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COLLECTION OF LETTERS FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY MEN AND WOMEN IN THE  
ARMED FORCES 1941-1946  
Collection 122-1 to 122-3

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## Scope Note

This collection of letters from Howard University Men and Women in the armed forces was donated to the Moorland Foundation in 1964 by Dr. James M. Nabrit, then Executive Secretary of Howard University. Dr. Nabrit, the Committee on Howard University Men and Women in the War and President Mordecai Johnson tried to locate and communicate with former Howard students participating in the war through means of various types of media; i.e., University publications, (yearbooks, bulletins, journals etc), letters and memoranda. The majority of letters found in this collection are in response to the communiques sent out by Dr. Nabrit and the others at the University during the years 1941-1946.

While the collection consists predominately of holographic, typescripted and photostatic letters, there are also included: post cards, press releases, lists with names and addresses, name index cards and miscellaneous information regarding Howard University. These materials are contained in three boxes measuring 1½ linear feet.

## Background

The Committee on Howard Men and Women in the War, under the guidance of President Mordecai Johnson and Dr. James Nabrit, waged a campaign to locate all former Howard University students in the Armed Forces. The various organizations and schools of the university, faculty, family and friends were encouraged to give name, rank, class year, and mailing address of former students for the purpose of maintaining a complete university record; as well as for keeping the men and women in the service abreast of activities of their alma mater, and former classmates. Announcements, bulletins, letters and memoranda were sent out to Alumni requesting information as to the whereabouts of Howard students in the service. What resulted from this effort was an interesting and valuable collection of letters written by former Howard University men and women in the armed forces. This collection of letters was donated to the Moorland Foundation in 1946.

An attempt was made in 1946 by Mrs. Dorothy Porter to add to the initial collection of letters. Requests were sent out to Department Heads of the individual schools within the university, to donate any available letters by Howard faculty members, alumni and students from Howard GI's. There is no indication. However, that any further donations were added to this collection.

## Series Description

### **Series A Correspondence**

Box 122-1  
to Box 122-3 An alphabetical arrangement by name incorporating letters (holographs, type-scripts and photostat copies), post cards, and press releases written by and about men and women who graduated from Howard University and served in the armed forces during 1941 to 1946. A copy of a letter from Dr. James M. Nabrit dated March 20, 1945 sent to men and women in the armed forces is included at the beginning of the series.

### **Series B Howard University**

Box 122-3 A memorandum pertaining to financial matters of the Committee on Howard Men and Women in the War, an outline of a survey on servicemen and women discharged from the armed forces; and a review of activities at Howard University during wartime.

### **Series C Lists**

Box 122-3 Gives name, rank, class and address of Howard Men and Women in the service, some according to schools within the university.

### **Series D Poetry**

Box 122-3 A poem by Dave Cason entitled "On a Gentleman Glancing Through a Fashion Magazine"

### **Series E Press Releases**

Box 122-3 Seventy-five press releases from the office of Public Relations, Tuskegee Army Field, Tuskegee, Alabama.

### **Series F Cards**

Box 122-3 Two hundred and sixteen name index cards kept in original order (in five groups). The groups are labeled in the following manner: (1) 72 cards [A-Mo]; 65 cards [Mor-W];(2) 14 cards-duplicates from medicine; (3) 8 cards-names listed in back of book; (4) 47 cards - Names not listed in book; (5) 10 cards- (more than one name on card]

## Container List

<b>Series A</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
Box	Folder
122-1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Copy of letter sent to H.U. Men and Women in Armed Forces - 3/20/45</li><li>2 Addison, Melvin - 1945 (photostat)</li><li>3 Allen, William E., Jr. 1945 (typescript)</li><li>4 Austin, Ralph E. - 1945 (typescript)</li><li>5 Bage, James W. - 1945 (holograph)</li><li>6 Bage, James W. - 1945 (photostat)</li><li>7 Bailey, Lawrence R. - 1944 (photostat)</li><li>8 Bailey, Lawrence R. - 1944 (typescript)</li><li>9 Bailey, Lawrence R. - no date (typescript)</li><li>10 Barker, W. - 1943 (typescript)</li><li>11 Bates, Arthur M. 1944 (holograph)</li><li>12 (Beason, James T. 1943 (typescript)</li><li>13 Belcher, Harold - 1944-1945 (post cards)</li><li>14 Bell, Elgenia - 1945 (holograph)</li><li>15 Bell, Herman M., Jr. - 1945 (holograph)</li><li>16 Benton, Alexander L. - 1944 (typescript)</li><li>17 Black, Gorham L. 1945 (photo- stat)</li><li>18 Bolling, Royal L. no date (press release)</li><li>19 Bryant, C. C. - 1945 (photostat)</li><li>20 Burks, Charles W. - 1943 (holograph)</li><li>21 Butcher, John West - 1944 (typescript)</li><li>22 Calhoun, James L. - no date (holograph)</li><li>23 Calhoun, James L. - 1944 (photostat)</li><li>24 Carr, Tom. E. - 1944 (holograph)</li><li>25 Chase, Human Y. - 1944 (holograph)</li><li>26 Chase, Jesse B. - 1944 (typescript)</li><li>27 Clanagan, Frederic F. 1944- 45 (holographs)</li><li>28 Clanagan, Frederick F. 1944 (typescript)</li><li>29 Clark, Conrad - 1944-45 (holographs)</li><li>30 Clark, Conrad - 1944-45 (typescript)</li><li>31 Clark, Conrad - 1944 (photostat)</li><li>32 Corrin, George -1944 (photostat)</li><li>33 Crowell, Essie Marie - no date (holograph)</li><li>34 Davis, E. G. - 1944 (holograph)</li><li>35 Davis, Theodore M. - 1945 (holograph)</li><li>36 Dawson, C. Roger - 1945 (holograph)</li><li>37 Dickerson, Herbert - 1944 (holograph)</li><li>38 Dickerson, J. - 1945 (photostat)</li><li>39 Dickerson, Olive S. - no date (press release)</li><li>40 Edelin, William B. - 1943 (typescript)</li></ol>

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<b>Series A</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> continued
Box	Folder
122-1	41 Ellen, Martin - no date (holograph)
	42 Euell, John H., Jr. - 1943 (typescript)
	43 Ewell, Costromer F. - 1944-45 (holographs)
	44 Fairfax, James A. 1944 (photostat)
	45 Felton, Edgar B. 1944 (holograph)
	46 Felton, Edgar B. 1944 (photostat)
	47 Ferrell, E. Lewis no date (typescript)
	48 Fisk, Marvin M. - 1945 (holograph)
	49 Florant, Lester E. - 1945 (holograph)
	50 Gil-Smythe, Harry H. - 1943- 1944 (photostat)
	51 Givens, Virty B. - 1945 (typescript)
	52 Goodwin, Hugh - no date (holograph)
	53 Griffin, James C. - 1944 (typescript)
	54 Hamilton, Leonard M. - 1945 (photostat)
	55 Hundley, Seymour - no date (press release)
	56 Hardin, Herbert G. - 1945 (holograph)
	57 Hardin, Herbert G. - 1845 (photostat)
	58 Hardy, Kenneth L. - no date (holograph)
	59 Harris, J. F. - 1944 (holograph)
	60 Harris, Reginald J. - 1945 (photostat)
	61 Haydel, Calvin -1945 (photostat)
	62 Heard, Squire W. - 1945 (press release)
	63 Henderson, George - 1945 (holograph)
	64 Henderson, Herbert B. - 1945 (photostat)
	65 Hines, Russell E. - 1944 (typescript)
	66 Hobbs, Thadeaus H. 1945 (holograph)
	67 Hobbs, Thadeaus H. 1945 (photostats)
	68 Holliman A. Griffin - 1945 (holograph)
	69 Holmes, Geneva J. - 1943 1946 (holographs including photo of Geneva Holmes)
	70 Howard, Andrew J. III - no date (photostat)
	71 Howard, Chas. P. - 1944 (typescript)
	72 Howard, Earl W. - 1944-1945 (holograph)
	73 Howard, Earl W. - 1944 (photostat)
	74 Irvin, Thomas M. - 1945 (typescript)
122-2	75 Jackson, Walton C. - 1944-1945 (holographs)
	76 Jackson Wilton C. 1941 (photostat)
	77 Johnson, Darneal F. 1944 (press release)
	78 Jones, Dorothy B. - no date (press release)

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<b>Series A</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> continued
Box	Folder
122-2	79 Jones, James E. - 1944 (photostat)
	80 Jones, James W. - 1944 (photostat)
	81 Kearney, Mary F. - 1945 (photostat)
	82 Kearney, William H. - 1945 (holograph)
	83 Keaton, James H. - 1945 (holograph)
	84 Larry, Milton C. - no date (press release)
	85 LaRue, Clarence - 1945 (holograph)
	86 Leighton, George N. - 1944-1945 (typescript)
	87 Letcher, Henry, III - 1944 (holograph)
	88 Lightfoot, Jimmy - 1944 (post card)
	89 Lightfoot, Victor C., Jr. - 1944 (photostat)
	90 Lovell, John Jr., - 1943-1944 (holograph)
	91 Lovell, John, Jr., - 1944 (typescript)
	92 Lucas, Wendell M.- 1944 (holograph)
	93 Luck, Thomas - no date (holograph)
	94 Lundy, (no first name) Sgt.
	95 Lyon, Eunice M. - 1945-1946 (press release)
	96 Mackey Eugene P. - 1945 (photostat)
	97 Madison, Gordon L. - 1943 (holograph)
	98 Manly, John B. - 1943 (typescript)
	99 Marchbank, Vance H., Jr. - 1945 (holograph)
	100 Marshall, George E. - 1945 (holographs)
	101 Marshall, John H.- 1945 (photostat)
	102 Martin, Graham E. - 1945 (typescript: re.: Graham E. Martin)
	103 Martin, J. T., Jr. - no date (photostat)
	104 McBeth, Harry C.- 1945 (typescript)
	105 McCaine, I. L. - 1944 (typescript)
	106 McClure, Warren G. - 1944 (holograph)
	107 McCottry, S. B., Jr. no date (photostat)
	108 McDaniel, Robert W. M. - 1944 (holograph)
	109 McKinney, George W. - no date (typescript)
	110 McLeod, Clarence E. - 1944 (photostat)
	111 Miller, Theodore S. - 1944 (typescript)
	112 Moman, Hubert M. - 1945 (typescript re.: Hubert Moman)
	113 Moore, Earle M. - 1945 (holograph, with enclosures re.: Earle Moore)
	114 Moran, Isaac G 1945 (typescript)
	115 Pair, James M. 1943 (typescript)



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### **Series A Correspondence** continued

Box Folder

- 122-2 116 Piper, Frederic A. - 1944 (holograph)  
117 Poindexter, Hildrus A. - 1944-45 (holographs with enclosures)  
118 Poole, Marion L. no date (photostat)  
119 Pope, Ernest T. 1943 (holograph)  
120 Powell, John B. 1943 (holograph)  
121 Price, J. Francis - 1945 (holograph)  
122 Queen, H. D. - 1944 (photostat)  
123 Queen, James C. - 1945 (typescript)  
124 Quick, John D., Jr. - 1945 (holograph)  
125 Randolph, William A., Jr. 1945 (photostat)  
126 Pley, Lucia A. 1945 (holograph)  
127 Raynor, J., Jr. - 1944-45 (holograph)  
128 Raynor, J. E. Jr. - 1944 (typescript)  
129 Reed, Garrett E. 1944 (photostat)  
130 Reid, Lester - 1945 (typescript)

Box 122-3

- 131 Rich, William G., Jr. -  
1944 (holograph)  
132 Ricks, Percy - no date  
(photostat)  
133 Ridgeley, Marion C. - 1943  
(holograph)  
  
134 Robertson, A. -1944  
(photostat)  
135 Robinson, John C. - 1945  
(holograph)  
136 Robinson, Thomas T. - 1945  
(holograph)  
137 Scott, Anastasia E. - no date  
(holograph)  
138 Seixas , Barry - 1944 (photostat)

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A Correspondence (cont'd)

Box 122-3	Folder	139	Shumate, Lincoln W. - 1943 (holograph)
		140	Sideboard, Henry Y. - 1945 (typescript)
		141	Sideboard, Henry Y. - 1944-1945 (photostat)
		142	Snipes, George W. 1945 (typescript)
		143	Springer, Jesse D. 1945 (typescript)
		144	Stanford, S. R. - 1944 (photostat)
		145	Stanmore, Levi L. - 1944 (typescript)
		146	Sylvester, Edward C., Jr. - 1945 (holograph)
		147	Thomas, G. P. - 1945 (photostat)
		148	Toliver, James T. - 1945 (photostat)
		149	Urling, Edgar O. and Wendell P. G., Jr. 1943 (typescript)
		150	Waite, Calvin 1945 (photostat)
		151	Walker, George -1944 (holograph)
		152	Washington, L. Barnwell 1944-45 (typescript)
		153	Watkins, Clarence - 1944 (holograph)
		154	Watson, John A. - 1944 (photostat)
		155	Weaver, John W. - 1945 (holograph)
		156	Welch, Ernest R. - 1943 (typescript)
		157	Wesley, Henry D. - 1944 (photostat)
		158	Wilkinson, Frederick D. - 1945 (post card)
		159	Williams, Bryant H. - 1944

- (typescript)
- 160 Williams, Eva Mae - no date  
(press release re.: Eva  
Mae Williams)
- 161 Williams, Rollin C. - 1943-44  
(holographs)

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Box 122-3	Folder	162	Williams, Rollin C. - 1943-44 (typescript)
		163	Woods, Ernestine L. - 1944 (typescript)
		164	Wynn, Robert H. - 1944 (typescript)
		165	One name only

B Howard University

166 Committee on Howard University  
Men and Women in the  
Armed Forces

167 "E.D.T. - E. S. M. W. T. in  
Review at Howard University"

C Lists

168 Lists of Howard University  
Men and Women in the Armed  
Forces

D Poetry

169 Poem by Dave Cason - "On a  
Gentleman Glancing through  
a Fashion Magazine"

E Press Releases

170 Public Relations Office,  
Tuskegee Army Air Field -  
press releases

F Cards

171 Name Index Cards - A-W

172 Name Index Cards - duplicates  
from medicine

173 Name Index Cards - names listed

in back of book

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A Correspondence (cont'd)

Box 122-3	Folder	174 Name Index Cards - names not listed in book
		175 Name Index Cards - more than one name on card.