

Ware, Robert B., papers

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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

2005.Nov.21

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1939-1945

Language

English .

Creator

Ware, Robert Barnes

Extent

0.3 Linear Feet 11 items

Repository

VCU Health Sciences Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Robert Barnes Ware was born 30 December, 1914 in Amherst, Virginia. One of ten children, Ware attended school in Amherst, and graduated in 1936 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute's pre-med program in only three years. He earned his MD from the Medical College of Virginia in 1940. He interned at Lynchburg General Hospital, and then volunteered for military service with the Virginia National Guard in 1940 due to the onset of World War II. After officer's school and training at the Army's Carlyle Barracks, Ware was promoted to Captain and assigned as Battalion Surgeon for the 116th Infantry, 1st Battalion, Companies A-D. These units shipped out aboard the Queen Mary in September 1942. He served for two years in England with this unit made up of recruits from Amherst, Lynchburg and Bedford, Virginia. Debarking with his men in the initial wave of the D-Day invasion, Ware was killed along with the rest of the men in his landing craft. He died the morning of 6 June, 1944 at the age of 29. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for valor, and buried in the Normandy American Cemetery at St. Laurent, France. Ware married Martha Frances Wood in 1935, and has a son Robert Barnes Ware, Jr. His father, Rueben B. Ware, and his brother Howard Ware also graduated from MCV. Mrs. Ware donated the flag that covered her husband's coffin to MCV in 1945. Ware's name is recorded on the National D-Day Monument and at the Virginia War Memorial.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of memorabilia from Ware's years in medical school and wartime service.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945 -- Veterans

Military Medicine.

World War II.

Medical College of Virginia -- Alumni and alumnae;

Ware, Robert Barnes

Arrangement

The collection is arranged by subject.

Description of Subordinate Components

Memorabilia

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5226

Unit Date 1939 - 1945

Mixed Materials 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The collection contains photographs, clippings, graduation announcements and other memorabilia focusing on Ware's time at MCV and his war service.

Notebook

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5227

Unit Date 1939 - 1940

Mixed Materials 1.1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains Ware's college notebook. It contains handwritten and typed pages.

Graduation Announcements

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5228

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials 1.2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains a commencement program and graduation announcement for the 1940 MCV commencement ceremony. Also included is a congratulation card from 'Aunt Barbara and Uncle Sam'

Photograph Collection

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5229

Unit Date 1940 - 1943

Mixed Materials 1.3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains photographs of Ware. One is dated April, 1940 in front of Skull and Bones; two are wartime photographs of Ware in Uniform. The last is of Ware's tombstone in France. Others listed include: Carl B. Hall, Walter McLendon, George Ferrell, Leonard Galbraith, M. J. Hoover, Nat Ewing, Lavine, Rondin.

Miscellaneous

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5230

Mixed Materials 1.4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains several items;

MCV luggage sticker

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5231

Mixed Materials 1.4 (folder)

Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5232

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 1.4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Regarding the gift of an American flag to MCV

A Letter

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5233

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 1.4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

A letter from the MCV Alumni Association regarding Ware's obituary.

Biographical sketch

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5234

Scope and Contents

Biographical sketch of Ware for *The History of Amherst, Virginia Vol. II*

Year Book

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5235

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials 1.4 (folder)

Physical Location Removed from Collection. Housed with other annuals.

