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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1943-1972

Language

English

Creator

Strout, Herbert C., 1920-2004

Creator

Chipman, Harold W., 1923-2008

Creator

Strout, Jerry L., 1947 - unknown

Creator

Strout, Phyllis C.

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0.80 Linear Feet

Repository

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Biographical Information:

U.S. Army Private during World War II. Home was in Milbridge, Maine.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence between Strout family members during World War II and the Vietnam War. The Strout family lives in Milbridge, Maine. Includes certificates and publications from each era. Herbert C. Strout, WWII, was stationed in Germany at the close of the war. Jerry L. Stout, Vietnam War, was a member of the 132nd Assault Support Helicopter Company and served two tours.

The World War II correspondence was accessioned as Mss. Acc. 2008.23 and the Vietnam War material was accessioned as Mss. Acc. 2008.22. Both are grouped under 2008.22.

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Certificates

Correspondence

Publications

Vietnam War, 1961-1975

World War, 1939-1945

Chipman family

Arrangement of Materials:

Series One is Herbert C. Strout family correspondence from World War II and Series Two is Jerry L. Strout family correspondence from the Vietnam War.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Herbert C. Strout Family - World War II

Unit ID id52414

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126820

Unit Date 1943-1959

Extent 1.0 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents

Mostly correspondence between Herbert C. Strout and his wife, Phyllis Chipman Strout and daughter, Margaret, while Herbert Strout was stationed in South Carolina and Germany as a private in the U.S. Army. Other correspondents include Harold Chipman, Roy Strout, Shirley P. Strout, Ruth Chipman, Barbara Chipman, Tom Chipman, Elwood Strout and other relatives. Herbert Strout was stationed in Germany at the end of the war and during the occupation. Letters contain family and local news. Military news is noted in the inventory.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52416

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126823

Unit Date 1943 January - 1944 August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters from Harold Chipman to Mrs. Herbert Strout (Mrs. Phyllis C. Strout), his sister. Stationed at Marine Engine School in Maine in January, but overseas in a combat zone by May. Son, Harold, Jr., in Camp Gordon in Johnston, Florida in Sept. 1943. Greeting card from "Senior Class, UHS; with greeting, "Here's Our Gift to One of Uncle Sam's Boys!" Undated. Sgt. C.H. Copeland to Miss Margorie P. Upton of Salem, Massachusetts.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52417

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126824

Unit Date 1944 September - November

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes letters from S.S. Wallace, signed "Grampy and Aunt Sally," to Phyllis Strout, letters between Phyllis Strout and Herbert Strout, Vmail from Harold Chipman to Mrs. Herbert Strout and letter from Roy Strout to Herbert Strout, his brother. Private Herbert C. Strout is stationed in Camp Croft, South Carolina. Letters contain family and local news.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52418

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126825

Unit Date 1944 December 3 - 23

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Correspondents are Harold Strout, Phyllis Strout, Herbert Strout's parents and Shirley Strout.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52419

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126826

Unit Date 1944 December 23 - 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Correspondents are Herbert Strout, Phyllis Strout, Roy Strout and Ruth Chipman.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52420

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126827

Unit Date 1945 January

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Correspondents are Herbert Strout, Phyllis Strout and Mrs. Agnes Strout to her son.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52421

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126828

Unit Date 1945 February-May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Private S. P. Wallace (Uncle Phil) to Mrs. Phyllis Strout. He is in a combat zone fighting Germans. Vmail from Herbert Strout to Phyllis and family. He is stationed in Germany.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52422

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126829

Unit Date 1945 June and November

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Herbert Strout, in Germany, to his wife on February 4, 1946, "we are having court again...this afternoon I am going to go out on a little investigation..." . By March 1946, Herbert writes to his wife that he is tired of arguing by letter and had hoped to return to a happy home, which is not the case. Trouble between his wife and their families. On March 17, 1946, he comments "We got a German General a few days ago that is wanted for war crimes." Other correspondents are Barbara Chipman and Aunt Sally.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52423

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126830

Unit Date 1951-1959

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Herbert Strout to Private Elwood J. Strout. On envelope: Absent without leave, current address unknown. 1951 T.R. (Tom) Chipman of the United States Air Force, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi, to his sister, Phyllis Strout. 1959.

Certificate for Herbert C. Strout, signed by President Harry S. Truman

Unit ID id52424

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126831

Unit Date undated.

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Series 2: Jerry L. Strout Family - Vietnam War

Unit ID id52415

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126821

Scope and Contents

Letters from Jerry L. Strout to his parents, sister and brother while serving in Vietnam as a member of the 132nd Assault Support Helicopter Company.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52426

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126833

Unit Date 1968 October - December

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Writes to his sister, mother and father while training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Training exercises and his wish to get mechanical training to work on trucks rather than airplanes.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52427

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126834

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Sends sister a copy of the phonetic alphabet. Training exercises such as running through a gas chamber. Poem by James M. Sweet. March 1969. Tells his location is Vietnam and gives detail about attacks.. Sends price list for Overseas Distribution for Maverick Passenger cars. May 12: "...had three rockets come in...I just rolled over on the floor and under my bed..." "watched B52 attacks on the mountain and HUEY COBRA's gunships...about every night."

Correspondence

Unit ID id52428

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126835

Unit Date 1970 January - July

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

In January he is still overseas, but by March 21, stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado and working in Supply. By June 19, he is back overseas after signing up for a second tour. He is in the 178th and the 132nd, but is trying to stay in the 132nd. July 25 - working in maintenance near Cam Duc.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52429

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126836

Unit Date 1970 August

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Stationed in Vietnam. Takes course in auto mechanics.

Correspondence

Unit ID id52430

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126837

Unit Date 1970 September - 1972

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Begins counting down the days he has remaining in Vietnam. His brother, Terry, joins the army. Has his own maintenance team, which he likes, but he does not enjoy working maintenance. The "lifers" will not let him do anything else. March 1971, he refutes the rumor that he is in Laos. He is still in Vietnam with 80+ days left. April "I take medicine to sleep nights, too...comes in red, white and blue cans..." Most Rev. Paul L. Seitz, Bishop of Kontum in Vietnam requesting donations. Form letter. 1972.

Ephemera

Unit ID id52431

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126838

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Empty envelopes, news clippings, military pay certificates, addresses, notes, postcard and cards.

Military Documents and Forms

Unit ID id52432

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126839

Unit Date 1969-1971

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Clothing and equipment record Geneva Conventions Identification Card (2) Request for Foreign Service (Overseas Assignment) March 23, 1970 PQR Checklist DA Form 41 Work Sheet Identifying Data Assignment and other documents.

Publications

Unit ID id52433

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/126840

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

"Aviation Digest" "Southern Cross" "The Mark of a Man" about combat arms. "America" "Pacific Stars and Stripes" "The Preventive Maintenance Monthly: Map of Saigon-Cholon" "Life in Vietnam" The Weekly News Magazine