, <i>USS Franklin Roosevelt</i>
		28	Transportation Officer's Meeting, 1951
	D	1	3rd Battalion, 147th Infantry
		2	Camp, 37th Division
		3	Co. I, 147th Infantry
		4	Co. I, 147th Infantry
		5	Co. K, 147th Infantry
		6	Co. K, 147th Infantry
		7	Co. L, 147th Infantry
		8	Co. M, 147th Infantry
		9	Co. M, 147th Infantry
		10	Co. M, 147th Infantry
		11	Co. M, 147th Infantry
		12	Commercial Center, Camp Perry
		13	Dinner Dance, NDTA
		14	Foreign Commerce Club Banquet
		15	HQ Co, 147th Infantry
		16	HQ Co, 147th Infantry
		17	Officers, 147th Infantry
		18	Officers, 147th Infantry
		19	Officers, 147th Infantry
		20	Officers, 147th Infantry
		21	Ohio National Guard Rifle Team
	E	1	Boats, Unknown, The Narrows
		2	Boats, Wisconsin Dells (?)
		3	Bridge, Covered
		4	Bridge, Unknown
		5	Building, "Hudson's Bay Company"
		6	Building, Alden House
		7	Building, Chancellor Family Home
		8	Building, Hertzler House
		9	Building, Independence Hall
		10	Building, Lock Keeper's House
		11	Building, Mclean House
		12	Building, Old State House
		13	Building, Recitation Hall, Wittenberg University
		14	Building, Salem Massachusetts
		15	Building, St Patrick's Cathedral, Manhattan
		16	Building, Theodore Roosevelt Home
		17	Building, Tollhouse, Greenfield Village
		18	Building, Unknown
		19	Building, Unknown
		20	Building, Unknown

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II	E	21	Building, Unknown
		22	Building, Unknown
		23	Building, Unknown
		24	Building, Unknown
		25	Building, Unknown
		26	Building, Unknown
		27	Building, Unknown
		28	Building, Unknown
		29	Building, Unknown
		30	Building, Unknown
		31	Building, Unknown
		32	Building, Unknown
		33	Building, Unknown
		34	Building, Unknown
		35	Building, Unknown
		36	Building, Unknown
		37	Building, Unknown
		38	Building, Unknown
		39	Building, Unknown
		40	Building, Unknown
		41	Building, Unknown
		42	Building, Unknown
		43	Building, Unknown
		44	Building, Unknown
		45	Building, Victor Hanes Home
		46	Building, William & Mary College
		47	Ft. Recovery
		48	Harbor, Gloucester Massachusetts
		49	Locks, Miami & Erie Canal
		50	Memorial, 94th & 110th OVI
		51	Monument, Ft. Fisher
		52	Monument, Lexington & Concord
		53	Monument, Myles Standish
		54	Monument, Pickawillany
		55	Monument, Plymouth Rock Pavilion
		56	Monument, Robert E. Lee
		57	Monument, Soldiers & Sailors Arch
		58	Monument, Stone Mountain, (under construction)
		59	Monument, Unknown
		60	Plaque, Greene Ville Treaty Line
		61	Plaque, Howard Smith Lookout
		62	Plaque, Mortar "Dictator"
		63	Plaque, St Clair's Defeat
		64	Plaque, Wabash River
		65	Plaques, Miami & Erie Canal

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II	E	66	Rail Road Tracks		
		67	Rail Road Underpass		
		68	S-Bridge		
		69	S-Bridge		
		70	Ship, <i>Queen Mary</i>		
		71	Ship, <i>Seattle</i>		
		72	Ship, Unknown		
		73	Ship, Unknown, Cargo Lighter (?)		
		74	Ship, Unknown, The Narrows		
		75	Ship, Unknown, The Narrows		
		76	Ship, <i>USS Constitution</i>		
		77	Sign, Defacing Cemeteries		
		78	Spillway		
		79	Statue, Andrew Jackson		
		80	Statue, Gloucester Fisherman		
		81	Statue, John Smith		
		82	Statue, Massasoit		
		83	Statue, Myles Standish		
		84	Statue, New Bedford Whaler		
		85	Statue, Norborn Berkeley		
		86	Statue, Unknown		
			F	1	22 Negatives
				2	Adena Mound, Enon, Ohio
				3	Brindle Bulldog, Archie
				4	Captain John Sullivan
				5	Claribel Hanes
		6		Claribel Hanes	
		7		Dr. Samuel Dicky	
		8		Hanes at Desk	
		9		Hanes Family	
		10		Hanes Family	
		11		Hanes Family	
		12	Hanes Family		
		13	Hanes Family		
		14	Hanes Family at Coast		
		15	Harvesting Clover (?)		
		16	Inflated Parade Floats		
		17	Jose' Hurbie		
		18	License Plate, 1949		
		19	Man Feeding Pigeons		
		20	Old Cemetery, Boston (?)		
		21	Peter Hanes		
		22	Peter Hanes		
		23	Peter Hanes & Gus		

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II	F	24	Peter Hanes & Squirrel		
		25	Phillip & Peter Hanes, <i>Queen Mary</i>		
		26	Phillip Hanes		
		27	Phillip Hanes & Archie		
		28	Rock Prominence		
		29	Sea Gulls		
		30	Snow Scenes		
		31	Springfield Country Club		
		32	Squirrel		
		33	St Bernard, Gus		
		34	Television Screen Shot		
		35	Twisted Roots		
		36	Unknown Field		
		37	Unknown River Town		
		38	White Bulldog, Archie		
		39	Window, John Hanes Home		
		III	A	1	High School Diploma
				2	Korean Medal of Merit
				3	Testimonial Certificate
B	1		Map: Guadalcanal		
	2		Map: Korea		
	3		Map: Pusan Harbor		
	4		Map: South Pacific		