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Creator

Womeldorf, G. Raymond (George Raymond), 1893 - 1983

Creator

Hunter, Isabel D.

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Scope and Contents

George (G.) Raymond Womeldorf was born in Lexington, Virginia in 1893 and raised on the family farm near east Lexington (Va.). He attended Washington and Lee University, graduating in 1917. During that year Womeldorf volunteered to join Washington and Lee University's ambulance unit, which would become U.S. Army Ambulance Service Section 534 and serve with distinction in France. During his deployment, Womeldorf was wounded in the right leg and gassed. He subsequently lost the leg just above the knee and would suffer from lung damage for the rest of his life. Both Womeldorf and his unit received the French Croix de Guerre medals in honor of their service in France. This collection contains a letter from Isabel D. Hunter, a Red Cross Aide, to Raymond G. Womeldorf dated Nov. 30, 1919. Hunter writes Womeldorf during his stateside convalescence. The collection also includes a postcard album compiled by Womeldorf's sisters in Lexington, Virginia. Many of the postcards are written by Womeldorf from France during his deployment and include diary-like entries. Lastly, more than fifty photographs, including multiple images of G. Raymond Womeldorf, are included documenting members of his unit and his experiences in France. Womeldorf went on to become a Presbyterian missionary to China upon returning to the U.S. was a career Presbyterian minister. He died in 1983.

Related Materials

Washington and Lee University Ambulance Unit Papers, WLU Coll. 0278 G. Raymond Womeldorf's prosthetic leg is held by Washington and Lee Special Collections. His French Croix de Guerre Medal, U.S. Service Medal, and leather medical bag are held by WLU University Collections of Art and History (UCAH).

Related Materials

Womeldorf Family Collection (WLU Coll. 0570)

Keywords

Correspondence

World War (1914-1918)

Postcards

Washington and Lee University. Ambulance Unit

Colonia Hospital (Colonia, N.J.)

Fox Hills Hospital (Staten Island, N.Y.)

Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washington, D.C.)

Description of Subordinate Components

Letter, Isabel D. Hunter to G. Raymond Womeldorf

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Four Decorative Postcards

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Unit Date 1918

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Language English

Photographs of G. Raymond Womeldorf

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Unit Date 1917-1919

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Postcard Album**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/8407**Unit Date** 1917-1919**Text** 1 (box)**Language** English**Photographs****Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/8408**Unit Date** 1917-1918**Text** 1 (box)**Language** English