

**Ken Gaunt Research Material:  
Colorado Medal of Honor  
Mss.02635**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
<b>Title</b>	Ken Gaunt Research Material: Colorado Medal of Honor
<b>Date</b>	1941-1945, 2006
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Collection [Linear-Feet]</b>	0.5
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection contains a binder of material detailing each Colorado Medal of Honor recipient. The binder was created by Ken Gaunt, a Technical Sergeant in the 168th Field Artillery of the Colorado National Guard. The binder has biographies, images, and newspaper clippings related to medal recipients. Also included is research material Gaunt gathered while making this binder.

### Preferred Citation note

Cite as: Ken Gaunt Research Material: Colorado Medal of Honor, Mss.02635 (R.162.2008), History Colorado

## Biographical note

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Ken Gaunt was born to Roy (1885-?) and Mary Gaunt (1895-?) in Colorado in 1921. He had one younger brother, Arnold (1925-?). After graduating high school in 1938, Ken attended Colorado A&M College. He enlisted in 1941 and became a Technical Sergeant in the 168th Field Artillery of the Colorado National Guard. Ken was with his unit for five years and spent two of those years stationed in the South Pacific. Following WWII, Ken became a licensed pharmacist and practiced in Colorado, including 20 years as Chief Pharmacist at St. Luke's Hospital. In 1949, Ken married Mary Ellen and the couple had three children. He died in 2009 and is buried at Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Colorado.

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## Historical note

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The Congressional Medal of Honor was created in 1861 to decorate individuals who have shown bravery and valor during combat. It is the highest honor to be awarded to individuals in the United States Army and the only award to be given by the President. Members of the Army, Air Force, and Navy (including the Coast Guard and Marines) can all be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The design of the medal varies depending on the recipient's service branch.

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## Scope and Contents note

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This collection includes Ken Gaunt's study of the Congressional Medal of Honor and the 69 men who have been awarded the Medal of Honor from the Indian Wars to the Iraq Wars. Special attention is given to recipients with a Colorado connection. This collection contains Gaunt's binder detailing each Colorado recipient, including biographies, pictures, and newspaper clippings. Also included are books related to the Colorado National Guard and World Wars I and II.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Publication Information**

History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

## **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Donated by Ken Gaunt in 2008. Gaunt was a Technical Sergeant in the 168th Field Artillery of the Colorado National Guard.

## **Processing Information note**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Genre(s)**

- Books.
- Newspaper clippings.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Colorado.

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Gaunt, Ken, 1921-2009

### **Subject(s)**

- Colorado. National Guard
- Medal of Honor.
- United States. Army. 168th Field Artillery Battalion.
- World War I
- World War II, 1939-1945.

## Registration number

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R.162.2008

## Collection Inventory

FF 1 *The Medal of Honor and Its Colorado Connection* by Ken Gaunt 2006

FF 2 Pictorial History of 75th Artillery Brigade 1941-1942

FF 3 Induction Roster, Colorado National Guard 1942

FF 4 *A Brief History of the 93rd Field Artillery Battalion* [1943-1945]

FF 5 *History of the 557 Field Artillery Battalion* by Kenneth B. Forbes 1945

FF 6 Rex Sjoström Research Material: COARING History Project Undated