
Summary Information
Title: Howard L. Hayden Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1967-1968
Inclusive Dates: 1993-1999

Creator: Hayden, Howard L.

Call Number: Eau Claire Mss CO; PH Eau Claire Mss CO

Quantity: 0.4 c.f. (1 archives box), 46 photographs and 83 transparencies in 1 folder
(Photographs and transparencies are located at the Wisconsin Historical Society in
Madison, WI)

Repository:
Housed at the Area Research Center, William D. McIntyre Library, University of
Wisconsin-Eau Claire; owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society, Library-Archives
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Archival Locations:
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Abstract:
Papers of Howard L. Hayden, a Vietnam veteran from Eau Claire, Wis. who was drafted
in February 1967 and served with a U.S. Army mechanized reconnaissance unit (25th
Infantry Division, 4th Battalion) based in Cu Chi and Tay Ninh from August 1967 to
August 1968. Hayden, a dyslexic, began writing about his combat experiences as part
of his work with a literacy tutor in 1993. The collection includes manuscript drafts of
stories, typescripts (prepared by Susan Anderson, his literacy tutor), a memoir, and a
published volume titled “A Soldier's Story: Tracks, Tunnels and the Tet Offensive”
(1999); original letters written by Hayden to his mother and sister Nancy from the
beginning of his Army training to the end of his tour in Vietnam, some of which mention
events which later figure in his stories; service records and awards; a published article;
and captioned copies of photographs taken in the field and at Cu Chi. His stories are
notable for their soldier's-eye view of matters such as clearing tunnels, knocking down
woods, providing security for convoys, personal safety, and life in the field and in base
camp. Some photographs and transparencies relate to the stories. Images include camp
housing and facilities, mined roads, equipment, living in the field, a camp memorial
service, and fellow soldiers.

Note:
There is a restriction on use of this material; see the Administrative/Restriction
Information portion of this finding aid for details.

Language: English
Search Terms

Subject Terms

- Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Personal narratives, American

Administrative/Restriction Information

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