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Dr. William B. Dunning Collection

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Biographical Note

William B. Dunning was born on April 11, 1874 in New York City. He attended private and public schools in New York City as a child and in 1895 graduated from the New York College of Dentistry with his D.D.S.

Dunning served with the 3rd Division and Headquarters, First Battalion, N.M., N.Y. for five years. He spent some of that time as signalman aboard the U.S.S. Yankee during the Spanish-American War. The crew of the U.S.S. Yankee, the First Naval Battalion of the State of New York, a volunteer unit, was the first to go under fire during the Spanish-American War in 1898. Dunning resigned as a lieutenant from the Navy in 1902.

In 1903, Dunning married Rose Morse. Together they had three children, the eldest, James Morse Dunning serving as Dean of the Harvard University School of Dental Medicine.

Dunning served as Lecturer and Adjunct Professor of Operative Dentistry with the College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York from 1907-1912. In 1912, he began

working as Editor of the Journal of Allied Dental Societies. He also served as dentist on the Medical Advisory Board during WWI.

From 1916-1917, Dunning served as President of the First District Dental Society, State of New York and as Professor of Operative Dentistry at Columbia University from 1919-1924. From 1924 on he was a professor of Theory and Practice of Dentistry at Columbia University.

Dunning remained active with the officers and crew of the U.S.S. Yankee until his death, attending Annual dinners and serving as Chairman of the U.S.S. Yankee Book Committee during the 1920s.

Dr. William B. Dunning died on July 21, 1959.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The collection contains various items from Lieutenant William B. Dunning's service during the Spanish American War. The items within the collection all pertain to Lt. Dunning's service aboard the U.S.S. Yankee and span the years 1902-1945.

The collection contains a uniform request from L.M. Little. The collection also contains an envelope addressed to Lt. Dunning from L.M. Little.

The collection also contains a book written and published by the crew of the U.S.S. Yankee, entitled *The U.S.S. Yankee on the Cuban Blockade, 1898*. The book details the crew's experience during the blockade and also contains biographies of crew members and officers.

The collection also contains two pamphlets from annual dinner of the U.S.S. Yankee. One pamphlet from the 25th Anniversary Dinner in 1923 and one from the 47th Anniversary Dinner in 1945 are present. Both pamphlets list members of the crew present, while the list from 1945 is significantly smaller.

The final item in the collection is an envelope addressed to Lt. Dunning aboard the U.S.S. New Hampshire in the East River. The envelope is undated and does not state from whom it was sent.

Arrangement

The collection arrived with no discernable arrangement and was rearranged in a more efficient working order by PMML staff. The collection is contained within one archival folder.

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Separations

U.S.S. Yankee on the Cuban Blockade 1898
Crew of the U.S.S. Yankee
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Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

Dunning, William B.

Subjects

Cuba – History --19th Century.
Spain –History --19th Century.
Spanish-American War, 1898.
Spanish-American War, 1898 -- Naval Operations.

Container List

Folder One

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Uniform Request, 1902
Envelope, 1902
U.S.S. Yankee 25th Anniversary Pamphlet, 1923

U.S.S. Yankee 47th Anniversary Pamphlet, 1945
Envelope, n.d.