

Pearl Harbor Attack

Brownell, Herbert: Additional Papers

Box 8: Me (1)-(5) [Martin Merson re Pearl Harbor]

Cook, Gilbert R.: Papers

Box 1: Chief of Staff's Advisory Group, War Department Reorganization and Officer Training, 1945-1946, (1)-(3) [Pearl Harbor investigation]

Box 7: Pearl Harbor Board, Report, 1944 (1)-(4)

Box 12: Pearl Harbor Attack, Investigation of, Report, 1946 [notes and underlining by Cook]

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Post-Presidential Papers, Speeches Series

Box 2: December 7, 1961 Century Association [reminisces about Pearl Harbor]

Eisenhower, Dwight D.: Records as President, Confidential File

Box 101: WORLD WAR II (2)(3) [Volume One of the history of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the war with Japan, Pearl Harbor through Trident]

Gruenther Alfred M.: Papers, NATO Series, Speeches Subseries

Box 11: Speeches-Miscellaneous (3) [speech, NYC, 12-7-56, "NATO—Assurance Against Pearl Harbors"]

Harlow, Bryce N.: Records

Box 8: "A" Miscellaneous (1)-(3) [U.S.S. Arizona, (Pearl Harbor)]

Box 113: 3/15/58; USS Arizona memorial HR 5809

Humphreys, Robert: Papers

Box 9: 1942-1946 - Selected Articles Written by Robert Humphreys (1)-(6) [articles re Pearl Harbor]

Jackson, C.D.: Papers

Box 42: Council for Democracy-Angell, E. '45 (1)(2) [changes in activities and goals after Pearl Harbor]

Keating, Frank A.: Papers

Box 3: Speeches (6) [notes of speech on Pearl Harbor]

Lilly, Edward: Papers

Box 4: Clippings and Printed Matter 1940-1944 (3)-(13) [Japanese "peace mission" prior to attack on Pearl Harbor; U.S. military effort since Pearl Harbor]

Box 23: OWI – Beginnings – Foreign Information Service (1)(2) [1941-1945; Roberts' Report on Pearl Harbor]

Box 23: OWI – Beginnings – Objectives [Japanese and Pearl Harbor]

Box 24: OWI – Beginnings – Public Relations [Pearl Harbor]

Box 24: OWI – Board of War Information Meetings [minutes of meetings from September 2, 1942-June 29, 1943] (1)-(4) [Pearl Harbor statement]

Box 30: OWI – Office of Facts and Figures (1)-(2) [Pearl Harbor casualty list]

Box 37: Pearl Harbor [draft statement intended to counter Japanese claims as to American losses at Pearl Harbor]

Megee, Vernon: Papers

Box 7: Memoirs Chapter 4 and 5 [impact of Pearl Harbor attack]

Box 7: Memoirs Chapter 11, 12, 13 and Epilogue [service at Pearl Harbor 1954-1955]

Moss, Edward K.: Papers

Box 3: Background Materials for Manuscript, “The Way is Plain,...”--Speeches [speeches by FDR, re attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 8, 1941, speech from White House, Dec. 9, 1941, address of July 4, 1941, message to Congress, June 20, 1941, address of May 27, 1941, two messages to Mussolini and Hitler, 1939]

Box 3: Background Materials for Manuscript, “The Way is Plain,...”--Misc. Statements, 1941 (1)-(7) [Japanese attack on Hawaii, war, strategy of Germany and Japan]

Norstad, Lauris: Papers

Box 22: Official - Classified - 1946-1947 (1)-(3) [pre-Pearl Harbor photo reconnaissance of Japanese in the Pacific]

Outerbridge, William W.: Papers. William W. Outerbridge was born in 1906 and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1927. For the next several years he held a variety of naval positions on ships and ashore. In 1941 he became commander of the destroyer USS Ward based at Pearl Harbor. Early on the morning of December 7, 1941, the Ward, while on patrol near Hawaii, discovered a Japanese submarine that was attempting to sneak into Pearl Harbor. The Ward opened fire with one of the deck guns and sank the sub. This happened just a few hours before Japanese forces commenced their attack on Pearl Harbor. The action by the Ward crew was widely considered to be the first naval action by U.S. forces in World War II. A plaque commemorating the event was placed on the Ward's deck gun in 1958.

Box 2: Official Papers, USS Ward, Dec. 1941

Box 12: Log, USS Ward, 7 December 1941

Box 12: Messages not sent, USS Ward, 7 December 1941

Box 12: Statements concerning the attack, 7 December 1941 (1)(2)

Box 12: Summary of Attacks, USS Ward, 7-17 Dec. 1941; C.O., USS Allen Report, 3 Jan 1942

Parks, Floyd L.: Papers

Box 5: Correspondence 1941-43 [Pearl Harbor]

U.S. Army: Unit Records

Boxes 338-339: Harbor Defense of Pearl Harbor and Honolulu [only refers to routine operations in 1944-1945]

World War II Participants and Contemporaries Collection:**Anderson, Leonard A.**

Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Service: Shipfitter, U.S. Navy, Pacific Theater; present at Pearl Harbor attack

Volume: -1 in.

Memoirs [attack on Pearl Harbor, 1941; chronology for six years service in Navy]

Gray, Denver D.

Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Service: Air Force officer, Pearl Harbor

Volume: -1 in.

Article re Pearl Harbor [Quarterly booklet: "Nebraska History", 1981]

LaPosta, Gene

Residence: Garrett, Pennsylvania

Service: Nephew of Harold Chutis who was at Pearl Harbor, 1941

Volume: -1 in.

Harold Chutis - Diary [account of Pearl Harbor attack]

Sherman, Priscilla

Residence: Centerville, Massachusetts

Service: Material collected by her mother

Volume: -1 in.

Papers [1944 information bulletin re service at Pearl Harbor]

Stoutenborough, Bobbetta

Residence: Lincoln, Illinois

Service: Daughter of James A. Stoutenborough who was at Pearl Harbor, 1941, and on USS Biloxi, 1943-1944

Volume: 1 in.

Pearl Harbor [Christmas dinner menu; Thanksgiving menu; news clipping of the attack on Pearl Harbor; Japanese identification number; letter from U.S. naval air station]

*It may also be worthwhile to check the White House Alphabetical File for Pearl Harbor and related subjects, bearing in mind that any letters found will not be contemporary with the attack.

Audiovisual Resources:

The Jacqueline Cochran Papers contain a number of photos of the attack, probably of military origin. These are unprocessed and not available for research use as of October, 2011. Please contact the Audiovisual Archivist for information on the current status of these photographs.

Map Resources:

The Eisenhower Library has a number of maps of Hawaii, ca. 1917 to 1960. These vary in type, area covered, and quality, and may or may not be of use to the researcher of the Pearl Harbor attack. The archival staff can provide more information. Those of particular relevance are listed below.

HAS006 Aurand, Henry S.: Papers, Island of Oahu, 1939

HSA002 Aurand, Henry S.: Papers, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, 1947

HSA001 Aurand, Henry S.: Papers, General Layout Map of Hickam Field, 1946

RYD097 Ryder, Charles W.: Papers, Pacific Ocean, 1943 [National Geographic map]

UNK123 Unknown, Pacific Ocean, 1952 [National Geographic map]

JLC075 Collins, J. Lawton: Papers, [Hawaii], unknown date [captured Japanese aeronautical chart]

Museum Resources:

Please contact the Museum staff to make arrangements for viewing any of the artifacts listed below.

1. 99-17 (MS-H-4c) – Part of a letter describing the attack.
 - a. Section of original teletype describing the bombing of Pearl Harbor, HA on December 7, 1941. Text reads: "SX5 BULLETIN ADD PLANES SHOT DOWN (TREMAINE) HONOLULU XXX BUILDING. THE ATTACKING PLANES BOMBED PEARL HARBOR, FORD ISLAND, WHEELER FIELD, HONOLULU MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, HICKMAN FIELD AND THE NEW NAVY AIR REPAIR BASE AT KANOHE. ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WENT INTO ACTION IMMEDIATELY, AND SOON LARGE CLOUDS OF BILLOWING SMOKE ROLLED UP FROM THE AREAS UNDER ATTACK. WITNESSES SAID FIRES WEW STARTED, APPARENTLY BY BOMBS, ON FORD ISLAND. A JAPANESE PLANE CRASHED AND BURNED BEHIND THE COURTHOUSE AT WAHIAWA, A FEW MILES EAST OF SCHOFIELD BARRACKS."
2. 96-02.6/.7 (SA-1-E10) – Remember Pearl Harbor buttons

3. 03-140.1 (MS-A-5b) – 1941 “World at War” commemorative stamp panel – lists different events, culminating with attack on Pearl Harbor and U.S. going to war
4. 71-55 (MS-D-5h) – WWII-era poster - "We have just begun to fight, Pearl Harbor, Bataan, Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Bismark Sea, Casablanca, and Tunisia."
5. 94-65 (MS-H-4d) – Silver “Remember Pearl Harbor” pin
6. 10-06.750 (LS-E-2a) – “Remember Pearl Harbor” sheet music
7. 10-06.163 (LS-E-2a) – “We’ll Always Remember Pearl Harbor” sheet music
8. 01-57 (MS-A-4b) – Novelty textile, women’s underwear with "SHOOT THE PANTS OFF THE JAPANAZI U.S. AIR FORCE"
9. 98-14 (MS-A-5c) – Cardboard game entitled “Sock the Japs” - U.S. soldier dressed in brown and wearing a helmet on the right and a Japanese soldier in green and holding a sword. A small hole is in the center which allows movement of the U.S. soldier's right arm, giving the appearance that he is hitting the Japanese soldier.
10. 96-02.3 (SA-1-E10) – Button with “Japan Started It U.S. Will End It”
11. 95-27.7 (MS-A-6a) – RCA ad, c.1943 (per NLLBJ staff)
 - a. A multicolored magazine ad for RCA. The obverse side depicts a scene in the upper portion which shows a pilot in an airplane talking on the radio. In the background is a burning Japanese airplane in water. Wording below the scene: "Chalk up another dead duck, Jim!" In the lower portion is drawing of two people listening to a stereo. Partial script at left begins: "-IT'S RCA AIRCRAFT RADIO FOR/SPLIT-SECOND BATTLE TALK/24 hours a day-on every front-/RCA Radio is "on the job"-saving lives/and helping to win battles. ...". At the bottom is printed: "RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA/RCA VICTOR DIVISION CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY". The reverse depicts several U.S. soldiers in a jungle scene. Across the top is a red, white, and blue ribbon with the wording "VICTORY THROUGH PROGRESS".
12. 95-27.8 (MS-A-6a) – Magazine page with ads on both sides
 - a. One side is for "Pontiac-General Motors". Scene: Upper portion is a battle scene with U.S. airplane approaching a burning ship on water. Below the airplane is a torpedo, which is moving towards the ship. In the lower left is facsimile signature "Walter Richards". Script in lower portion begins: "TIN FISH/...from the sky!/'Jap carrier and escort dead ahead.'...". The other side has an ad for

"INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS". Scene: Upper portion depicts a red truck being loaded with dirt by a steam shovel. The number "811" is on the door panel. At the bottom is facsimile signature "DONALD MILLS". Script in lower portion begins: "Alaska was ours, so we held Alaska. It was/very simple through the years...but the tides/of greed were rising in the Orient..." At the right is a list of products made by International Trucks for the war effort.

13. 95-28.1/.2 (MS-GS-9k) – WWII Japanese bayonet and sheath
14. 95-29.8 (SA-1-E10) – Button with “Pack Up Japan the Yanks are Coming”
15. 95-29.10 (SA-1-E10) – Button with picture of a Japanese man (Hirohito?) with “Wanted for Murder Dead or Alive”
16. 95-31.2 (MS-A-4d) – White WWII Japanese arm band
17. 91-06.1 (MS-GS-14) – Japanese rifle
18. 91-08.1 (MS-A-5d) - A folded leaflet with Japanese glyphs printed on it as well as "ATTENTION AMERICAN TROOPS/ The bearer is entitled to honorable treatment as prescribed/ by the Geneva Convention".
19. 91-146.1 (LS-B-3m) – WWII Japanese helmet
20. 91-146.2 (MS-G-3k, Box 4) – Japanese WWII era dog tag – in Lucite
21. 91-161.1 (MS-G-3k, box 4) – Japanese dog tag
22. 08-91.1/.2 (MS-A-5a) – Japanese passport, featuring photo of a soldier
23. 08-91.3 (MS-A-5a) – B&W photo of Japanese soldiers

ORAL HISTORIES

(Note: In most cases, these oral histories do not contain first-hand accounts, but rather include observations on the effects of the attack.)

Beach, Edward L. OH-128 [memories of the attack on Pearl Harbor]

Betts, Thomas J. OH-397 [advance knowledge of Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor]

Clay, Lucius D. OH-285 [Pearl Harbor Day]

Eisenhower, Mamie OH-12 [John and West Point; San Antonio, 1941, including effect of Pearl Harbor, Mamie’s reaction, an anecdote regarding Ike’s trip to Washington and Sid Richardson]

Gruenther, Alfred M. OH-113 [effects of Pearl Harbor, including Eisenhower's transfer to Washington, preparations for war, appointment to Eisenhower's European headquarters, anecdote regarding Gen. Walter Bedell Smith and Operation Torch]

Handy, Thomas T. OH-486 [blame for Pearl Harbor surprise]

Hansen, Victor OH-441 [designation of parts of California as a military zone following Pearl Harbor bombing]

Heaton, Leonard D. OH-337 [service at Pearl Harbor, December 1941]

Judd, Walter H. OH-196 [America's Asian policies prior to Pearl Harbor]

Lutes, Leroy OH-408 [Mentions briefly command of 37th Anti-Aircraft Brigade and his being ordered to Washington, D.C. after Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor]

Quesada, Elwood R. OH-476 [hysterical reaction to news of Pearl Harbor]

Toner, Albert P. OH-491 [effect of Pearl Harbor on OSS]

Willis, Charles F. OH-86 [Pearl Harbor and WWII]

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