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Creator

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Scope and Contents

Official Army records of William Tucker Buford's military service from his enlistment in 1941 to his dismissal from service in 1952 due to a guilty plea after being court martialed. Buford was an African American service member who served in World War II and quickly rose to the rank of First Lieutenant by 1949. In 1943 Buford also received a diploma for completing the engineer officer course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Throughout his career, Buford served in multiple locations including Louisiana where he was in charge of an engineering unit, and California where he was appointed commander of the 795th Engineer dump truck company at Camp Roberts. He remained with that company as it transferred from Camp Roberts to Fort Lewis, Washington. Buford's undoing with the Army occurred while he was stationed in Korea with EUSAK (Eighth United States Army in Korea). He was charged with selling lumber to a South Korean man in excess of 100 dollars. Buford plead guilty to the charge and his sentence was dismissal from the service, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and two years of hard labor. This record includes some photographs of Buford along with the companies in which he served or commanded.

Description of Subordinate Components

Oversize Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/267622

Unit Date 1951-1952, undated

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 4 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Various photographs featuring or taken by William T. Buford. Kept in original order. These photographs could not be removed from the backing without causing damage. Kept in original order. Oversize Items – 2 photograph sleeves. Includes photograph, circa 1951-1952, of African American troop marching. Post Studios- Official Photographers – Fort Lewis, Washington.

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498044

Unit Date circa 1941-1952

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Various photographs featuring or taken by William T. Buford. No original order.

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498045

Unit Date circa 1941-1952

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Various photographs featuring or taken by William T. Buford. No original order.

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498046

Unit Date circa 1941-1952

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Various photographs featuring or taken by William T. Buford. No original order.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498047

Unit Date 1943 March 31 – July 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Documents from the Engineer Unit Training Center in Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498048

Unit Date 1943 August 31 – December 31

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Documents from the Engineer Unit Training Center in Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

The Engineer School/Engineer Replacement Training Center

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498049

Unit Date circa 1943-1944

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Buford's diploma for completing the Engineer Officer Candidate Course, physical examination report, probate of will for J. E. Buford, other records from the training center in Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. The records in this folder were kept in their original order.

The Engineer School/Engineer Replacement Training Center

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498050

Unit Date circa 1943-1944

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Records from the training center in Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, Officer's Manual of Information from the Engineer Replacement Training Center in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The records in this folder were kept in their original order

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498051

Unit Date 1944 January - July

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Records about the Sawmill Detachment Co. "D" 1312th Engineer GS Regiment APO 503, Operation of Regimental Sawmill.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498052

Unit Date 1944 August - December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Records letting Amanda Buford know when her husband, William Buford, had departed and more records about the Operation of Regimental Sawmill.

Troop Train Commander's Guide

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498053

Unit Date 1944 October 20

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Second Edition, War Department Pamphlet No. 20-7.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498054

Unit Date 1945 January - June

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Recommendation for a promotion, roster of officers.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498055

Unit Date 1945 July - August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Roster of officers, records discussing Buford's and others promotions.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498056

Unit Date 1945 September - November 27

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

War Department Pay and Allotment Account records, movement directives.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498057

Unit Date 1945 November 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Personnel roster, readjustment group RK 13506-40 for separation center No. 40, Fort Lewis, Washington records, movement directives.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498058

Unit Date 1945 December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

11th Replacement Battalion movement directives, Letter of appreciation from the War Department.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498059

Unit Date circa 1946-1949

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Military Record and Report of Service Certificate of Service (Thumbprint included), list of assignments for Engineer Reserve Officers, application for short tour of active duty training, and certificate of individual performance of reserve duty.

Cal-Vada Reservist

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498060

Unit Date 1949 October

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Vol.1 No. 1, "Designed to provide current information on the latest developments in the reserve program."

Certificates

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498061

Unit Date circa 1946-1950

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Certificate of appreciate from Harry Truman, Certificate of Service from the U.S. Army given at Separation Center Camp Peale, CA, Certificates from the president of the United States appointing/promoting Buford to new positions in the military.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498062

Unit Date 1950 January - May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Certificate of individual performance of reserve duty, promotion records, and active duty training correspondence.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498063

Unit Date 1950 June - August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Qualification questionnaire, handwritten notes, and Navy Department records.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498064

Unit Date 1950 September - October

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Qualification record, Chronological record of military service and certificates for increased allowance.

Official Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498065

Unit Date 1950 November - December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Records from Camp Roberts, California, appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps for William Buford, and records extending active duty.

Special Fund Company "A" 1401 Engr. (c.) Bn.

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498066

Unit Date circa 1951

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Checks payable and receipts.

Special Fund Company "A" 1401 Engr. (c.) Bn. Circa

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498067

Unit Date circa 1951

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Checks payable and receipts.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498068

Unit Date 1951 January - April 4

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Civilian medical attendance records.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498069

Unit Date 1951 April 5 - 8

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Movement orders for 354th Engineer Combat Group Units, Report of Investigation: Automobile accident and injury involving William Buford.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498070

Unit Date 1951 April 9 - May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 27 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Movement orders, Line of duty status, and Special orders for the 795th Engr. Dump Truck Co.

: Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498071

Unit Date 1951 June

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Special Orders Extract records, Disciplinary punishment for Buford, and records concerning a special court-martial convened at Fort Lewis.

Official Records: Fort Lewis , Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498072

Unit Date 1951 July - August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 29 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Special Court Martial Orders, List of rifle serial numbers, and Statement of Service, Breach of motor SOP records.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498073

Unit Date 1951 September - October

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 30 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Failure to make Reveille Formation records, Medical examination records, and lists of equipment.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498074

Unit Date 1951 November 1

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 31 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Post Regulations.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498075

Unit Date 1951 November 3 - December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 32 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Application for quarters on post, report of survey, and orders from H. R. Maddux Major, Inf. Acting Asst. Adj. General.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498076

Unit Date 1952 January - February 6

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 33 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Certificate stating the 1401st Engineer Combat Battalion moved, Officer's Clearance Certificate, Orders for Captain Buford, and a restricted destination list.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498077

Unit Date 1952 February 23 - 26

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 34 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Camp Drake Replacement Depot Special Orders to Extract and special orders from the Eighth United States Army Korea.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498078

Unit Date 1952 March - May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 35 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Special orders to extract: approved for travel and records from the Finance section.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/498079

Unit Date 1952 July - August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 36 (Folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Special orders to extract Buford to go to Tokyo-Yokohama area, handwritten notes about the co-operating strength, Officers Roster, and Arrest of Quarters pending trial by General Court Martial for Buford.

Official Records: Fort Lewis, Washington**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/498080**Unit Date** 1952 September**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 37 (Folder)**Language** English**Scope and Contents**

Arrest of Quarters pending final action on Buford's General Court Martial, General Court Martial Order for Violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 108. Captain William Buford, while in Seoul, Korea around July 1-9, 1952, sold lumber that was military property, worth \$100. Buford was found guilty and was sentenced to be dismissed from the service, forfeit all pay and allowances, and confined to hard labor for two years. Also, includes a personnel roster for Readjustment Group RK 13506-42.

Cargo Control Clerk Position Description**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/498081**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 38 (Folder)**Language** English