



Hunter Campbell McClure Papers (R1500)

Collection Number: R1500

Collection Title: Hunter Campbell McClure Papers

Dates: 1943-1945

Creator: Blankenship, Margaret Inez

Abstract: The Hunter Campbell McClure Papers contain correspondence between Margaret Blankenship and Hunter McClure during his service in World War II. Also included are newspaper clippings from that time.

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

Language: Collection materials are in English.

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@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Hunter Campbell McClure was born January 18, 1917, and served in the United States Army from July 13, 1942, to November 14, 1945. Hunter was stationed in New Guinea, during World

War II, where he sent home letters and post cards to his future wife, Margaret Inez Blankenship who lived in Webb City, Missouri. Hunter and Margaret married after he returned home on December 9, 1945.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Correspondence
Publications
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 from several sources including *Guinea Gold*, a paper distributed to soldiers stationed in New Guinea, with news from around the world.

Photograph

The photograph series consist of 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.

Container List:

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| Box 1 | f. 1 | Blankenship, Margaret Inez, no date |
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