Hunter Campbell McClure Papers  
(R1500)

Collection Number: R1500

Collection Title: Hunter Campbell McClure Papers

Dates: 1943-1964

Creator: McClure, Hunter, Campbell

Abstract: The Hunter Campbell McClure Papers contain correspondence between Margaret Inez Blankenship and Hunter C. McClure during his service in World War II, newspaper articles and publications dealing with the war, and photographs. Also included are the personal papers of Hunter C. McClure.

Collection Size: 0.25 cubic feet  
(11 folders, 1 photograph, 1 panoramic)

Language: Collection materials are in English and Japanese.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center - Rolla. If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shs.mo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

Hunter Campbell McClure was born January 18, 1917, in Iowa. He joined the United States Army in July 13, 1942. He served with the 232 Signal Company and was stationed in New Guinea and Japan, during World War II. He sent home letters and postcards to his future wife, Margaret Inez Blankenship who lived in Webb City, Missouri. Margaret was born on August 3, 1925. He was discharged at the rank of corporal on November 14, 1945. Hunter and Margaret married after he returned home on December 9, 1945. Together they had two children; Kenneth Ray and Mary Elizabeth McClure. Hunter died on May 20, 1981.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

- Correspondence
- Publications
- Personal Papers
- Photograph

Scope and Content Note:

**Correspondence**

The Hunter Campbell McClure Papers contain correspondence from Hunter McClure to his future wife, Margaret Inez Blankenship who lived in Webb City, Missouri. McClure writes while stationed in New Guinea, as well as sending various items from Japan including post cards, a menu, and a hotel brochure. The correspondence are arranged by sender.

**Publications**

This series contains newspaper clippings and publications from several sources including Guinea Gold, a paper distributed to soldiers stationed in New Guinea, with news from around the world, the Stars and Stripes Pacific, Camp Crowder, and newspapers from Japan and the Philippines. This series is arranged chronologically.

**Personal Papers**

This series contains a copy of “My Life in the Service” diary that McClure partially filled detailing his military career. This is also a copy of his will and personal papers dealing with his life after that war. This series is organized chronologically.

**Photograph**

The photograph series consist of an image of Hunter C. McClure in uniform and a panorama of a large group of men standing in front of a partially built structure at Camp Crowder, Missouri. At the center of the group, two men hold up a flag with a medical cross. The photograph is titled “AREA No. 1, Camp Crowder” and is signed by Chief Keck, the camp superintendent.

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