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Dr. Theodore Sullivan Cox, 53, dean of the law school, died early Saturday morning at the McGuire Veteran's Administration Hospital, Richmond. Funeral services were conducted at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday.

Dean Cox had been on leave of absence from the college since Mar. 1, 1947, when he entered the hospital. He had been suffering from a heart ailment. He had not felt well since returning last Fall after four years of military service. He served in the Army as a lieutenant-colonel.

Colonel Cox's military record was distinguished in both World Wars I and II. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal Feb. 11, 1946, for meritorious service in connection with military operations while on temporary duty with the French military.

He served in World War I as a first lieutenant and later captain in the Field Artillery and was recalled to active duty in October, 1942, with the rank of captain. He was subsequently promoted to major and later to lieutenant-colonel.

Dr. Cox joined the faculty in 1930 as professor of jurisprudence and head of the department of jurisprudence. Two years later he was named dean of the department of jurisprudence, oldest law school in the United States.

He was born at "Emery Place," Washington, D. C., Aug. 17, 1894, and was the son of the late William Van Zandt Cox and Juliet Hazelton Cox. He received the bachelor of arts degree in 1917 from the

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University of Michigan and entered the Army immediately following the graduation. After being separated from the service, he entered the University of Virginia's law school and received the doctor of law degree there in 1922.

In the Fall of 1922 he joined the faculty at Virginia, remaining until 1925 when he went to Stanford University for two years of research work. He later studied at Johns Hopkins University.

Interested in travel, Dr. Cox had several tours abroad and in 1932 and again in 1937 he was a delegate to the International Congress of Comparative Law at the Hague.

His military assignments during the recent war sent him into Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. For a while he was assigned to duty with Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces. While in Sicily he was elected to honorary membership in the Messina (Sicily) Bar Association for the "humanity, serenity, objectivity together with the profound judicial acumen while you have left impressed on the administration of justice in our province."

Dr. Cox was widely interested in civic affairs. He had served as president of the Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown Association, as president of the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce and was a director of the Williamsburg Planning and Zoning Commission, of the Tidewater Automobile Association and of the Williamsburg Court Season, a once colorful Fall pageant.

Dr. Cox married Miss Christiana Osborne Jones, of Washington, D. C., in 1921, who survives. They had no children. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Charles Parks, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and several nephews and nieces.

He held membership in Phi Beta Kappa, learned fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary society; Sigma Upsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, American Law Institute, American Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association, American Judicial Society and the American Historical Association. He has published various articles in law periodicals.