

SC-332: Edward Hauck World War II Collection

Collection Number: SC-332

Title: Edward Hauck World War II Collection

Dates: 1944-1945, 1951

Creator: Hauck, Edward Charles, 1909-1991

Scope and Content:

Edward Hauck was a life-long Dayton resident and World War II veteran. The collection consists of original drawings by a soldier known as “Poncho” (a member of Hauck’s Roger Squad) during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. The drawings depict fellow Roger Squad members (including Hauck) and combat scenes. The collection also includes letters (written on the backs of the drawings) from Hauck to his wife back home in Dayton and one photograph of Hauck and his brothers in their military uniforms.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092.

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by James Hauck, nephew of Edward Hauck, in May 2019.

Custodial History:

The drawings were presumably given to Edward Hauck by the artist “Poncho” (last name unknown), during the time of their service together in Roger Squad. According to James Hauck, these items hung framed in the home of his “Uncle Eddie and Aunt Nellie” Hauck for many years. It appears that they were framed by the Rike-Kumler Company in 1951.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/sc332.pdf>.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, October 2019.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in a single series of 6 items.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Edward Charles Hauck was born July 15, 1909, in Dayton, Ohio, one of several children born to Louis A. and Emma (Schott) Hauck. Edward, like his father, was a milkman by occupation. Edward married Nellie E. Wright (1913-2011), daughter of Roman and Catherine Wright. At the time of World War II, Edward and Nellie resided in a rented home at 63 Park Drive in Dayton, in the South Park neighborhood. Edward enlisted in the U.S. Army on September 18, 1943, at the age of 34. According to his obituary, he served in the 5th Army, and according to the materials in this collection, he was a member of "Roger Squad." However, little is known of his unit divisions between Army and Squad. He was discharged November 18, 1945. He returned to his occupation as a dairyman, and he ultimately retired from the Meadow Gold Dairy. Nellie worked at Rike's Department Store for many years. The couple had no children. They were charter members of American Legion Post 675 (in Dayton's South Park neighborhood). Edward was also active in V.F.W. Post 2800 and Eagles Aerie 3675. He died on January 17, 1991, at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton. Edward and Nellie are buried in Dayton's Woodland Cemetery.

Subject Terms:**Persons/Families**

Hauck, Edward Charles, 1909-1991

Subjects (General)

World War, 1939-1945

Material Types

Ink drawings

Pencil works

Photographs

Collection Inventory

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	<p>Photograph (modern reproduction): Edward Hauck with his brothers Frank and Russell, all in their World War II uniforms.</p> <p>(The photo looks like it may have been taken in the park area in the 100 block of Park Drive, in South Park neighborhood; Edward lived at 63 Park Drive during that time period. The house in the left of the photo looks similar to 113 Park Drive, per Google Maps Street View, accessed 2019 Oct. 23).</p>	Circa 1944
2	<p>Pen and Ink Drawing by "Poncho," depicting Battle of the Bulge with bombs coming down on members of Roger Squad, including members Ed Hauck, Sgt. Woods, Anthony, Alex, and Nick.</p> <p>Note on back from Edward Hauck to his wife Nellie: "This was drawn by Poncho who use to be a member of our squad. There were only five men in the squad at the time. Those are 88's coming in. Keep this and we will frame it. This was drawn at Philliburg."</p>	Circa 1944-1945
3	<p>Pen and Ink Drawing by "Poncho," depicting Christmas Day (Dec. 25), 1944, in the trenches at Battle of the Bulge, with Edward Hauck on guard.</p> <p>Note on back from Edward Hauck to his wife Nellie: "Nell. "This picture was drawn by one of the members of our squad. This is exactly the way our dugout looked. That's me on guard looking for Germans. 3 other fellows are inside sleeping. A good way to spend Christmas day. I ate G.I. cheese and crackers. " -Eddie. "P.S. Save this picture because this is the way it was."</p>	Circa 1944-1945
4	<p>Pencil Sketch Drawing by "Poncho," depicting Edward Hauck</p> <p>Note on back from Edward Hauck to his wife Nellie: "This was drawn by one of the members of Roger squad. Do you think it looks like me?"</p>	Circa 1944-1945

5	Note from back of original Rike's frame: "Drawing – Black Forest – Battle of Bulge – Germany – Eddie with Pipe – Christmas 1944"	Circa 1951
6	Original framing label from Rike-Kumler Company	1951 Apr. 12