

Guide to the Earl Rosenblum papers

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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Medical Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library
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CALL NUMBER: Ms Coll 122

CREATOR: Rosenblum, Earl, 1911-2008

TITLE: Earl Rosenblum papers

DATES: circa 1936-1999

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script)

SUMMARY: The collection contains materials related to Dr. Earl Rosenblum's (1911-2008) service as Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army, Ninth Air Force, Medical Corps. The collection also includes a small amount of material related to his medical training and career as an abdominal surgeon after the war. Approximately half of the collection consists of typescript pages with attached photographs, photocopies, and a bound copy of Rosenblum's "Memoirs, to March, 1946," which describes his time in the military including being present during the liberation of Paris and managing a rehabilitation camp for freed prisoners of war. Meir Kryger, Rosenblum's son in law, assisted with the creation of the memoirs. Materials in the collection include military documents and reports, photographic prints and negative strips, original and photocopied newspaper clippings, correspondence, reprints of medical journal articles authored by Rosenblum, a diary, and typescripts and a bound copy of his memoirs.

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0122>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Barbara Rosenblum Kryger, Renee King, and Lesley Snitger, 2025.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is unprocessed, but may be requested by contacting the Medical Historical Library at historical.library@yale.edu.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Earl Rosenblum papers. Historical Library, Harvey Cushing / John Hay Whitney Medical Library, Yale University.

Biographical / Historical

Earl Rosenblum was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1911. He attended Ohio State University, earning a Bachelor Degree from the School of Pharmacy in 1931, a Master of Science in bacteriology in 1932, and Doctor of Medicine in 1936. In the summer of 1941, Rosenblum left a fellowship in pathology at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, and enlisted in the Armed Forces as a first lieutenant. He trained to be a flight surgeon at the school of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, then served in England as a flight surgeon with the Ninth Air Force. He was promoted to lieutenant-colonel in 1943.

After the D-Day operation of June 6, 1944, Rosenblum was responsible for establishing and managing a camp in France that rehabilitated 86,000 newly liberated prisoners of war. He received numerous awards including the Bronze Star Medal, an Oak Leaf Cluster, and received commendations from General Eisenhower and President Harry S. Truman. He was promoted to colonel in 1946. After the war, Rosenblum served on the United States Selective Service Board for 25 years, for which he received letters of appreciation from presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, and George W. Bush.

After he left active military service, Rosenblum trained in surgery at Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati from 1946-1950, then established a practice of general surgery in Steubenville, Ohio, which he maintained until 1984. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Rosenblum married Evelyn Reiner in 1950 and fathered four children. He died in 2008.

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b. 2	Diary and memoirs

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Aviation medicine
Medicine, Military
World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives,
American

Genres / Formats

Photographs

Corporate Body

United States. Army. Medical Service Corps