



Carl B. Rexroad Papers (C4380)

Collection Number: C4380

Collection Title: Carl B. Rexroad Papers

Dates: 1943-1946

Creator: Rexroad, Carl Buckner, 1925-2016

Abstract: Correspondence, publications and photographs documenting Carl B. Rexroad's military training and military camp life, both in the United States, and eventually in the Philippines.

Collection Size: 1.0 cubic feet
(44 folders, 1 oversize photograph)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Carl B. Rexroad on June 25, 2004 (Accession No. 6050).

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Historical Note:

Carl Buckner Rexroad was born in Columbus, Ohio, on April 2, 1925, to May and Carl N. Rexroad. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Columbia, Missouri, where both parents taught at Stephens College.

Carl graduated from University High School in Columbia in 1943 and entered the Army during World War II, serving in the field artillery from 1943-1946. He was stationed in the Philippines as the war ended. After the Army, Carl attended Dennison University in Ohio for one year before returning to the University of Missouri, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1949 and his masters 'of science degree in geology in 1950. After earning his masters 'Carl was an instructor from 1950-1953 at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston.

Carl married Edythe Rose Evans on April 7, 1951, in Ruston. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1955, and taught at Texas Tech University and the University of Houston before moving to Bloomington, Indiana. He was also a visiting professor at the University of Iowa in 1967-1968 and a research assistant to the associate geologist for the Illinois State Geological Survey in the summers of 1954-1961.

His research resulted in 124 publications and 73 abstracts. He presented papers around the world, including China, Germany, England, Canada and Australia. Carl was also active in numerous professional societies, and often organized and led field trips. Foremost among his professional society activities was his involvement in the Pander Society, an international organization founded in 1967 for the promotion of conodont paleontology. In 1998, the Professional Geologists of Indiana awarded Carl its first lifetime Achievement Award for his exemplary professionalism during his career. He was also involved in a number of other professional societies.

Carl B. Rexroad died on October 27, 2016, at the Meadowood Pavilion in Bloomington, Indiana.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Military
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:**Military**

This series contains materials related to Carl Rexroad's military service from 1943-1946. Composing the majority of the collection are the letters he wrote almost daily to his parents, friends and family from the various army training camps he trained in throughout the United States while in the Army Specialized Training Program, (ASTP) which was instituted by the United States Army during World War II to meet wartime demands both for junior officers and soldiers with technical skills. The locations he trained in included The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, The Citadel: The Military College of South Carolina, in Charleston, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, School for

Personnel Services, Lexington, Virginia, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and the final camps he served in while stationed in the Philippines.

This series also contains printed memorabilia from the Citadel, with detailed information on the memorial windows of the cadet chapel; copies of *The Gruber Guidon*, *Daily Pacifican*, and *Gang Plank Gazette*, which covered subjects of local and national interest to the average soldier 1945, 1946; Memos, orders and training information from Camp Gruber, 1944, 1945; Issues of the *Pine Bur*, Harmony Church Area, Fort Benning, Georgia, which was published by and for the men of the Basic Training Center, ASTP, and photographs taken by Carl Rexroad while he was stationed at various camps in the Philippines. The photos include images of fellow soldiers and their living quarters, along with images of work and leisure activities, native Philippine men and women, campsites, and numerous views of buildings, cities, and the surrounding countryside. The time period covered for the above material is 1943-1946.

Oversize

This consists of a panoramic photograph of officers and enlisted men, including Carl Rexroad (#0), believed to have been taken at Ft. Benning, Georgia, during World War II.

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