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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of documents and printed material dating from World War I, World War II, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf War. Most items were donated by VMI alumni and they represent the types of items retained by returning soldiers.

Keywords

Memorabilia

Soldiers

World War, 1914-1918

World War, 1939-1945

Vietnam War (1961-1975)

Persian Gulf War (1991)

Description of Subordinate Components

World War I

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4081

Unit Date 1918-1922

Language English

source Harris, Oliver E.

Creator Howard, Richard J. (Richard Jackson), ?-1916

Creator George V, King of Great Britain, 1865-1936

Extent 3 items

Biographical / Historical

Oliver E. Harris was from Rockbridge County, Virginia. He served in Company H., 18th Infantry, 1st Division, American Expeditionary Forces.

Richard J. Howard, VMI Class of 1915, was a Second Lieutenant, British Expeditionary Forces, Black Watch. He was killed in action in France on March 17, 1916.

Scope and Contents

The Oliver E. Harris material (one item) consists of a printed postcard that features the achievements of the 1st Division, Allied Expeditionary Forces.

The Richard J. Howard material (two items) consists of documents from the British government sent to Howard's mother that relate to his war service. One item details the receipt of medals while the other is a document from King George V recognizing his service.

Keywords

World War, 1914-1918

United States. Army—American Expeditionary Forces

Great Britain. Army—British Expeditionary Force

Postcards

Harris, Oliver E.

Postcard, Oliver E. Harris

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5466

Unit Date 1918

Language English

source Harris, Oliver E.

Scope and Contents

Printed postcard that features the achievements of the 1st Division, Allied Expeditionary Forces.

Keywords

Postcards

Memorabilia

United States. Army—American Expeditionary Forces

World War, 1914-1918

Harris, Oliver E.

Transcription

First American Troops to Land in France and last to go home

FIRST in sector. to shoot at Germans. to attack. to conduct a raid. to be raided. to capture prisoners. to suffer casualties. Sto be cited singly in general orders. in number of division, corps and Army Commanders and General Staff Officers produced from its personnel. In front line 220 days. Captured 163 officers and 6,304 men, 119 pieces of field artillery, 62 trench mortars, 413 machine guns. Casualties 21,612. Killed and died of wounds 4,411. Replacements received 30,206. Distinguished service crosses won 356.

Letter, Richard J. Howard receipt of medals

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5467

Unit Date 1922 May 31

Language English

Scope and Contents

Letter from the British government to Richard J. Howard's mother. The letter transmits the Star British War and Victory Medals.

Keywords

Great Britain. Army—British Expeditionary Force

World War, 1914-1918

Correspondence

Howard, Richard J. (Richard Jackson), ?-1916

Recognition of service, Richard J. Howard

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5468

Unit Date 1922

Language English

Creator George V, King of Great Britain, 1865-1936

Scope and Contents

One document from King George V that recognizes Richard J. Howard's service.

Keywords

Great Britain. Army—British Expeditionary Force

Correspondence

World War, 1914-1918

Howard, Richard J. (Richard Jackson), ?-1916

World War II

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4295

Unit Date 1941-1945

Language English

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945

Memorabilia

Thomas E. Snyder**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4082**Unit Date** 1942-1944**Language** English**Extent** 2 items**Scope and Contents**

This folder consists of two items, including a Military Identification Card (1942) and a printed circular from General Dwight D. Eisenhower distributed to soldiers prior to D-Day, 1944.

Keywords

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1940

Military records

World War, 1939-1945

Circular letters

Snyder, Thomas E. (Thomas Earl)

Richard E. Traver**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/3102**Unit Date** 1937-1944**Language** English**source** Traver, Richard E. (Richard Edward)**Scope and Contents**

This file consists of items related to Richard E. Traver's (VMI Class of 1941) military service, including: Letter written in Chinese from the Section of Military Affairs, Department of War, Nanking, China (1937) Christmas card (1944) Flyer (1944) Europe Road Map Series, 1:1,000,000 A.M.S. 6303, First Edition - AMS 1, France, Army Map Service, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army (1944) V-Mail "Greetings from Britain" Excerpts of letters exchanged by American and German Commanders at Brest, France

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945—Correspondence

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1941

V-mail

Correspondence

Military maps

Traver, Richard E. (Richard Edward)

D-Day to St. Lo certificate**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/4296**Unit Date** 1945**Language** English**Creator** Gerhardt, Charles H., Major General**Extent** 1 items**Scope and Contents**

Certificate issued Lieutenant Colonel Philip W. "Eli" Root (VMI Class of 1918), 29th Infantry Division, certifying his service from "D-Day to St. Lo." Certificate is signed by Major General Charles H. Gerhardt.

Keywords

World War, 1939-1945

United States. Army—Infantry Division, 29th

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1918

Certificates

Root, Philip W.

Vietnam War

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4084

Unit Date 1961-1975

Language English

source Sargeant, Billy M.

source Warrington, James M.

source Gray, Jan M.

Scope and Contents

This folder includes: A Safe Conduct Pass for Billy M. Sargeant (VMI Class of 1968) Certificates issued by the Vietnamese government (Jan Gray, VMI Class of 1963) Printed material (James M. Warrington, VMI Class of 1948B)

Keywords

Vietnam War (1961-1975)

Memorabilia

Certificates

Sargeant, Billy M.

Warrington, James M.

Gray, Jan M.

Persian Gulf War

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4085

Language English

Creator Kowadlo, Keith

Extent 7 items

Scope and Contents

This folder includes: Receipt for property given to citizens by United States soldiers Propaganda leaflet dropped on Iraqi troops Card written by schoolchildren to United States soldiers Calendar page (in Arabic) featuring a photo of Saddam Hussein

Keywords

Persian Gulf War (1991)

Propaganda

Receipts (financial records)