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Everett Lee Sutter collection

Title: Everett Lee Sutter collection

Collection No: MSS.419

Extent: 0.25 cubic feet

Inclusive Dates: 1945 and undated

Abstract: The collection consists of photographs and audio cassette tapes documenting Everett L. Sutter's service as a navy corpsman in the Pacific during World War II.

Donor: Dr. Everett Lee Sutter, Ripley, Tennessee, 1989.

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Access: Open to all researchers.

Language: English

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Biographical information

Everett Lee Sutter was born on November 14, 1920, in Seward, Pennsylvania, one of seven children. His father worked for the railroad and Sutter also worked for the railroad after leaving school, and then for U.S. Steel in Jonestown. He attended West Virginia Wesleyan College from 1940 and volunteered for navy training camp there after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. Sutter later trained as a corpsman and was sent to California. He was attached to the Marine Corps and served in the Mariana Islands and Okinawa, Japan, and later was attached to a Construction Battalion (Seebees). After the war, he completed his undergraduate study at West Virginia Wesleyan College and then gained a Master of Science degree from Pennsylvania State College in 1949, followed by a PhD from the University of Texas at Austin in 1952. Sutter worked as a clinical psychologist in Texas before joining Memphis State University in 1968 where he served as a psychology professor and director of counseling until 1979.

Sutter married Mary Ann Law (1926-1987) from Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia, on September 4, 1948, at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Weston, Lewis County, West Virginia. He died on January 4, 1990, in Ripley, Tennessee.

Scope and contents

The collection consists of photographs and two audio cassette tapes. The 26 photographs were taken or collected by Dr. Sutter during his military service in the Pacific in World War II, mostly of military and civilian activities on Okinawa, Japan. The cassette tapes record an interview with Dr. Sutter by his daughter, Lynn Sutter, in which he talks about his life before the war but mostly about his experiences training in California and then serving as a navy corpsman attached to Marine Corps and Construction Battalion units on Saipan and Okinawa during World War II.

Subject terms

Sutter, Everett Lee, 1920-1990.
World War, 1939-1945--Mariana Islands.
World War, 1939-1945--Japan--Okinawa Island.
World War, 1939-1945--Japan--Personal narratives.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 Photographs: 26 b/w prints and negatives. Images of: U.S. military activities and local people, Okinawa, Japan, after U.S. invasion, 1945; Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Corona Naval Hospital, Calif., undated.
 - AV1 Audio cassette tapes (2), undated: Dr. Sutter being interviewed by daughter Lynn Sutter about growing up in Pennsylvania and his experiences as a navy corpsman during World War II.
 - 2 Handwritten transcription by Lynn Sutter of interview with Dr. Sutter.
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