



TITLE: Monro papers

DATE RANGE: 1901-1946

CALL NUMBER: MS 0553

LOCATION: Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear ft (2 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Dorothy H. Monro in 1949.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Elbert C. Monro (1897-1962) and Dorthy Heighton Monro (1894-1965) both attended the University of Arizona (1917, 1920). In 1926 they composed the University of Arizona school song, "All Hail, Arizona!" After graduation from the University of Arizona in 1917 Monro went to France in World War I. He joined the Arizona National Guard and mobilized with his unit for federal service in 1941. Promoted to Colonel he was assigned to command the 150th Infantry Regiment with duty in the Panama Canal Zone from 1941 to 1944. Following the war Monro was head of the Monro Insurance Agency and chairman of the City Civil Service Commission (1951-1957) and the city Police Pension Board. Monro participated with the Tucson Kiwanis Club and in 1957 was selected as the man of the year for Tucson.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Correspondence, scrapbooks, photos, and related military papers associated with Elbert Monro's service during World War II from 1941 to 1945. Some materials reflecting the Arizona National Guard including a 1938-1939 yearbook, identification cards, and unit officer listing. Highlights of the collection are the photos taken by Monro in Panama depicting the people, buildings, environment, and military activities while he was on duty near the Canal Zone.

SUBJECT TERMS: University of Arizona -- History; Arizona. National Guard; World War, 1939-1945; Panama -- Photographs; United States -- Armed Forces -- Photographs

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Correspondence (E. C. Monro)	1941-1945
	2	Correspondence (D. Monro)	1941-1945
	3	Military Promotion Letters and Orders	1918-1946
	4	Articles Associated with E.C. Monro; ID cards, brochures, etc.	1941-1945
	5	Roster of 158th Infantry (Arizona National Guard) at Camp Barkeley, California	undated
	6	University of Arizona Alma Mater Song “All Hail, Arizona!”	1926
	7	Scrapbook with Loose Pages; World War II	1941-1945
	8	Military Service Record Scrapbook	1943-1945
	9	Scrapbook of Monro’s World War II Service in Panama	1942-1943
	10	Scrapbook of Officer’s Wives Club Activities in Abilene, TX	1941
2	11	National Guard Yearbook	1938-1939
	12	Photos – Unidentified Except for “Will – 1901”	1901
	13	Photos – World War II (Panama Assignment) People, The Land, Buildings – Album #1	1941-1944
	14	Photos – World War II (Panama Assignment) People, The Land, Buildings – Album #1	1941-1944
	15	Photos – World War II (Panama Assignment) People, The Land, Buildings – Album #1	1941-1944
	16	Photos – World War II (Panama Assignment) Military People and Activities – Albums #1 & 2	1941-1944
	17	Photos – World War II (Panama Assignment) People, The Land, Buildings – Album #2	1941-1944
	18	Photos – National Guard (Panama Canal department under Col. Monro)	1940s
	19	Photos – National Guard (Fort Tuthill, Flagstaff)	undated
	20	Photos – Fort Benning postcards	1930s
	21	Photos – Family portraits	various
OS		One oversized item containing two photos: Unidentified Cavalry Officer; Post Headquarters Building	undated