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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Title	Michael A. Connor Collection, 1918 - 1947.
Extent	.25 linear feet. 1 box.
Arrangement	Material was divided into three series and arranged chronologically.
Provenance	World War I letters and original news clippings were donated to the Smith Library Archives by Michael Connor's grand-niece, Mary Schweitzer of Coventry, Connecticut in 2014.
Finding Aid	Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic version: http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/
Preferred Citation	[Series, Date, Folder description], Michael A. Connor Collection, 1918 - 1947. University Archives, J. Eugene Smith Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226.
Access points	World War I Connecticut. Office of Military Affairs. Connecticut. Department of Motor Vehicles.
Restrictions	Personal letters may not be photocopied or used without permission from the University Archivist.
Document types	Correspondence. Publications. Interviews.

BIOGRAPHY:

Michael A. Connor was a dedicated and honored citizen of Connecticut active in military, political and civic activities. He was born and raised in Hartford, attending St. Joseph's School and Hartford Public High School. In 1909 he enlisted in the Connecticut National Guard and later served overseas during WW I. Following his return, he was appointed assistant adjutant general by Governor Everett Lake in 1920. He served 2 terms as state senator from the 1st district (1928-1932); was appointed quartermaster general in 1930 and Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles in 1933 by Governor Wilbur L. Cross. In addition, he ran his own business as a building contractor (1925-1945), served as President of the Hartford Police Board of Commissioners and was active in several civic organizations.¹

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection offers information on the life and career of Michael A. Connor. Sources include: two letters written to his sister while he served in Europe during WWI, photographs of the 102nd infantry regiment in which he served, original news clippings and articles from Connecticut newspapers about his life and career written at the time of his death in 1947.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Series I – Letters

This series includes two letters sent to Michael Connor's sister "Peg" from Germany during WWI.

Series II – News clippings

This series includes information taken from newspaper articles about Michael Connor's life and career. Subjects include a report from the battlefield, articles about his military service, announcements of speaking engagements, his work as Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and a group of articles describing his career and contributions to the people of Connecticut written at the time of his death.

Series III – Photographs

This series includes four photocopies of photographs of the 102nd infantry regiment on parade in Hartford taken by photographer W.G. Dudley April 30, 1919.²

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

¹ "Career Ends, M. A. Connor Democratic Leader, Dies", *Hartford Courant*, April 26, 1947, p. 1 & 3.

² Dudley Photograph Collection of Hartford during World War I, 1917-1919 (PG 034). Connecticut State Library, Hartford, CT.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Related material may be found in the Helena Miller Collection, offering letters from student/soldiers writing from overseas during WWII.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>
Series I – Letters		
1	Key to names	2014
	“My Dear Peg, I owe you a letter...”	28 October 1918
	“My Dear Peg, I received a letter...”	21 December 1918
Series II – News clippings		
1	<i>Connor Writes from German Town</i>	26 February 1919
	<i>Major Connor Appointed Asst. Adjutant General...</i>	15 January 1921
	<i>M. A. Connor '09 Made Asst. Adj. General</i>	1 February 1921
	<i>M. A. Connor Named in 1st District</i>	10 October 1928
	Speaker Col. Michael A. Connor	n.d.
	<i>Mrs. Margaret Connor...</i>	17 March 1937
	<i>Col. Michael A. Connor</i>	[April 1947]
	<i>M. A. Connor Democratic Leader Dies</i>	26 April 1947
	Obituary & Tribute	27 April 1947
	<i>State, City Leaders Join in Tribute to Connor</i>	29 April 1947
	<i>25 Years Ago (1934)</i>	[24 April 1959]
Series III – Photographs		
1	102 nd Infantry Regiment (4, photocopies)	30 April 1919