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Harold G. Pendleton Collection

Collection Number	MS 163
Title	The Harold G. Pendleton Collection
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1943 - 1948
Collection Size	1 linear foot
Creator	Harold G. Pendleton. The Harold G. Pendleton Collection was placed on indefinite loan in Special Collections by Perry T. Pendleton on October 10, 2014.

Scope and Content A collection of World War II materials belonging to Harold G. Pendleton, who served in the United States Eighth Army Air Force, including correspondence, military service records and artifacts, photographs, various ration book/cards, as well as Kansas State Teachers College theatre programs.

Access Restrictions This collection is open for access

Languages English

Biographical Note Harold G. Pendleton was born July 29, 1923, at Baxter Springs, Kansas to George Thurston and Dosha Annie Gonce Pendleton. He attended schools in Cherokee County, Kansas and graduated in 1941 from Baxter Springs High School. He attended Kansas State Teachers College (now Pittsburg State University) and was a member of Theta Alpha Phi drama fraternity. Harold G. Pendleton enlisted in the reserves in October 1942 and was called to active duty in March 1943. He received his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. In July 1944 he was stationed overseas in England where he served as a radio operator and gunner on the B-17 Flying Fortress with the United States Eighth Army Air Force, 381st Bomb Group, 532nd Bomb Squadron. After completing 27 combat missions, he was assigned to the Fifth Emergency Rescue Squadron. He returned to the U.S. in June 1945 and was stationed at Kessler Air Base, Biloxi, Mississippi until his discharge from service on October 13, 1945. He then re-enrolled at Kansas State Teachers College and eventually received his Bachelor of General Studies degree in the spring of 1977. Pendleton was employed as a weatherman and farm and market reporter at KOAM radio and KOAM-TV from 1946-1984 and was known as "Glenn Harold" to those in the Southeast Kansas area. Pendleton married Marguerite Markley on March 15, 1952 and they had four children. Pendleton died July 12, 2000 and is buried at Monmouth Cemetery in McCune, Kansas.

Series This collection is arranged in four series:
Correspondence, Military Service Records and Artifacts, Photographs, and Miscellaneous.

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The **Correspondence** series is comprised of letters and postcards written and received by Harold G. Pendleton during his service in World War II.

The **Military Service Records and Artifacts** series contains general orders, forms, certificates, receipts, correspondence, discharge papers, roster, silk map, Eighth Air Force pamphlet, 1945, Yank, Army Weekly (British edition) May 18, 1945, service medals and ribbons, U. S. Army Air Force caps and flight gloves, U. S. Air Forces, War Mothers “Hankies” bag, and 381st Bomb Group history and reunion programs.

The **Photographs** series includes a portrait of Harold G. Pendleton and photographs of World War II activities.

The **Miscellaneous** series contains a Transport Mileage ration card; Sugar ration coupon; War Ration book; American Legion, Boy’s State ribbon; Kansas State Teachers College theatre programs performed by Theta Alpha Phi; and a Theta Alpha Phi Drama Fraternity membership card.

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Military Service Records and Artifacts

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Miscellaneous

f. 21 Kansas State Teachers College Envelope to Mr. G. T. Pendleton, February 5, 1943,
Transport Mileage ration card; Sugar ration coupon; War Ration book; American Legion,
Boy's State ribbon; Kansas State Teachers College theatre programs, Theta Alpha Phi;
Theta Alpha Phi Honorary Fraternity membership card