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HARRY HOUSTON JOLLY, JR., MEMOIR (1942-1945)

The collection consists a typescript of personal remembrances of Harry H. Jolly, Jr. during training and service as a Technical Sergeant in the 8th Air Force during World War II, including capture and detention as a prisoner of war in Nuremburg, Germany. Also included are photocopies of his service record and a single photograph. The original memoir was submitted in 2001 to the Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress. (AFC/2001/001/00619) Jones Memorial Library copy includes updates as of May 14, 2004.

HARRY HOUSTON JOLLY, JR. (1921-2012)

Harry Houston Jolly, Jr. was born 9 January 1921, in Millboro, Bath County, Virginia, the son of Harry Houston Jolly, Sr. and Edith Bratton. He enlisted in the Army in August 1942 and served as a radio operator and machine gunner in the 457th Bomber Group of the 8th Air Force. He was taken prisoner in January 1945 and was held thirteen weeks in a prison camp in Nuremburg, Germany. For his service during the war, he received the EAME ribbon with two bronze stars, a purple heart, and an Air medal with two bronze clusters.

On 21 July, 1945, in Lynchburg, Virginia, he married Dorothy Lucy Swanson, the daughter of Samuel Henry Swanson and Elizabeth Webber;. He worked as supervisor of Western Electric in Burlington, N.C., for 37 years, retiring in 1983.

Harry Houston Jolly, Jr. died June 24 2012 at Alamance Regional Medical Center in Burlington and was buried in Alamance Memorial Park.