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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains information regarding Robert Femoyer's life, including subject files on his World War II Medal of Honor, citations, photographs, correspondence, and clippings. Materials date from 1936-1998.

Creator

Coulter, John A., 1953-

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

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Biographical Note

Robert E. Femoyer was from Huntington, West Virginia. He attended Virginia Tech as a member of the class of 1944, but he enlisted in the Army Air Force and went on active duty starting in 1943. He studied Civil Engineering while at Virginia Tech. He received a Medal of Honor for his service and is the only navigator who was awarded this honor. He received his Medal for service in a "bombing mission over Germany, he was wounded by enemy aircraft fire, which seriously damaged his B-17 bomber...For two and half hours he guided the lone bomber through six changes in course around enemy anti-aircraft concentrations...Thirty minutes after landing he died of wounds." There is a building on Virginia Tech's campus named after him, Femoyer Hall. In addition the Medal of Honor, Femoyer was awarded a posthumous Purple Heart.

Sources: [Air Force Archives](#) http://www.armyrotc.vt.edu/aboutus/Medal_Honor.html[null](#)

Scope and Contents

The collection contains information about Robert Femoyer's life, including his World War II Medal of Honor, citations, photographs, correspondence, and clippings. Materials date from the 1930s to 1990. There are notes from Chapter 5 of Lt. Col. John Coulter's book on Virginia Tech Medal of Honor winners, *Ut Prosim "Above & Beyond": The Story of Virginia Tech's Medal of Honor Recipients*. Documents include military records and a program from Femoyer's memorial. Some items in the collection are photocopies of the originals. Materials in the collection were gathered during the research process for Coulter's book.

Keywords

Medal of Honor

University History

Femoyer, Robert E., 1921-1944

Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (1896-1944)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in files either by material type (clippings, photographs, and correspondence) or by subject.

Description of Subordinate Components

Aircraft

Unit Date 1944

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Clippings

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1944-1996

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Medal of Honor

Unit Date 1944-1945

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Memorials

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Military Records

Unit Date 1944-1995

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Photographs

Unit Date 1944

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

VPI High School

Unit Date 1939, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Chapter 5 of Ut Prosim "Above & Beyond": The Story of Virginia Tech's Medal of Honor Recipients

Unit Date n.d.

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