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Biography of William Beard

William Beard (1873-1950) was a soldier, journalist, war correspondent, naval historian and long-time officer of the Tennessee Historical Commission and member of the Tennessee Historical Society. William Beard was born on July 12, 1873 at Estill Springs, Tennessee, son of Captain Richard and Maria L. Dromgoole Beard of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He enrolled June 25, 1898 with the United States Volunteers (U.S.V) and served as Quartermaster Sergeant 4th Tennessee, U.S.V. to November 1, 1898. William Beard married, June 9, 1909 to Ada Scott Rice. In 1943 he became an accredited navy War Correspondent.

Scope and Content Note

The paper contain two scrapbooks, one limited to only clippings, the other scrapbook has newspaper clippings, photographs, letters, pamphlets, booklets, itineraries, newsletters, Navy Day event-related papers, bulletins, a poem, and a resume. Also included is a publication titled: “Men Make the Navy,” a series of 20 articles.
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Box 1

Folder
1: “Men Make the Navy” – October 1, 1943
2: Scrapbook (clippings only)

Box 2:
Scrapbook (clippings, photographs, letters, pamphlets, booklets, itineraries, newsletters, Navy Day event-related papers, bulletins, one poem, one resume)

Folder
1: 1/34 – two copies of Banner Correspondent William E. Beard’s naval stories
3: 3/34 – Naval Air Transports Service Atlantic Wing, Passenger Information pamphlet; journal entry “Christmas” by William E. Beard; Press Release February 25, 1944
4: 4/34 – broken up newspaper clippings; photographs; “Commentary on Future Military Air Transport Needs and Methods of Meeting Them”
7: 7/34 – newspaper clipping (unknown date, author, title); partial letter; Press Release September 21, 1944; newspaper clipping “Record of ‘D-Minus-Three’ Parallels History of War” July 15, 1945; Press Release June 25, 1944


11: 11/34 – letter to William E. Beard from Chief of Naval Operations Lieutenant Commander Kernise January 24, 1946 (first copy found in Folder 2); letter to William E. Beard from Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas J.T. Bullen Jr. February 15, 1946 (first copy found in Folder 2); letter to William E. Beard from Chief of Naval Operations S.E. Brogan July 14, 1947; journal entry “Iowa” by William E. Beard; particle copy of journal entry “Iowa” by William E. Beard


15: 15/34 – Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 1 “Bataan Speaking”; letter to William E. Beard from Leland P. Lovette March 22, 1944; Press Release April 20, 1944

17/34 – journal entry “Bataan” by William E. Beard October 12; journal entry “Friday Bataan” by William E. Beard
19/34 – impartial journal entry (untitled); journal entry (blurry); Press Release August 27, 1945; journal entry “The Ranger”
20/34 – Press Release October 26, 1944; Press Release May 19, 1945; Press Release January 27, 1945; Press Release October 26, 1944 (copy)
21/34 – Press Release September 5, 1945; Press Release October 26, 1944; biography “Rear Admiral John Reginald Beardall, USN”; Newspaper clipping “Third Fleet Welcomed to West Coast” October 16, 1945; letter to Vice Admiral A.S. Carpender, USN from William E. Beard August 15, 1945; letter to commodore from A.A. Allen September 6, 1945
22/34 - journal entry (undated & untitled); journal entry “Corregidor” by William E. Beard
24/34 – newsletter “USS Oregon City” provided for NROTC Midsummer Cruise July 21, 1947; Press Release June 25, 1946; newsletter “Know Your Navy” June 1948; journal entry “Our Nation: Dead in a Foreign Land”; journal entry/writings
25/34 - journal entry “Port Hudson Memories”; journal entry “Appendix Port Hudson Memories” March 23, 1863; letter/newsletter to members of the Navy League of the United States April 1, 1948; journal entry “The Explosion of the Powder-Boat”
26/34 - journal entry “Remembering the Maine” by William E. Beard; Speech “Ten Minute Navy Day Speech”
27/34 - journal entry “Some Naval Aspects of Polk’s Administration”; partial copy of journal entry “Some Naval Aspects of Polk’s Administration”
30/34 letter from Merrill Moore to William E. Beard; biography of Vice Admiral Frederick Carl Sherman, USN September 10, 1945; Resume of Captain M. E. Curts; letter from Merrill Moore to William E. Beard December 1943

32: 32/34 – Public Information #041356 First Carrier Task Force; History of the USS Bataan; “family” letter October 4, 1945; letter from Fred Lawler to William E. Beard October 5, 1945; biography of Captain Ward C. Gilbert U.S. Navy; Radio Distress Call transcript; photograph

33: 33/34 – caricature “In Salute Magazine”; letter to editor on New York Sun May 12, 1919; letter from Geo F.A. Walker to William E. Beard July 8, 1948; journal entry “Perry” by William E. Beard