

BETWEEN THE COVERS RARE BOOKS

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*[Photo Album]: Meine Dienstzeit
(My Service)*

1940s

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Oblong small quarto measuring 8" x 10". String-tied brown leather over paper boards with "Meine Dienstzeit" stamped in silver on the front board. Contains 228 sepia toned or black and white gelatin silver photographs measuring between 1¾" x 2½" to 3½" x 5¼" without captions. The album is near fine with small tears on the front board with fine photographs.



A photo album kept by a German soldier during World War II. Throughout the album soldiers are seen in ranks, receiving orders, and looking over maps. Many of the photos that involve non-military personal and local people seem to indicate that the unit was stationed in Eastern Europe. Women in headscarves with babies smile at the camera and town centers with horses and carts can be seen here as well. The photos show scenes of his tour of duty including a cabin being burning from what appears to be a military order, a circle around a boxing match between soldiers in a field, and men posing in groups. There are numerous pictures of men digging trenches and posing in the completed projects. One page shows the men lounging in the sun enjoying some leisure time between orders. Troops are seen marching through forests, towns, and in caravans with trucks. In one of the marching photos a zeppelin can be seen in the distance, another shows a grave site. Towards the end of the album the troops are set up in the snow in large coats creating trenches and barricades with walls of ice and snow.

An interesting view of a German soldier's time with the military in World War II. [BTC#400785]



















