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Finding Aid For:	Alvin Ray Balchen
Dates:	1900 to 1984, bulk 1983
Size:	1 folder; 0.08 linear feet
Creator/Collector:	Unknown
Call Number:	Special Collection (SC)
Language(s):	English
Abstract:	Alvin Ray Balchen was born June 26, 1907, in Alameda, California to Gustav and Flossie (Hawley) Balchen. Alvin fought in World War II from 1942 to 1945 when he was honorably discharged. Alvin died on May 25, 1983, in Leavenworth, Kansas. The collection contains copies of genealogical records, such as, military records, death certificates, and census records.
Subject Terms:	Alvin Ray Balchen Family History
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research.
Copyright:	Copyright restrictions may apply. For further information contact the repository.
Preferred Citation:	[Item], [Series], Alvin Ray Balchen, Container 28, Family Collection, Fort Smith Public Library, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
Acquisition Information:	Unknown
Repository:	Fort Smith Public Library, Barbara Walker Genealogy and Arkansas History Collection, Fort Smith, Arkansas
Finding Aid Created By:	Rachel Sanford, 2022
Processing Information:	This collection was previously a file of papers on Alvin Balchen. During processing the papers were sorted into three categories; Alvin Balchen, his parents, and census records. All items were arranged in chronological order. The collection was processed by Rachel Sanford November 2022.

Collection Details

Biographical Note:	Alvin Ray Balchen 1907 born June 26 in Alameda, California to Gustav and Flossie (Hawley) Balchen 1928 moved to St. Joseph, Missouri 1940 registered for World War II 1942 active service in World War II 1945 Honorable Discharge 1983 died May 25 in Leavenworth, Kansas
Scope and Content:	The Alvin Ray Balchen collection, which dates from 1900 to 1983, consists of genealogical records for the Balchen family. The family file holds military records, obituary, death certificates, censuses records, and a book on the 357 th Infantry Regiment.
System of Arrangement:	This collection is arranged into three folders; Alvin Ray Balchen Genealogy Records, Gustav and Flossie Vital Records, and Census Records. All items are filed chronologically.

Collection Inventory

Container 28: Alvin Ray Balchen, 1900 to 1983

Series 1: Balchen Family, 1900 to 1983

- 1 Alvin Ray Balchen Genealogy Records, 1940 to 1983
 1. Registration Card, World War II, Alvin Ray Balchen, 1940 October 16
 2. Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge, Alvin Ray Balchen, 1945 October 19
 3. Lineage and Honors Information on the 357th Regiment
 4. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, Alvin Balchen, 1983 May 25
 5. Find A Grave record, Alvin R Balchen, Burial at Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas, 1983
 6. St. Joseph News - Press, St. Joseph Missouri, Obituary, Alvin Balchen, 1983 May 26
 7. St. Joseph Gazette, St. Joseph Missouri, Funeral Announcement, Alvin Ray Balchen, 1983 May 27
- 2 Gustav and Flossie Vital Records, 1945 to 1960
 1. Standard Certificate of Death, Gustav Emil Balchen, 1945 February 4
 2. Standard Certificate of Death, Flossie H. Bear, 1960 August 3
- 3 Census Records, 1900 to 1950
 1. 1900, San Francisco, California, Enumeration District 123, Marion and Mary Hawley Household, child: Floss Hawley (Alvin's mother)
 2. 1910, Cochise, Arizona, Enumeration District 7, Gustav and Floss Balchen household, child: Alvin R Balchen
 3. 1920, Orange, California, Enumeration District, 80, Gustav and Floss Balchen household, child: Alvin Balchen
 4. 1930, Buchanan, Missouri, Enumeration District 11 -49, John and Floss Bear household, child: Alvin R. Balchen
 5. 1940, St. Joseph, Missouri, Enumeration District 11 -65, John and Floss Bear household, child: Alvin R. Balchen
 6. 1950, St. Joseph, Missouri, Enumeration District 117 -116, John and Floss Bear household, child: Alvin R. Balchen

Series 2: Printed Matter, 1945

- 4 Short History of the 357th infantry Regiment, compiled by S-Sgt. George von Roeder, 1945