
Finding Aid for the Robert Orville Carver First World War Correspondence 2014.037.w.r

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Title: Robert Orville Carver First World War Correspondence

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Physical Description: 0.025 Linear Feet(1 folder)

Date (inclusive): 1917-1919

Abstract: This collection consists of letters written by Engineman Second Class Robert Orville Carver, United States Navy to his mother and sister during the First World War, from July 1917 to February 1918. The remaining miscellaneous ephemera include various naval orders, documents informing the family of his death, newspaper clippings, and one small photograph.

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This collection is open for research.

Biographical / Historical

Robert Orville Carter, Engineman, 2nd class, U.S.S. Mount Vernon, grew up in Poplarville, Mississippi. He was the eldest son of Randolph and Ada Carver, and was very close with his two brothers and two sisters. He frequently wrote to his mother as well as his younger sister Ruth. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Mount Vernon as part of the Engineer force for 1 1/2 years. Carver lost his life when the ship was torpedoed by a German submarine off the French coast on September 5, 1918.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 7 pieces of personal correspondence, written by ENG 2 Robert Orville Carver, USN aboard the U.S.S. Mount Vernon.

ENG 2 Carver wrote letters and some postcards to his mother Ada and his sister Ruth, covering a period from July 1917 to February 1918. There is also one folder containing photocopies of a letter fragment and a newsclipping naming him among the dead aboard the U.S.S. Mount Vernon, as well as a handwritten story about the torpedo attack that hit the ship.

This collection also contains a small photograph and documents and material relating to ENG 2 Carver's death on September 5, 1918. This includes naval orders, newspaper clippings, and documents informing his family of his passing.

Conditions Governing Use

There are no restrictions on the use of this material except where previously copyrighted material is concerned. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain all permissions.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Robert O. Carver, Legacy Project.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by material type and date.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Battle casualties

Correspondence -- World War, 1914-1918

World War, 1914-1918

World War, 1914-1918 -- Homefront

World War, 1914-1918--France

Carver, Robert Orville
