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GOTWALS, CHARLES P.: Papers, 1945-46

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Lt. Col. Charles P. Gotwals served as the Assistant to the Executive and as the Executive of the Military Justice Division, Office of the Judge Advocate for U.S. Forces, during the Allied occupation of Germany following World War II.

Lt. Col. Gotwals' papers consist of "Staybacks," or carbon copies of action recommended from the European Theater Headquarters concerning court-martial cases. The papers, consisting primarily of memoranda, orders, notes, and interviews, covered the period from July 1945 to March 1946. Most of the cases involved crimes by U.S. military personnel against German civilians. Also included are documents reflecting the difficulties encountered by the Military Justice Division in persuading the Russians to release witnesses from the Russian-occupied zone after American troops had withdrawn from the area.

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