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Biographical Note: Dr. Royal de Rohan Barondes was a veteran of the US Army Medical Department during both World Wars. Barondes researched both surgical instruments and pharmaceuticals in his private practice. His correspondence and published articles reflect interests these subjects, along with the treatment of a wide range of diseases. He is interred in Arlington National Cemetery alongside his wife, Captain Dorcas Adams Barondes, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, who also served in Europe during World War II, and subsequently within the Pusan Perimeter during the Korean Conflict.

Description of Dr. Barondes' Career (by his son—E. de R. Barondes and added to finding aid 1/27/99): "Dr. Royal de Rohan Barondes, M.D., FRSA (London), FRIPHHM (UK), (b. 12/10/1890 - d. 10/27/1962), from San Francisco, California, was a veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Department during both World Wars. He served in Siberia, in 1918-19, where he was nominated for the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for treating many soldiers wounded by the Bolsheviks blowing up a Transiberian railway troop train in which he was riding. To rejoin the Medical Corps in World War II, Dr. Barondes understated his age. Assigned in England, he developed a close friendship with Dr. H. W. Florey, Nobel Laureate, while preparing for the use of penicillin to treat the wounded in the forthcoming invasion of mainland Europe. He later deployed in a picket boat in the English Channel for the landing phase of the Normandy invasion. There he treated aviators downed in the Channel: Allied and German, alike. He was subsequently awarded the Purple Heart for wounds incurred at the front in Normandy. Between the World Wars, and after World War II, Dr. Barondes maintained a private medical practice. At the same time, he designed innovative surgical instruments and conducted research on new pharmaceuticals. His extensive correspondence with renowned physicians and his many articles published in medical journals reflect his broad interests in medicine and pioneering medical activities."

Series/Scope and Content Note: The collection includes personal and professional material from the



incredibly full life and productive career of Dr. Barondes. Materials include reprints, typescripts, correspondence, photographs, original artwork, clippings, books, certificates, memorabilia, and ephemera. Medical instruments owned by Dr. Barondes are in the Historical Collections of the Museum, along with an original sample of *Penicillium Notatum* mold given him by the Fleming\Florey team.

SERIES 001: CORRESPONDENCE AND DIARY MATERIAL

This series includes correspondence from between Barondes and others on a variety of medical subjects (including notable subjects like polio and Jonas Salk) and medical instruments (including forceps, speculum, and proctoscope); correspondence with his wife Dorcas; and material related to a war diary completed by Barondes after WWII.

SERIES 002: ARTWORK, CERTIFICATES AND BOOKS

This series includes various forms of artwork completed by Barondes, including cartoons and comics from correspondence, portraits, landscapes, and anatomical drawings. Includes 66 separate pieces of artwork. Also included in this series are two books, one written by Barondes and the other with an inscription to him from the author.

SERIES 003: PUBLICATIONS AND CLIPPINGS

This series includes reprints and typescripts for sixty-five articles written by Barondes, covering a wide range of subjects including military medicine, urology, sulfa drugs, cancer, diet and nutrition, polio, pellagra, leprosy, history of medicine, and veterinary medicine. Newspaper clippings on and by Barondes are also included in this series.

SERIES 004: SIBERIA

This series includes a wide range of materials related to the time Barondes spent in Siberia during WWI. Materials include correspondence, maps, books, reports, orders, postcards, and photographs.

SERIES 005: PHOTOGRAPHS, MEMORABILIA AND MISCELLANEOUS

This series includes material from travels to Japan, Russia, the Philippines, and Hawaii during and immediately after WWI; photos of Barondes from the WWII period; items from the experiences of Dorcas Barondes; and miscellaneous memorabilia related to the professional and personal life of Barondes.

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SERIES 001: CORRESPONDENCE AND DIARY MATERIAL

Box 001:

- 00001: General Correspondence
- 00002: Correspondence and Information on Polio and Jonas Salk
- 00003: Correspondence and Information on Medical Instrument Design
- 00004: Dorcas Barondes Correspondence to Dr. R.R. Barondes (1943-50)
- 00005: War Diary—Draft
- 00006: Transcript of WWII Diary With Images Inserted by Earl Barondes
- 00007: Photographs Used in Transcript of WWII Diary
- 00008: 203rd General Hospital Seminar Record
- 00009: 203rd General Hospital Staff—Photograph (Oversized) 1943

SERIES 002: ARTWORK, CERTIFICATES AND BOOKS

Box 002:

- 00001: Artwork—Includes Cartoons and Comic Art
- 00002: Artwork—Includes Portraits, Landscapes and Anatomical Drawings
- 00003: Certificates, Membership Cards, Army Record
 - 1. California Board of Medical Examiners certificate (1942)
 - 2. California Board of Medical Examiners certificate (1951)
 - 3. Federation of American Scientists membership card
 - 4. Medical Veterans of the World War certificate (1920)
 - 5. US Army Separation Qualification Record [copy] (1945)
 - 6. US War Department Identification Card No. 244520
 - 7. US Army Headquarters Pass (1945)
- 00004: French Certificate (1918)—Framed
- 00005: Book: *Garden of the Gods: Mesopotamia, 5000 B.C.*, by R. de Rohan Barondes (1957)
- 00006: Book: *Das groke kneippbud* by Sebastian Kneipp (1921)—Inscribed "Lt. R. de R. Barondes"



Prison Camp #3 Spaskoe - Siberia 1918-1920"

SERIES 003: PUBLICATIONS AND CLIPPINGS

Box 003:

00001: Published Articles [1 of 3]

1. "Protonsil Incompatible with Methylene Blue" 2/39
2. "Methylene Blue Decolorization Test for Carcinoma" 3/42
3. "Hernia Injection Treatment: An Improved Technic" 5/42
4. "Bone Changes Due to Fluorine Poisoning" 2/42
5. Articles from *Dog World* 6/38
6. "Arteriosclerosis and Hypertension" 8/42
7. "A New Surgical Technique for the Treatment of Fissure in Ano" 2/38
8. "War Wounds at the Surgical Station" 10/42
9. "Cancer Progress Report" 6/42
10. "Aging and Malignant Processes. Alteration in the Calcium-Binding Mechanisms Through Alkalosis and Acidosis" 6/48
11. "Artificial Insemination with Modified Seminal Fluid" 6/49
12. "Hirschsprung's Disease (Megacolon)" 1/42
13. "Chronic Fluorine Intoxication: Report of 'Mottled Enamel' in a Dog" 10/37
14. "Experimentally Produced Psychoses" 1/51
15. "Beneficial Effects of Egg-White in Intestinal Infections" 2/40
16. "Treatment of War Wounds With Sulfonamides" 7/43
17. "Alexander Fleming, 1881-1955" 8/55
18. "Myasthenia Gravis and Spontaneous Curarism" 8/47
19. "Local Use of Sulfonamides" 1941
20. "Magnesium in the Treatment of Cancer" 9/39
21. "Enzymes and Magnesium Deficiency in Carcinosis" ca. 1939
22. "Relations entre l'empoisonnement par selenium et la pelagre" 2/37
23. "Fistulectomy Without Damage to the External Sphincter: A New Technic" n.d.

00002: Published Articles [2 of 3]

1. "Apple Powder: Its Application to Intestinal Disorders" 1/37
2. "Mumps and Some Unusual Complications" 7/49



3. "Disease and Therapy 5000 Years Ago: The Oldest Records Pertaining to Medicine" 9/55
4. "Audiovibroscopic Examinations" 11/37
5. "Prussic Acid, A Toxic Factor In the Rachitic Diet" 11/40
6. "Selenium-Toxicosis: the Etiologic or Causative Factor in Pellagra" 1/36
7. "A-Avitaminosis and Distemper in the Dog" 9/36
8. "Report of a Case of Pellagroid" 6/40
9. "Effect of Subjecting Tobaccos to High Temperatures" n.d.
10. "Alkalemia and Arteriosclerosis" 3/40
11. "Contaminated Toilet Bowls as a Potential Source of Infection" 10/38
12. "Congenital Fistulae" 4/36
13. "Auto-Urotherapy in Colon Cancer" 9/38
14. "Glycerol Trinitrate in the Treatment of Hemaralopia" 9/36

00003: Published Articles [3 of 3]

1. "Asulfurosis as an Etiological Factor in Pellagra and Other Diseases" 6/38
2. "Extrahuman Sources of Poliovirus: New Concept on the Pathogenetics of the Viruses" 11/49
3. "Carcinoma and Arteriosclerosis" 6/50
4. "Disease and Therapy 4000 Years Ago: The First Recorded History of Medicine" 1/52
5. "Megacolon" 11/42
6. "Garden of the Gods: Mesopotamia, 5000 B.C." book announcement, n.d.
7. "Bone Absorptive Changes in Leprosy" 9/46
8. "The Role of Toxic Agents in the Genesis of Pellagra and Pellagroid" 2/47
9. "Poliomyelitis: An Abnormal Reaction of Nerve Tissue to the Electronegative Charged Poliomyelitis Virus" 7/51
10. "The Silicones in Medicine" 5/50
11. "Acth and Cortisone Abstinance Syndrome" 9/53
12. "The Psychotic States: Correlations of Biochemical and Histologic Changes in the Brain" 4/49
13. "Alkaptonuria" 8/53
14. "Vitiligo and Melanosis: Some Biochemical Implications" 6/54
15. "Sickle Cell Anemia" 10/48



16. "Experimentally Produced Psychoses" 1/51

17. "Die Silicone Fur Verpackungszwecke in Der Pharmazeutischen Industrie" 11/54

00004: Typescripts of Publications or Lectures

1. Asulphurosis as an etiologic factor in pellagra and other diseases
2. Asulphurosis as a causative factor in pellagra and other diseases
3. Audio-Vibroscopic Examinations (A new technique in mediate auscultation)
4. The genetics of pathogenic bacteria and viruses (A new concept on toxin formation by bacterial and viral enzymosis)
5. Nouvelles observations sur les relations entre l'empoisonnement par Selenium et la Pallagre
6. Poliomyelitis: The common denominator in disease process
7. Science and secrecy (11/1/1937)
8. Tetanus and rabies: A new concept on toxin production by Bacterial and viral enzymosis
9. What Type of Shock-Wave Destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah? And Other Mysterious Global Explosions
10. Bone Absorptive Changes in Leprosy, and Leprotoxin Formation
11. Treatment of war wounds with the sulfonamides (A new medicated gauze for packing purposes)

00005: Newspaper Clippings

SERIES 004: SIBERIA

Box 004:

00001: Misc. Siberia Documents, Dr. Barondes, 1918/19

00002: Framed H.R. 118671: Distinguished Service Cross (1928)

00003: Siberia and Camp Lewis Photographs and Postcards

1. Siberia, 1918/19 (66 Postcards)
2. Siberia, 1918/19 (13 Photos)
3. Siberia, 1918/19 (9 Photos)
4. Siberia, 1918/19 (2 Photos)
5. Siberia, 1918/19 (13 Postcards and 5 Photos)



6. Siberia, 1918/19 (6 Photos)
7. Siberia, 1918/19 (5 Photos)
8. Siberia, 1919/20 (2 Photos incl. autopsy drawing)
9. Siberia, 1918/19 (2 Photos)
10. Siberia, 1918/19 (3 Photos)
11. Siberia, 1918/20 (34 Photographs and 9 Postcards)
12. Camp Lewis, 1917/18 (2 Postcards and 4 Photos)
13. Siberia, 1918/19 (7 Postcards and 8 Photos)

00004: Siberia Books

1. *America's Siberian Adventure*, Gen. William S. Graves, 1931, Jonathan Cape & Harrison Smith, 1931. Letter in Envelope (in book) - From Gen. Wm. S. Graves to Dr. R. de R. Barondes, Dec. 1, 1937
2. *Siberia and Eastern Russia, Part 1, General Information*, Copy No. 357
3. *Siberia and Eastern Russia, Part 2, Pacific Coast to Irkutsk*, Copy No. 357
4. *Siberia and Eastern Russia, Part 3, Central Siberia*, Copy No. 357
5. *Siberia and Eastern Russia, Part 4, Western Siberia and Eastern Russia*, Copy No. 357

SERIES 005: PHOTOGRAPHS, MEMORABILIA AND MISCELLANEOUS

Box 005:

- 00001: Miscellaneous Photographs and Postcards—Japan, Russia, U.S. Army Transports, ca. 1918-1922
[6 photographs, 11 postcards]
- 00002: Philippines and Hawaii, 1920-1921 [43 photographs, 28 postcards]
- 00003: Man With Elephantiasis of Scrotum, ca. 1922
- 00004: Framed H.R. 325 and H.R. 3277 Bills to Award Medals to Capt. Edward Rickenbacker and First Lieutenant Royal R. Barondes, 1929
- 00005: Northern Defense Command [group portrait] 1943/42
- 00006: General Headquarters Staff, Northern Defense Area, 1942
- 00007: Portrait Photos of Barondes From WWI and WWII
- 00008: Photographs and Memorabilia on Dorcas Barondes
- 00009: Eisenhower on Way to Give Christmas Message
- 00010: Dr. R. de Rohan Barondes and “Whassis” —Specimen Found in Egyptian Tomb



- 00011: Katholisches Feldgefangbuch—From German Prisoner of War
- 00012: Emergency Escape Panel Kick-Out Sign from Lst. 108, English Channel, 1944
- 00013: Invitation for Membership from the Royal Societies Club, 1931
- 00014: Physical Examination Report—Maj. Barondes, 1943
- 00015: 203rd General Hospital—Officers and Nurses Training Schedules, 1944

See also **Map Case 16, Drawer 4:** 'Smoking Monkey' drawing