

C Bennitt, Rudolf, (1898-1950), Papers, 1929-1972
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INTRODUCTION

The papers include copies of newsletters sent out from Missouri Cooperative Wild Life Research Unit to former members at Missouri University who were in the armed services which contain excerpts of letters from students in the armed services. Also included are student papers containing correspondence with Bennitt and some course information.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Rudolf Bennitt on 21 February 1949 (Accession No. 2989). An addition was made by Stephanie Waters on 31 October 1994 (Accession 5483).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Rudolf Bennitt was born December 22, 1898, in Springfield, Massachusetts. He graduated with a Ph.D. in zoology from Harvard in 1923. In 1927 he came to the University of Missouri and became a professor of zoology until his retirement. Bennitt is significant for his work on conservation in Missouri. He published *A Survey of the Resident Game and Furbearers of Missouri* in 1937. He spent eleven years studying the Bobwhite quail. Bennitt devoted his life to the study of wildlife in Missouri. He died February 2, 1950.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes two series:

Newsletters **Student papers**

The **Newsletter** series is in chronological order from 1942 to 1946 and includes excerpts from letters written by Bennitt's students while serving in World War II.

The **Student Papers** series is in alphabetical order by student name and contains some student course information in addition to personal correspondence with Bennitt regarding the war and post war career plans.

FOLDER LIST

Newsletter series

- f. 1 Newsletter #2 has a description of a Provisional Truck Co. trip from Ft. Houston, Texas to Camp Polk, La., written by Lt. Korschgen; description of a luau (Hawaiian feast) written by Pvt. Carl Noren. #6 has a description of a 3000

- mile trip from Calif. to northwest written by Lt. Rowe. #7 has a description of army tests for bank directors by Cpl. Beryl Capps.
- f. 2 Newsletter #9 contains a description of pilot training at Post Field, Ft. Sill, Okla., written by Lt. Rowe.
- f. 3 Newsletter #13 describes of N. Africa coastal fishing expedition by Lt. Noren. #14 has description of U.S. Naval Flight School at Cornell College by A/c Baggerly. #14 tells of Battle of Attu by Lt. Rowe. #15 has description of a trip to McKinley Park by Pvt. Clark. #17 has description of a trip with scientists on Colorado Island in Gatun Lake of Panama Canal zone by Pvt. Brohn.
- f. 4 Newsletter #18 contains a description of 'dog fights' on Italian front by Lt. Terrell. #19 tells of attack of 3 Messerschmitts by Lt. Teerrell; also, description of scenery and products of an island in New Caledonia by S/Sgt. Henning. #20 has description of tank warfare and capture of town by Lt. Terrell. #20, 21, and 22 has a discussion between Mr. Bennitt and the men in regard to post-war educational aims. #22 Ensign Borges describes making camp and of a canoe trip through the jungles.
- f. 5 In Newsletter #23 Lt. Terrell describes air raid at night and a German retreat in Italy. #24 Lt. Terrell discusses pilot decorations, enemy bombing and battle fatigue. #25 has a description of a navy navigator returning after 2 years in Pacific, by Ensign Borges. #26 has Cap't. Terrell's story of taking five German prisoners, the visit of the King of England and Secretary of Navy. #27 contains copies of letters to and from office of Censorship in regard to Newsletter material and a description of duty in Africa and Italy and flight home written by Lt. Noren.
- f. 6 In newsletter #28 is a description of a troop ship aground in a gale by Pvt. Mayes; description of fighting in France by Maj. Biffle and impressions of India by Lt. Harris. #29 has impressions of home front by a returning serviceman, Lt. Rowe. #31 has a description of guerilla warfare in Philippines by Maj. Hurt; impressions of war conditions in Philippines by Lt. Kerschgen; and impressions of war time conditions in Washington D.C. by Dr. Frohne.
- f. 7 In Newsletter #32 Lt. Arthur writes of Jap suicide fighters in Dutch East Indies. #33 Cpl. Clover relates his experience as reconnaissance and combat photographer in Germany and Lt. Brokaw describes the battle of Iwo Jima. #34 has a description of rest center for combat troops in France by Cpl. Clover. #35 has Lt. Rowe's description of Italian front; Lt. Sims description of combat in northern Germany while serving as navigator and radar officer; Maj. Frohne's description of malaria control in Greece and Lt. Rowe's description of conditions of northern Italy after the War.
- f. 8 In Newsletter #36 Cpl. Clover tells of visit to Munich Berghof; Lt. Rowe describes a nine day jeep trip through Northern Italy, Austria, and Switzerland. #41 Lt. Becker describes a trip from Sasebo to Nagasaki.
- f. 9 In Newsletter #43 Cpl. Clark describes duty in Alaska. #44 Charles Schwartz describes his trip across U.S., voyage to Hawaii and new job on Big Island. #45 T/Sgt. Young tells of his naval flight duty in China and the Pacific. There are many letters from 1945-46 relating to problems of discharge and return to Missouri University.

Student Papers series

- f. 10 Adams, I.C., Jr., 1935-1947
- f. 11 Arthur, George C., 1938-1947
- f. 12 Baggerly, Earl, 1943-1945
- f. 13 Becker, Edward C., 1944-1946
- f. 14 Berger, Andrew J., 1935-1946
- f. 15 Brandt, Alfred E., 1942-1948
- f. 16 Braschler, Eugene, 1945-1950
- f. 17 Brokaw, William A., 1940-1945
- f. 18 Bunding, Irby M., 1943-1945
- f. 19 Cannon, Earl Edward, 1959-1963
- f. 20 Canter, Edward H., 1944-1947
- f. 21 Capps, Beryl F., 1942-1949
- f. 22 Carlson, Paul M., 1945-1949
- f. 23 Carter, Bernard, 1947-1949
- f. 24 Daniel, Clarence, 1948
- f. 25 Deboer, Katherine O. (Mills), 1929-1949
- f. 26 Denney, Arthur H., 1939-1950
- f. 27 Estes, Gerald F., 1947-1963
- f. 28 Evans, Everett F., 1940-1960
- f. 29 Fenton, Donald L., 1942-1946
- f. 30 Fischer, Henry L., 1941-1946
- f. 31 Frazier, Frank, 1943, 1945
- f. 32 Gilchrist, Charles A., 1947-1952
- f. 33 Hecht, W.R., 1940-1972
- f. 34 Hoberecht, Philip Earl, 1946-1948
- f. 35 Hoey, Jack Woltzen, c.1940s
- f. 36 Holmes, William H., 1942, 1943
- f. 37 Hook, Gerald V., 1947, 1949
- f. 38 Hudson, Stanton, H., Jr., 1936-1945
- f. 39 Hudson, Walter B., Jr., 1949
- f. 40 Hurt, J.R., 1939-1946
- f. 41 Hutter, Alfred, 1951
- f. 42 Jackson, James P., 1946-1956
- f. 43 Kattelman, Edward G., 1951
- f. 44 Kirkham, Wendell Chandler, 1952
- f. 45 Kopplin, Edward M., Jr., 1949
- f. 46 Lewis, B.G., 1942 -1946
- f. 47 Lockart, James M., 1949, 1951
- f. 48 Lumsden, David, 1945-1950
- f. 49 McCaffrey, William Roderick, Jr., c.1940s
- f. 50 Markward, Ellen, 1940-1947
- f. 51 Merritt, William D., 1949
- f. 52 Pallo, George S., 1943-1949

- f. 53 Parker, Richard Earl, 1949
- f. 54 Pellock, Mitro, 1949
- f. 55 Reese, Harold, 1941-1946
- f. 56 Robertson, Ralph D., 1943-1947
- f. 57 Rose, Beverly J., 1946-1965
- f. 58 Ross, Charles Landon, 1950
- f. 59 Rundquist, Richard M., 1942-1948
- f. 60 Schwartz, Herbert S., 1949
- f. 61 Shepard, Paul, H., Jr., 1947-1952
- f. 62 Skaggs, William L., 1946-1954
- f. 63 Wehking, Margaret M.L., 1948, 1949
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