

John Arthur Schultz Papers, 1916-1978

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Schultz, John Arthur
Title	John Arthur Schultz Papers
Dates	1916-1978 (inclusive) 1916 1978
Quantity	1.5 linear feet
Collection Number	Mss 217 (collection)
Summary	This collection includes biographical, military and civilian records of John Arthur Shultz. The majority of the collection focuses on Shultz's military career which spans from before WWII to after the Korean Conflict.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 library.archives@umontana.edu
Access Restrictions	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana--Missoula.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Biographical Note

John Arthur Shultz entered the U.S. Army 27 January 1928 under the name of James A. Wildair, when he was nineteen years old. Shultz served in various capacities during his military service. His primary duties were as a Medical Records Specialist. He was sent overseas during World War II to serve in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations. Corporal Shultz participated in various battles and campaigns as a Light Mortar Crewman Section Chief. Sergeant Shultz spent two years (1946-1948) in the European Theater of Operations in Augsburg, Germany. During the Korean Conflict he served as a Master Sergeant (Temporary) in Medical Records in Korea. Shultz was honorably discharged from active duty and retired 1 November 1960.

Shultz was awarded the American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal with Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars for participation in the New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Ryukyu Campaigns. He was also awarded the Meritorious Unit Emblem, Philippine Liberation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army

of Occupation Medal with Germany and Japan Clasps, National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal, and United Nations Service Medal.

In retirement, Mr. Shultz remained aware of the issues of the times, locally and nationally. He sent numerous letters and telegrams to public officials on issues from banning smoking on the Lancaster city buses to suggesting President Johnson and Ho Chi Minh meet to end the Vietnam War. At the age of fifty-seven, he attempted unsuccessfully to re-enlist to serve in Vietnam.

Shultz was married to Josephine Shultz and had three children, James Wildair, Amalie Marie, and Victorie Belle. The Shultzes were divorced in 1976.

Content Description

This collection includes biographical, military and civilian records of John Arthur Shultz. The majority of the collection centers around Shultz's military career which spans from before WWII to after the Korean Conflict. Shultz was stationed overseas for most of his military career. The collection includes military correspondences, entertainment that Shultz partook while overseas, medical history and various patches and awards. Other WWII memorabilia includes a Hawaiian guidebook, language guides from various Asian countries, and a Restricted Prisoner of War Guidebook of protocol when captured by the enemy.

The collection also includes information about Shultz's family of wife, Josephine, and children, James Wildair, Amalie Marie and Victorie Belle. WW II ration books that belonged to the family are included.

General correspondence is included in the collection. Much of the correspondence is with public officials, both national and local, in which Shultz took an interest in the issues concerning them. There are letters to Barry Goldwater, John F. Kennedy, and J.W. Fulbright to name a few.

The pictures that are included in the collection are of Shultz himself, his children and in the Hawaiian guidebook.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series:

Series I: Biographical, 6 folders, 1916-1981

Series II: Military, 5 folders, 1928-1977

Series III: World War II, 4 folders, 1941-1945

Series IV: General Correspondence, 3 folders, 1954-1978

Custodial History

The collection was originally given to the University of Montana School of Journalism on an unknown date.

Acquisition Information

Transferred from the University of Montana School of Journalism, 1983.

Processing Note

The actions of the original processors are unknown. In 1998, the collection was re-processed.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Biographical , 1916-1981

6 folders

This series consists of biographical information of John A. Shultz and his family. This series includes employment history, Shultz's high school publications, legal documents, medical history and various memberships Shultz was involved with. The series also contains information on Shultzes children including pictures and dates of birth. Shultzes divorce decree with his wife Josephine is also included in the legal documents.

The series is arranged alphabetically.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Employment	
1/2	Family History	
1/3	High School Publications	
1/4	Legal Documents	
1/5	Medical History	
1/6	Memberships	

Series II: Military , 1928-1977

5 folders

This series includes a biographical history of John A. Shultz and military identification cards from his various posts in his military career. Shultzes various interests are also documented in this series, which includes hunting and fishing licences in Germany and social functions within the military. Shultz's military correspondence is included within the series, which spans the dates 1929 to 1977. Many medical correspondences, as well as granted furloughs, are included. A Hawaiian Guidebook, issued in 1927, is included in the series, and has pictures and things for military men to do while stationed on the islands. Shultz has personal notes in the margins of this book. This series also includes a retirement certificate. The box also includes Shultz's metals and awards that he received while in the military. His dogtags are in the folder.

This series is arranged alphabetically.

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1/7	Biographical History	
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1/9	Military Correspondences	1929-1947
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1/10	Military Correspondences	1948-1977
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1/11	Hawaiian Guidebook	
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2/1	Patches and Decorations	
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2/2	Army Retirement Certificate	
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Series III: World War II , 1941-1945

4 folders

This series includes various memorabilia from World War II. A Restricted Prisoner of War Guidebook is in the series, and details the protocol necessary in the event a soldier ever fell into enemy hands. Shultz's languages guides of Japanese and Cantonese are included, which were issued from the War Department. A Japanese propaganda pamphlet is included which the Japanese dropped from the planes.

Shultz's family ration books are also included in the series. There are four stamps still left in his wife's ration book.

This series is arranged alphabetically.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/12	Restricted Prisoner of War Guidebook	
1/13	Language Guides	
1/14	Japanese Propaganda	
1/15	United States Ration Books	

Series IV: General Correspondences , 1954-1978

3 folders

This series includes correspondences between Shultz and various public officials, both national and local, and includes Barry Goldwater, John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon and various Speakers of the House. Many local politicians are also included from Shultzes home state of Pennsylvania. Shultz concerned himself with many issues and wrote the politicians with those concerns. An autograph letter from John F. Kennedy to Shultz's daughter Amalie is included in the correspondences.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/16		1954-1966
1/17		1966-1978
1/18		undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Korean War, 1950-1953--Veterans--Montana

Medical record personnel--United States

Soldiers--United States

Veterans--Montana

World War, 1939-1945--Veterans--Montana

Personal Names :

Fulbright, J. William (James William), 1905--Correspondence

Goldwater, Barry M. (Barry Morris), 1909--Correspondence

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963--Correspondence

Shultz, John Arthur--Family

Corporate Names :

United States. Army

Family Names :

Shultz family

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