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**Marshall B. Hardy, Jr., 1918-2010  
Added Papers, 1938-1978**

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0.33 Cubic Feet

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**Scope and Content Note**

The Marshall B. Hardy, Jr. Added Papers consist of Lieutenant Colonel Hardy's personal copy of his military 201 file, or military personnel file, a folder of documents maintained by the military for each service member. The 201 file is a record of military service and contains documents that are important for proving military service (such as orders, promotions, evaluations, transcripts, awards, etc.). Service members are requested to maintain a complete 201 file in case of the lost of all or a portion of the official version. This is an excellent example of a personal 201 file spanning an almost 40-year military career.

Hardy's military personnel file covers his military career from his honorable discharge from the National Guard in Kentucky (dated 24 February 1938, while he was attending the Virginia Military Institute) through his official notice of retirement from the United States Army Reserves (dated 21 July 1978). The file documents Hardy's military activity while on reserve duty, in training, and on active duty through: orders; certificates of training and performance; applications, reassignments, appointments and promotions; and qualification and physical condition records. Some records, notably qualification records (folder 6) also detail Hardy's education and career outside of the military. The majority of Hardy's military career takes place in Kentucky, at Fort Knox and Bowman Field, although he served in northern Africa and Italy during World War II and was briefly stationed at or trained in other locations throughout the United States.

Researchers should be aware that much of the documentation in the file uses military acronyms and abbreviations, which may pose difficulties for deciphering specific locations and duties carried out by Lt. Col. Hardy.

For a more personal documentation of Hardy's service, particularly during World War II, see the Marshall B. Hardy, Jr. Papers, 1939-1984 (Mss. A/H268).

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**Biographical Note**

Marshall Burwell Hardy, Jr. was born 28 September 1918 in Louisville, Kentucky, to Marshall B. Hardy and Amanda Fitch Hardy, of Flemingsburg, Kentucky. In 1936 he graduated cum laude with a specialty in Math from the Louisville Male High School, where he was an R.O.T.C. Captain. He completed his higher education at the Virginia Military Institute, graduating with distinction in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Hardy was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery in the reserves after his VMI graduation in May 1940. While awaiting assignment, he was employed by the Construction Division of E. I. DuPont de Nemours as Chief Expediter in Southeastern United States for the Charlestown Ordnance project. In December 1940, he entered the United States Army active service, assigned to the First Armored Division. During World War II, he served in campaigns in North Africa and Italy. At the end of 1944, Hardy was assigned to the Armored School at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and was an instructor there throughout 1945.

After his service in World War II, Hardy studied law, receiving his LL.B. from the University of Virginia in 1948. He then entered his father's firm of Hardy and Logan, from which he retired in 1982.

Hardy continued his military service after World War II, serving with the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. He held both staff and command positions in the U. S. Army Reserve. He retired as a lieutenant colonel from command of the 100<sup>th</sup> training Division in 1978.

Hardy was a trustee of the Patton Museum Development Fund at Ft. Knox for 30 years, served on several committees of the Louisville Bar Association (of which he was a member), and was a lifelong active member of Calvary Episcopal Church. Hardy was also a member of the Kentucky Bar Association, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division Association, Military Order of World Wars, American Legion (Post 15), Reserve Officers Association, Society of the Colonial Wars, Hereditary Descendants of Colonial Governors, and the Louisville Country Club.

Hardy married Whitney Knowles in 1948, and they had three sons, Marshall III, Henry and Tabb, and three daughters Whitney, Anne, and Katherine. Hardy passed away on 2 November 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky.

--Taken from the obituary of Marshall Burwell Hardy Jr. published in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* 3 November 2010.

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**Folder List**

*Within each file, materials are generally in chronological order (with the exception of folder 2, which is in reverse chronological order) and have been kept in the groupings maintained by Lt. Col. Hardy.*

- Folder 1:     Pre-World War II Materials, 1938-1941  
Material includes Hardy's honorable discharge from the National Guard in Kentucky (dated 24 February 1938), along with recommendation letters from instructors at the Virginia Military Institute and his 31 May 1940 appointment to the Army of the United States as Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery. The file continues with forms, memos, and correspondence about Hardy's physical qualifications for service, including his defective eyesight, which initially barred him from active duty. Folder also contains certificate of completion for the Armored Forces School, Ft. Knox, KY; Hardy completed the Automotive Mechanics' (No. 3) course of the Wheeled Vehicle Department, 21 May 1941.
- Folder 2:     World War II 201 File, 1940-1945  
Bound file runs in reverse chronological order from 1945 to 1941; includes immunization and physical records, Hardy's appointments and additions to his duties, work on courts-martial, recommendations for award, pay and allowance records, promotion records, hospital records, leave of absence requests and permissions granted.
- Folder 3:     World War II Additional Files, 1940-1946  
Material includes: application for commission from reserves to regular army (1941) and indorsement (*sic*); transfer materials for move from European front to redistribution station at Miami Beach and further transfer Fort Knox (1944); special orders at end of active duty (1945); certificate of instructor training at Armored School, Ft. Knox (April 1945); certificate of completion Gunnery Subcourse, Officers' refresher course; record of World War II service from War Department; military record and report of separation (1946); and officer's pay, allowance, and mileage voucher (1945-1946).
- Folder 4:     Post World War II File, Part A: 1947-1954  
Materials include Special Orders (1947-1954); certificates of performance and notifications of familiarization with certain artillery (1953-1954); certificate of individual performance of reserve duty; course progress information/academic reports/credits (1949-1952); applications for short tour of active duty training (1949-1950); and promotion information (1947).

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- Folder 5: Post World War II File, Part B, 1955-1978  
Materials include Special Orders, including reassignments, appointments, and promotions (1955-1965); certificate of completion for refresher course (Correspondence from U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas) (1958); schedule for deactivation ceremony of Hardy, 13 April 1959 373<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, Bowman Field, KY; correspondence about/record of credits (1950s); correspondence and memos regarding active reserve status and retirement (early 1960s); clearance forms (1960); constructive credit award (1960); notice of retirement (21 July 1978).
- Folder 6: Qualification and Retirement Point Records, circa 1940s-1960s  
Materials consist of qualification records and retirement point records (1940s-1960s) along with a statement of personal history (17 May 1957) and the official record of Hardy's service to state of Kentucky (1953).

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**Subject Headings**

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Bowman Field (Ky.)  
Courts-martial and courts of inquiry  
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Kentucky. National Guard.  
Medical records  
Military education – United States  
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Military retirements  
United States. Army – Appointments and retirements  
United States. Army – Military life  
United States. Army – Promotions  
United States. Army Reserve.  
United States. Army Reserve. Division (Institutional Training), 100<sup>th</sup>  
United States – Armed Forces – Pay, allowances, etc.  
United States – Armed Forces – Reserves  
U.S. Army Command and General Staff College  
Virginia Military Institute. Dept. of Civil Engineering  
Vision  
World War, 1939-1945 – Artillery operations, American