

## Royal Oak Historical Society

### Royal Oak Guards Enlistment Records, 1942

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#### ***History:***

The Royal Oak Guards was a military organization under orders from the Office of Civil Defense Council. The battalion was comprised of three companies of 59 volunteers each who were Royal Oak citizens, and the battalion commander was Ernest J. Skinner. The companies were divided by age group - Company A, under the command of John J. Baldwin, was for 18-21 year olds; Company B, under the command of Frank O. Dorsey, was for 22-35 year olds; Company C was for 36 years and older. Its commander was Ernest W. Reinke. The Royal Oak Guards provided men with an opportunity for basic military training while performing their patriotic duty. The Guards was not an armed unit. It was disbanded in late 1944.

#### ***Scope and Content:***

This collection consists of enlistment records for Companies B and C of the Royal Oak Guards. Each enlistment record consists of two parts – personal information regarding the enlistee, and an oath of service. Included is the enlistee’s name, date of enlistment, date and place of birth, a physical description, occupation, contact person to be notified in case of emergency, and prior military service if any. The records are arranged in their original order, alphabetical by surname. There is also a memorandum regarding “changes and plans for strengthening B company.

#### Box 1

- 1:1 Memorandum, Company B
- 1:2 Enlistments, A-B
- 1:3 Enlistments, C-D
- 1:4 Enlistments, E-G
- 1:5 Enlistments, H-J
- 1:6 Enlistments, K-L
- 1:7 Enlistments, M-N
- 1:8 Enlistments, O-P
- 1:9 Enlistments, R-S
- 1:10 Enlistments, T-V
- 1:11 Enlistments, W