

Emil Buehler Naval Aviation Library

Collections Guide

Manuscripts and Official Papers

Able-Baker Papers

- Official press releases and news articles relating to space flights of the primates Able and Baker

Captain John P. Adams Papers

- Collection consists of copies of handwritten reminiscences of flying F4F fighters at the Battles of Coral Sea and Midway as well as action reports from those engagements. In Special Vertical File.

Aerial Refueling

- Photocopies of official memoranda detailing experiments in aerial refueling conducted during 1930. In Special Vertical File.

Airship Accident Reports

- Copies of official reports relating to the crashes of the rigid airships *Hindenburg* and *Shenandoah* as well as the non-rigid airships L-8 and ZPG-3W (Bureau Number 144242). Some materials located in Special Vertical File.

Aircraft Accident Reports

- Analysis of Aircraft Accidents, 1922–1923. In Special Vertical File.

Aircraft Carrier Statistical Records

- Collection of six booklets providing statistics on World War II carrier operations with respect to aircraft performance, assignment of resources, damage, and composition of forces.

Aircraft Tactics Papers

- Special Vertical File contains copies of reports of Aircraft Concentration Periods during 1926–1928, the Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet Report on the Development of Aircraft Tactics (1926–1927), and official documents relating to the employment of the carriers *Langley* (CV 1), *Lexington* (CV 2), and *Saratoga* (CV 3) and the development of aircraft tactics.

Henry J. Allen Papers

- Collection consists of photocopies of his service record, including the report of the findings of a board of inquiry into an aircraft accident that caused his death. In Special Vertical File.

Donald Alvord Papers

- Orders and official correspondence relating to his World War I service.

American Volunteer Group Papers

- Papers generated in the Bureau of Navigation regarding the formation of the American Volunteer Group and its recruitment of Navy and Marine Corps personnel for service in China. The papers also include correspondence relating to discharge of former naval personnel from the group and reinstatement in the naval service. See also John Donovan Papers.

Arden Dudley Andrews Papers

- Transcript of diary kept by Andrews during his World War I service as a member of the Northern Bombing Group. In Special Vertical File.

Captain James D. Arbes Papers

- Official documents and typewritten reminiscences of experiences flying SB2U Vindicators in Bombing Squadron (VB) 3 on board the carrier *Ranger* (CV 4).

Air Force, Atlantic Fleet

- History of the command's operations during the period 1943.

Support Aircraft in Amphibious Operations (Section of World War II Transport Doctrine, Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet) In Special Vertical File.

Captain John Chaney Arick Papers

- Transcript of radio transmissions from flight and Distinguished Fly Cross Citation relating to emergency helicopter extraction in South Vietnam on 30 January 1967. In Special Vertical File.

USS *Arizona* (BB 39) and USS *Aroostook* (CM 3) Letters

- Collection of personal letters written by unidentified aviator serving in these ships during the 1920s in which he writes home to his wife about friends and comments on aviation in fleet exercises.

USS *Arizona* (BB 39) Papers

- Collection of documents consists of an account ledger, quartermaster's log, day's orders, rosters, menus, and other official papers from the period 1934–1935.

Attack Squadron (VA) 46 Papers

- Daily flight summaries and notes about combat lessons learned from Operation Desert Storm.

USS *Attu* (CVE 102) Papers

- Collection of documents that include a narrative history of the ship, biographies of selected ship's officers, booklets, and official reports of shakedown training and *Attu*'s encountering of a typhoon in June 1945.

Aviation Training Jackets (**Restricted Collection**)

- The museum is the repository for the Chief of Naval Air Training collection of aviation training jackets, which consist of flight training records (including instructor comments and fitness reports) and photographs of select personnel from the period 1920–1945.

Aviator Flight Log Books

- Personal flight log books documenting flights made by individual aviators and aircrewmen during their naval careers. The museum collection includes log books of notable flag officers and those showing combat flights from World War I to Vietnam. Some log books exist on in photocopied form located in the Special Vertical File.

B-36 Bomber Investigation Papers

- Transcripts of testimony by naval officers given before the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives Investigating the B-36 and Related Matters, 1949. Volume 18 of the transcript of the hearings can be found in the Special Vertical File.

USS *Badoeng Strait* (CVE 116) Papers

- Collection of official radio messages received on board the escort carrier *Badoeng Strait* during the Korean War, September 1950.

Hugh N. Batten Papers

- Collection consists of copies of log book pages from World War II and Korea as well as copies of his medal citations. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Everett Beeman Papers

- Collection consists of a copy of Beeman's diary kept while flying a cruiser-scout seaplane during the Okinawa campaign. In Special Vertical File.

Vice Admiral Patrick N.L. Bellinger Papers

- Copies of testimony delivered before the Morrow Board (1925), a Naval War College lecture titled "Aviation," and his Naval War College thesis titled "Tactics." Also included is a 1947 article written by Bellinger about the possibility of another Pearl Harbor type attack. All documents in Special Vertical File.

Berlin Airlift Papers

- Collection consists of copies of official reports and articles relating to the operation. In Special Vertical File.

Eugene S. Bigelow Papers

- Orders issued to Bigelow during his service in World War I. Copies of certificates and a humorous booklet on life in ground training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are located in Special Vertical File.

Gerald R. Bigorowski Papers

- Copies of medal citations and newspaper clippings relating to his service in Torpedo Squadron (VT) 9 during World War II. In Special Vertical File.

Bismarck Papers

- Copies of official reports relating to search for German battleship *Bismarck*, including the role of U.S. naval aviators in action. In Special Vertical File.

Blimp Squadron (ZP) 14 Papers

- Copy of report of squadron's overseas service in World War II. In Special Vertical File.

Bombing Squadron (VB) 6 Papers

- Copy of squadron after action report from the Battle of Midway. In Special Vertical File.

USS *Bon Homme Richard* (CV 31) Papers

- Collection of official radio message traffic between the carrier *Bon Homme Richard* and other commands during World War II, April–July 1945. Some located in Special Vertical File.

Herr W. Brady Papers

- Orders and official papers relating to the World War I service of Herr W. Brady.

Aviation Radioman Second Class John Conrad Bramer Papers

- Diary kept during World War II that lists personnel from Bombing Squadron (VB) 14 killed or missing in action, contains strike photographs, and includes Bramer's written account of being shot down and rescued by submarine during the Battle of the Philippine Sea in June 1944.

A Brief History of the Fleet Patrol Plane Squadrons From the Organization of the First Squadron in 1919 to the Present Organization in 1935

USS *Bunker Hill* (CV 17) Papers

- Air Department daily memoranda and editions of USS *Bunker Hill* (CV 17) *Radio Press News*, the newspaper published on board the ship, 1943–1944.

Lieutenant Commander Paul Brehm Papers

- Copies of diary pages and official papers from World War II and the Korean War. Some in Special Vertical File.

Brotherton Family Papers

- Personal correspondence of two brothers, one an Army pilot killed in action during World War I and the other a soldier who served in the postwar occupation of Germany.

Commander Harold J. Brow Papers

- Official papers and flight log books from the career of the famed Navy racing pilot.

Nathan Cabot Papers

- Copy of diary of aircrewman in PB4Y-1/2 patrol bombers in both the European and Pacific theaters, 1944-1945.

Rear Admiral E.H. Campbell Papers

- Collection consists of personal letters written by Rear Admiral E.H. Campbell to his wife during fleet exercises on board the heavy cruiser *Indianapolis* (CA 35) during the 1930s.

Carrier Air Group (CVG) 8 Papers

- Official documents covering the group's combat operations, the rescue of a downed bomber crew, the performance of ordnance, and training in firing rockets, 1944–1945. The group's report of operations during the period 15 March through 26 October 1944 and a roster of officers is located in Special Vertical File.

Carrier Air Group (CVG) 10 Papers

- Copies of reminiscences and reports relating to group's participation in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, June 1944. In Special Vertical File.

Carrier Air Group, Light (CVLG) 27 Papers

- Collection consists of copies of action reports and reminiscences of squadron personnel. In Special Vertical File.

Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 6 Papers

- Copy of confidential memorandum on the subject of combat survival, July 1968. In Special Vertical File.

Carrier Division Four Papers

- Staff Order and Night Order Books of Commander, Carrier Division Four on board the carrier *Enterprise* (CV 6).

Carrier Qualification Training Unit, Naval Air Station (NAS) Glenview, Illinois Papers

- Collection includes unit histories covering the period September 1944–March 1945, a training syllabus, and guidelines and procedures for unit and station operations.

Naval Air Station (NAS) Chatham, Massachusetts Papers

- Muster roll of the station complement of NAS Chatham, 30 June 1918.

Citadel Papers

- Copies of letters written by graduates of The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, to Colonel Clark Williams during World War II updating him on their wartime service.

Rear Admiral Joseph C. Clifton Papers

- Collection includes personal letters of congratulations on his promotion to flag rank, a document in which he compares the flying characteristics of the F4U Corsair and P-51 Mustang, and official papers and images from his service as commanding officer of Fighting Squadron (VF) 12 and Air Group 12. Also included in his papers is a diary kept while in command of the seaplane tender *Corson* (AVP-37).

Continuous Service Certificates of Enlisted Men

- Collection includes a number of these documents that chart the transfer of enlisted men between duty stations and some comments on their respective performance. Many bear the original signatures of notable officers in naval history.

Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) Corry Field Papers

- Bound history of the auxiliary air station covering the period 1921–1945, the early years relating to the first site called Old Corry Field.

Captain Howard N. Coulter Papers

- The collection of an early lighter-than-air officer, the papers includes training papers, official documents relating to the operation of the rigid airship *Macon* (ZRS 5), and papers relating to World War II airship bases in the Pacific.

Rear Admiral John G. Crommelin Papers (**In Processing**)

- Collection contains official and personal correspondence from Crommelin's career, with particular emphasis on the "Revolt of the Admirals." Of particular interest are personal letters relating to the deaths of two of Crommelin's brothers in combat during World War II. A document titled "Notes on Fixed Gunnery" written while serving in the battleship *California* can be found in the Special Vertical File. Crommelin was one of five brothers from Wetumpka, Alabama, to attend the U.S. Naval Academy.

Lieutenant Commander George A. Cruze Papers

- Collection consists of orders and other official correspondence during the period 1918–1948. Cruze was significantly involved in the development of interwar torpedoes.

Current Tactical Orders, United States Fleet, 1941

USS *Curtiss* (AV 4) Papers

- Copies of radio message traffic, 1945. In Special Vertical File.

Captain James G. Daniels Papers

- Diary kept by Daniels while a lieutenant during World War II. It covers a period in which he served as a landing signal officer for Carrier Replacement Air Group 10 in 1943.

Lincoln C. Denton Papers

- Copies of letters written by Denton during his flight instruction at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, during the period 1929–1930. In Special Vertical File.

Doctrine, Squadron

- Collection of documents relating to squadron operating doctrine of various units.

John T. Donovan Papers

- Typewritten personal letters sent by naval aviator John T. Donovan to his family describing his experiences as a member of the American Volunteer Group (AVG). Donovan was killed in action. See also American Volunteer Group Papers.

Major George E. Dooley Papers

- Copy of Bureau of Aeronautics interview relating to Dooley's actions as a TBF Avenger pilot at Guadalcanal. Papers also include postwar reminiscences of Dooley and his gunner George Bobb regarding USMC TBF operations in the Pacific. In Special Vertical File.

Admiral Austin K. Doyle Papers **(In Processing)**

- Collection consists of personal and official correspondence and photographs relating to the admiral's service during the period 1919–1958. Included are interwar papers relating to carrier operations, and documents relating to his command of the carriers *Nassau* (CVE 16) and *Hornet* (CV 12) and service as Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training and Chief of Naval Air Training.

Vice Admiral Herbert S. Duckworth Papers

- Collection consists of a small amount of official correspondence from World War II and Korean War, including reminiscences of service in the carrier *Lexington* (CV 2) in the first months of World War II, correspondence on joint training between the Navy and Air Force, and overviews of Korean War operations from members of the Pacific Fleet Evaluation Group.

Lieutenant Wayne Duffett Papers

- Consists of personal correspondence written from Pensacola and Italy during World War I.

Captain Benjamin Dutton, Jr., Papers **(In Processing)**

- Personal correspondence from his service in the U.S. Navy during the period 1905–1912, and select official correspondence from his time as commanding officer of the heavy cruiser *Portland* (CA 33)..

Joseph Eaton Papers

- Collection consists of letter containing reminiscences of World War I service. In Special Vertical File.

Commander Theodore G. Ellyson Papers

- Copy of memorandum written by Ellyson, the Navy's first aviator, on the subject of "Acceptance of Naval Aeroplanes," 13 July 1911. In Special Vertical File.

USS *Enterprise* (CV 6) Papers

- Collection includes the Ship's Position Log for the period January 1942–February 1943 and a General Organization Manual. Also part of the library holdings relating to the ship is a box of official documents and newspaper accounts relating to her participation in Navy Day 1945 and final cruises returning servicemen from Europe to the United States. Select after action reports and a 1939 memorandum regarding common mistakes in carrier approaches located in Special Vertical File.

Captain Henry Eppes Papers **(In Processing)**

- Collection relates to Eppes' career as an airship pilot, which included a record-setting flight for which he received the Harmon Trophy. Of particular interest is a transcribed copy of a diary he kept while serving on board the battleship *Arizona* (BB 39) in 1936, the year after he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Commander Wilhelm G. Esders Papers

- Copy of personal statement on his flight with Torpedo Squadron (VT) 3 during the Battle of Midway and transcript of oral history interview regarding the battle.

USS *Essex* (CVA 9) Papers

- Plan of the Day for 15 October 1958, crossing of the Equator. In Special Vertical File.

Fighting Squadron (VF) 2B Papers

- Collections consists of engine data log on squadron aircraft dated 1929, a log detailing forced landings made during the period 1930–1933, and official memoranda pertaining to a forced landing made by a squadron F4B-4 aircraft in November 1933.

Fighting Squadron (VF) 3 Papers

- After action report and roster of officers from the Battle of Midway. In Special Vertical File.

Fighting Squadron (VF) 17 Papers **(In Processing)**

- Collection consists of original copies of action reports from World War II service in the Solomon Islands.

Admiral James H. Flatley, Jr., Papers **(In Processing)**

- Official and personal correspondence from the naval career of famed Navy fighter tactician from his flight training at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola to his death in 1958. Of note are personal letters exchanged with family in the aftermath of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the Battle of the Coral Sea. Some materials located in Special Vertical File. See also Fighting Squadron (VF) 10 Papers.

Fleet Air Arm

- Letters written by Fleet Air Arm TBF/TBM Avenger pilots recounting experiences flying the aircraft. In Special Vertical File.

Flight A Papers

- Listing of members of Flight A and a summary of their service during World War I. In Special Vertical File.

Flight Test Reports

- Official reports of evaluation and testing of the Martin N3M, XFF-1, NY-3, NB-1/2, and XSB2U-1. Also included in this collection is the Report of the Joint Fighter Conference held at Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Maryland, in October 1944. A series of reports on the escape system manufactured by North American/Rockwell for the A-5/RA-5C located in Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant Commander John Anthony Flood, Jr., Papers

- Collection contains records relating to Flood's career as the longest serving officer in the crew of the carrier *Enterprise* (CV) 6. In Special Vertical File.

USS *Forrestal* Papers

- Welcome aboard packet and copies of newspaper clippings covering the fire that occurred on board the ship off the coast of Vietnam on 29 July 1967. In Special Vertical File.

General Specifications for Aircraft, January 1918- In Special Vertical File

John S. Gibbens Papers

- Collection includes copies of documents relating to World War I service and papers relating to the visits of dirigibles to Miami, Florida. In Special Vertical File.

Vice Admiral Robert Goldthwaite Papers **(In Processing)**

- Official correspondence from his service as Commander Fleet Air, Jacksonville and Chief of Naval Air Training during the period 1956–1961. The collection also includes his night order book from Goldthwaite’s command of the escort carrier *Saginaw Bay* (CVE 82) during World War II.

Graf Zeppelin Papers

- Two memoranda to the Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics from U.S. naval officers regarding long-distance flights of the German rigid airship *Graf Zeppelin* during the 1930s.

Captain H.B. Grow Papers

- Collection consists of documents and photographs relating to Grow’s interwar service assisting in the formation of the Peruvian Air Force and World War II service at Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) Ellyson Field and in the Marshall Islands.

Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation Papers

- Collection of select issues of the company newspaper, *Grumman Plane News*, published in Bethpage, New York, 1942–1945. Papers documenting the flight delivery of Grumman aircraft (type, bureau number, pilot, location, and date) during the period 1931–1941 is located in Special Vertical File.

Charles Hammann Papers

- Copy of letter sent by Hammann, a World War I Medal of Honor recipient, to a friend during World War I. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant Lewis Hancock, Jr., Papers

- Collection of orders issued to Hancock during the period 1910 to 1921. Orders bear the signatures of numerous notable officers and also include papers relating to Hancock’s receipt of the Navy Cross for World War I service.

Captain Joy Bright Hancock, USN

- Pages from oral history and correspondence with women in service during the 1970s. Hancock was a former head of the Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES). In Special Vertical File.

Captain Harry W. Harrison Papers

- Typewritten diary kept by Harrison during his World War II service in command of Fighting Squadron (VF) 6.

Vice Admiral John T. Hayward Papers

- Collection consists of transcripts of diary entries made during the period 1943 to 1962. In Special Vertical File.

Walter A. Hibbs Papers

- Copies of typewritten diary kept during Hibbs’ service at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, during the 1930s. In Special Vertical File.

Brigadier General Henry W. Hise Papers

- Copies of Korean War log book pages and handwritten reminiscences of Hise’s experiences flying in Korea. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant Hoyt Holbrook Papers **(In Processing)**

- Letters written by sailor during his service on board the aircraft carrier *Langley* (CV 1) and in Nicaragua and Pearl Harbor during the interwar years. Service in Central America related to U.S. Navy monitoring of elections.

USS *Honolulu* (CVL 48) Papers

- Collection includes photographs, letters, and written reminiscences relating to the World War II service of the light cruiser.

Ensign Charles C. Hood Papers

- Collection includes correspondence describing flight training at Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West, Florida, during World War I, as well as orders. Also in the files is a letter from Hood's brother, who was killed on board the merchant vessel *Ticonderoga* when she was sunk by a German U-boat.

Hurricane Hunters

- Collection consists of official reports, booklets, and photographs of squadrons performing the weather reconnaissance mission. Some materials located in Special Vertical File.

USS *Independence* (CV 62) Papers

- Collection consists of Air Plans covering flights made during the period August 1969–August 190, and the ship's guest book from the period 1983–1992.

Rear Admiral Alfred W. Johnson Papers

- Copy of letter written by Johnson to the Secretary of the Navy commenting on an article by Brigadier General William Mitchell that appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post*, 5 February 1925. In Special Vertical File.

Earl F. Johnson Papers

- Copy of diary kept on board USS *North Carolina* during 1916. In Special Vertical File.

D.L. Jolly Papers

- Collection consists of a copy of a diary kept by Jolly during his overseas service in World War I. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Thomas Jorgensen Papers

- Collection consists of copies of official papers and citations and materials relating to his death in an operational aircraft accident. In Special Vertical File.

Captain Edward Kiem Papers

- Copy of diary kept by Kiem while serving as a lieutenant in Patrol Squadron (VP) 11 during World War II. In Special Vertical File.

Rear Admiral Nolan Martin Kindell Papers

- Collection consisting primarily of the admiral's orders accumulated during his career, which included service in World War I, command of the light carrier *Independence* (CVL 22), and participation at the atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll in 1946. In addition to orders files, the collection includes scrapbooks with images from Kindell's career and a cartoon book poking fun at life on board *Independence*.

Lieutenant (junior grade) N.J. Kleiss Papers

- Collection consists of copies of a log maintained by Kleiss during his service in Scouting Squadron (VS) 6 on board the carrier *Enterprise* (CV) 6. The document provides a detailed account of the Battle of Midway. In Special Vertical File.

Captain Charles Klusmann Papers

- Collection consists of Klusmann's narrative account of the experiences surrounding his shoot down, captivity, escape, and rescue in Laos, 1964. In Special Vertical File.

Vernon P. Koenig Papers

- Collection consists of reminiscences of experiences flying PBY Catalina patrol planes during World War II. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant (junior grade) John Koelsch Papers

- Collection consists of official papers and telegrams relating to the service Koelsch, who received the Medal of Honor posthumously for service in Korea.

Captain George F. Kremm Papers

- Three documents, including papers promoting him to the rank of captain in the Marine Corps signed by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt, and a letter regarding Kremm's indebtedness.

Wellesley Laud-Brown Papers

- Collection includes his orders file from World War I as well as a document detailing the history of the First Yale Unit. Additional copies of documents and reminiscences located in Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant Leonard Langer Papers

- Collection provides a complete overview of the training experiences of a World War II naval aviator and includes instructional booklets and official documents issued to naval aviation cadets undergoing flight training.

USS *Langley* (CV 1) Papers

- Copy of a memorandum regarding use of radio telephones by the landing signal officer, 1933. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant Harold H. Larson Papers

- Copy of Bureau of Aeronautics interview in which Larson details his experiences flying TBF Avengers with Torpedo Squadron (VT) 8 at Guadalcanal. In Special Vertical File.

Richard Laws Papers

- Copy of Navy message traffic regarding his shoot down over North Vietnam, a mission during which he was killed in action. In Special Vertical File.

Dale Leslie Papers

- Collection consists of copies of official documents and newspaper clippings as well as an account of his being shot down during a combat mission at Guadalcanal. In Special Vertical File.

Letters and Diaries, World War II General

- Collection consists of copies of letters and diaries of unidentified individuals written during World War II. In Special Vertical File.

USS *Lexington* (CV 2) Papers

- Collection of documents that include schedule of aircraft operations for Fleet Problem XIX in 1938, a copy of Rear Admiral Sherman's farewell address to the crew, after action reports from World War II, and cartoons published in the ship's newspaper. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant Richard Livingston Papers

- Personal correspondence and official papers from World War I training and postwar duty on board USS *Prometheus* (AR 3).

Loening Aeronautical Engineering Company Papers

- Collection consists of copies of delivery records relating to the Loening OL seaplane. In Special Vertical File.

David E. Lynn Papers

- Orders issued to Lynn during his World War I service and a diary containing notes on flights made during August 1918.

Edmund Maddock Papers

- Copies of orders and log book pages relating to Maddock's service in the Flying Might Victory War Loan Tour, 1945. In Special Vertical File.

USS *Manila Bay* (CVE 61) Papers

- Collection consists of copies of the ship's after action reports from the Battle of Leyte Gulf, October 1944. In Special Vertical File.

Vice Admiral Robert P. McConnell Papers

- Official correspondence relating to his prewar service at Naval Reserve Air Base (NRAB) Opa Locka, Florida, and official documents relating to the loss the seaplane tender *Langley* (AV 3) and oiler *Pecos* (AO 6) in February 1942. McConnell was skipper of the former vessel and the papers relating to her loss include survivor accounts, some of them handwritten, submitted by members of the crew.

Seaman Second Class Lester E. McClary Papers

- Collection consists of a small number of letters written from the heavy cruiser *Indianapolis* (CA 35) as well as telegrams and a letter of condolence sent to McClary's parents following his loss in the sinking of the ship in July 1945.

Lieutenant Leslie McCreath Papers **(In Processing)**

- Collection consists of official reports and photographs of Composite Squadron (VC) 9 U-boat attacks compiled by McCreath while serving as the squadron's air intelligence officer. Also included in the papers are copies of radio message traffic from the Okinawa invasion.

Edward McGlew, Jr., Papers

- Copy of diary kept by McGlew during the Battle of Coral Sea. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant Virgil V. McKenna Papers

- File containing orders issued to McKenna during the period 1917 to 1929 as well as McKenna's reports on the flight testing of the Curtiss-Wright CS-1 aircraft.

Harold James Merritt Papers

- Notebooks kept during World War I instruction at the ground school located at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a transfer card noting his flight school grades. Photocopies of personal letters in Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant (junior grade) B.J. Miller Papers

- Collection consists of a copy of a diary kept by Miller during his time in the Soviet Union after a forced landing while on a mission against Japanese targets in the Kurile Islands. In Special Vertical File.

Henry L. Miller Papers

- Collection consists of transcribed copies and copies of original notes kept during his training of the Doolittle Raiders in carrier operations procedures. In Special Vertical File. The museum also possesses the original notes.

Henry S. Miller Papers

- Collection consists of copies of diary entries made while Miller served as commander of the “Swashbucklers” of Marine Fighting Squadron (VMF) 214, 1943. In Special Vertical File.

Rear Admiral Lucian A. Moebus Papers

- Copy of a Memorandum for the Record written by Moebus in his capacity as a member of the Pacific Fleet Evaluation Group, 27 October 1950. The subject is a recounting of a meeting between Moebus, Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy, and General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. In Special Vertical File.

Rear Admiral William A. Moffett Papers

- Microfilm copies of official correspondence from Moffett’s service as Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics. Copies of official documents also located in Special Vertical File.

Captain Henry C. Mustin Papers

- Letters written by the first commandant of Naval Air Station Pensacola during the period 1914. This includes service in the Veracruz Insurrection and in a cruise to European waters on board the armored cruiser *North Carolina* (ACR 12).

Naval Air Transport Service Papers

- Booklet titled *The Role of the Naval Air Transport Service in the Pacific War* that covers history, evacuation, organization, routes, lift, and statistical data. Special Vertical File contains unit history of Air Transport Squadron (VR) 1, the operational history of the Naval Air Transport Service Command, and other squadron histories.

Naval Aviation

- Log of daily activities during the period 1 February 1913 to 13 June 1915. In Special Vertical File.

The Naval Flight Officer and Aviation Command: Coming of Age, The Evolution 1967–1970- In Special Vertical File.

Navy Cross

- Copies of citations for select Navy Cross awards during World War II. In Special Vertical File.

Arthur Christian Niedermiller Papers

- Transcribed copies of letters written by Niedermiller during his World War I service at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, and Great Lakes, Illinois, 1918–1919. In Special Vertical File.

Night Torpedo Squadron (VT(N)) 52

- Collection includes the squadron history covering the period 20 October 1944–29 October 1945, and a memorandum detailing the operating procedures for radioman flying the TBM-3E.

USS *Northampton* (CL 26) Papers

- Copies of pages of the ship’s log, 1–31 December 1941. In Special Vertical File.

Commander Edward H. O’Hare Papers

- Personal correspondence between O’Hare and his family during his time at preparatory school and the U.S. Naval Academy, 1932–1935. O’Hare received the Medal of Honor for actions in 1942 and was killed in action the following year.

Tom O'Reilly Papers

- Typewritten reminiscences of his service flying PBM aircraft with Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 during 1945. In Special Vertical File.

Commander John Ostrander Papers

- Copies of orders and papers relating to the development of dive-bombing in the U.S. Navy.

Roland Palmedo Papers

- Series of notebooks covering such topics as meteorology, electricity, radio, navigation, aviation, and naval etiquette kept by Palmedo during his flight instruction in World War I.

Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida

- Collection includes official station histories submitted during the 1970s and 1980s, booklets, manuscripts detailing the history of the Pensacola Navy Yard and the aerological unit of Naval Air Training Bases Pensacola, and a letter to a civilian requesting that she vacate her residence on the U.S. Naval Reservation. This letter was sent during the movement of the villages of Warrington and Woolsey to make way for the expansion of the air station. Copy of manuscript "Joe Gish, Student Aviator," a humorous, fictional account of interwar flight training at Pensacola, located in Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Raymond Porter Papers

- Personal letters of a naval aviator written during training and combat covering the period 1943–1945. The author was shot down over Japan in July 1945, and made a prisoner of war. Held in Hiroshima, he was killed in the atomic bomb blast.

William Prescott Papers

- Copies of letters written from Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, during the period June 1941 to April 1942. The letters written around the date of the Pearl Harbor attack are of particular interest.

USS *Portland* (CA 33) Papers

- Copy of memorandum to rescued crewmen of USS *Lexington* temporarily occupying space on board *Portland*.

USS *Princeton* (CV 37) Papers

- Copies of radio messages from the period June and August 1951 and action reports from 16 April to 22 May 1951. In Special Vertical File.

Principles and Applications of Naval Warfare, 1947- In Special Vertical File.

Prisoner of War Papers, World War II

- Collection consists of copies of reminiscences of POWs from their time in captivity and documents relating to Americans held prisoner in Hiroshima at the time the atomic bomb was dropped on that city. In Special Vertical File.

Prisoner of War Papers, Vietnam

- Collection includes papers and other archival material relating to a number of Vietnam POWs, including original drawings by Captain John McGrath, a sketchbook that belonged to Commander Dan Glenn, a diary of an unidentified POW, telegrams, and other materials. Some items located in Special Vertical File.

Ernie Pyle Papers

- Clippings of newspaper articles written by the famous war correspondent while on board the carrier *Cabot* (CVL 28), 1945. In Special Vertical File.

Rear Admiral James J. Raby Papers

- Orders and some official correspondence relating to a portion of Raby's naval service, with papers dating from the period 1918 to 1933. Documents of interest include a letter summarizing experiences of transporting troops from France back to the United States following World War I and a firsthand account of Raby's wartime service in command of the protected cruiser *Albany*. The papers also include letters relating his experiences undergoing training as a naval aviation observer.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford Papers

- Diary kept by the future Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during a midshipmen's cruise on board the battleship *Illinois* (BB 7) in 1913.

Rear Admiral James D. Ramage Papers

- Official correspondence relating to his career, including Vietnam operations and the heavy attack program.

Rear Admiral Logan C. Ramsey Papers

- Copy of paper written by Ramsey while serving as a lieutenant at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, on the subject of Marine Corps aviation in Nicaragua, 1930. In Special Vertical File.

USS *Ranger* (CV 4) Papers

- Ship's history, selected plans of the day from 1944–1945, and a directory of officers from November 1945. Some located in Special Vertical File.

Rear Admiral A.C. Read Papers

- Includes personal correspondence and official papers relating to the successful transatlantic flight of the NC-4 flying boat in May 1919. Some located in Special Vertical File.

Commander John Redfield Papers

- Papers relating to the history of helicopter and seaplane operations in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Commander George L. Richard Papers

- Diary from his service in command of an observation squadron on board the light cruiser *Milwaukee* (CL 5) off Nicaragua in 1927 and official correspondence from service as Commanding Officer, Fleet Air Base Pearl Harbor during 1936–1937.

Captain Holden C. Richardson Papers

- Transcript of oral history interview conducted with Richardson on the subject of the NC-3 seaplane's participation in the Navy's transatlantic flight of 1919. In Special Vertical File.

Aviation Cadet Ted Ritter Papers

- Script of wartime radio program authored by Ritter about training activities at War Training Service School Evansville, Indiana. In Special Vertical File.

USS *Santee* (CVE 29) Papers

- Roster of officers and press releases relating to the history of the ship.

USS *Saratoga* (CV 3) Papers

- Roster of officers, 1 January 1929.

Joe Bailey Sheridan Papers

- Official documents to be forwarded to next-of-kin in case of death and last will and testament written while assigned to Torpedo Squadron (VT) 5 during January 1942. Collection also includes a letter of commendation and Sheridan's citations for the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded for action over Lae and Salamaua, New Guinea.

Lieutenant Commander Frank Simpson, Jr. Papers

- Personal and official correspondence of Naval Aviator Number 53 covering service at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, NAS San Diego, and NAS Key West, 1916–1920. Simpson was a member of the California Naval Militia.

Carl Solberg Papers

- Collection consists of research materials, including numerous primary source documents, used by Solberg in preparing his book *Decision and Dissent: With Halsey at the Battle of Leyte Gulf* (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 1995)

Vice Admiral Selden B. Spangler Papers (**In Processing**)

- Official correspondence from his service in the Power Plants Division of the Bureau of Aeronautics and as the head of the Naval Air Development Development and Material Center in Johnsville, Pennsylvania, 1936–1958.

Lieutenant Victor Strub Papers

- Manuscript titled “Thunder on the Flight Deck” describing World War II carrier operations. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant Commander Barrett Studley Papers

- Collection of official orders issued to Studley during his service in World War I.

Captain Emmett J. Sullivan Papers

- Collection consists of copies of official documents relating to Sullivan's career in lighter-than-air. In Special Vertical File.

Survival and Physical Training Records

- Extensive collection that includes official correspondence relating to the establishment of survival and physical training programs in the training of naval aviation cadets during World War II. Of special interest are materials relating to station football teams that included college and professional stars. The collection of papers is complemented by hundreds of images of training ashore and afloat.

Sergeant George Sutton Papers

- Letter sent by Sergeant George Sutton, USMC, to his mother reflecting on the end of World War I, 13 November 1918. He was assigned to the 67th Battalion, 5th Marines, in France.

Task Force 38

- Memorandum detailing practice in repelling kamikaze attack, 11 November 1944. In Special Vertical File.

Admiral John S. Thach Papers

- Select official files of World War II fighter tactician and postwar antisubmarine warfare commander, 1927–1969. Some files are in Special Vertical File, including a memorandum about joint U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy flight training.

Ensign George E. Thackray Papers

- Collection of official memoranda, flight records, and training records from World War I.

USS *Ticonderoga* (CV 14) Papers

- Action reports covering the period 3–21 January 1945.

Aviation Machinist's Mate Second Class William Tilley Papers

- Diary of TBM Avenger aircrewman serving in Torpedo Squadron (VT) 30 on board the light carrier *Belleau Wood* (CVL 24) during the period January–April 1945.

Captain Malcolm Tinker Papers

- Collection consists of maps carried on combat missions over North Vietnam and three diaries covering his two combat cruises flying A-1 Skyraiders in Attack Squadron (VA) 115 during the Vietnam War

Admiral John H. Towers Papers

- Copies of his official diary kept while serving as Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics and Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet during World War II.

William W. Townsley Papers

- Official World War I papers and documents relating to operations of the First Air Detachment in 1919.

Torpedo Squadron (VT) 29 Papers

- Copies of narrative history and action reports of the squadron covering the period 1942–1945.

Kenneth R. Unger Papers

- Collection consists of copies of notes kept by Unger during a visit to the United Kingdom and Ireland prior to the D-Day invasion. In Special Vertical File.

U.S. Naval Aircraft, Record of Acceptances, 1911-1967- In Special Vertical File.

Vice Chief of Naval Operations Papers

- Collection includes copies of correspondence related to making the post a billet for a naval aviator, 1947. In Special Vertical File.

Lieutenant Commander Lawrence A. Waite Papers

- Copy of letter describing service in the Philippines and Western Carolines while in command of ACORN 24. In Special Vertical File.

Captain Frank E. Walton Papers

- Personal and official papers assembled by Captain Frank E. Walton during his service as the Air Intelligence Officer of Marine Fighting Squadron (VMF) 214, the famed "Black Sheep." This collection includes personal letters to his wife, handwritten action reports detailing the squadron's combat missions, and material relating to the squadron's commanding officer, fighter ace and Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Gregory "Pappy" Boyington.

War Instructions, United States Navy, 1934- In Special Vertical File.

War Instructions, United States Navy, 1944- In Special Vertical File.

USS *Wasp* (CV 7) Papers

- Collection consists of original naval radio messages received on board the ship during 1941–1942, an account of the ship's sinking written by INS war correspondent Jack Singer, and a scrapbook featuring photographs and a diary of the service of Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., on board the ship.

Admiral Maurice F. Weisner Papers

- Copies of speeches and congressional testimony delivered by Admiral Maurice F. Weisner during his tour as Commander in Chief Pacific in the late-1970s. See Pearl Harbor Papers.

Rear Admiral Carlos Wieber Papers

- Collection includes reminiscences of service at the Bureau of Aeronautics during the 1930s and a notebook kept while serving as commanding officer of the carrier *Essex* (CV 9), in which Wieber wrote down significant events that happened under his command.

Lieutenant Alexander Wilding, Jr., Papers

- Photocopy of diary kept by Wilding while serving as a fighter director officer on board the carrier *Yorktown* (CV 10). A copy of fighter directory vocabulary can be found in Special Vertical File.

Joseph Weller Papers

- Diary kept by Weller during his service as a crewman on board the U.S. Navy's first aircraft carrier, *Langley* (CV 1), during the period 1922–1924.

George H. Whisler Papers

- Collection consists of papers relating to his solo round-trip transcontinental flight, 23 July 1953. In Special Vertical File.

Merle White Papers

- Manuscript describing his naval service in World War II. In Special Vertical File.

Commander Eugene E. Wilson Papers

- Collection consists of biographical information and a letter regarding a kite balloon flight off the battleship USS *Wyoming* (BB 32) in 1915.

Rear Admiral Ralph Wood Papers

- Orders and selected official correspondence relating to Wood's naval service, including letters regarding the status of the airship program in the 1920s and comments by Rear Admiral Joseph Mason Reeves about Wood and his service in a pivotal time of naval aviation history.

Wright Family Papers

- Letters written overseas during World War I by members of the Wright family serving in the Marine Corps.

USS *Yorktown* (CV 5) Papers

- Collection consists of after action reports from the Battle of Midway and roster of crewmen as of 7 June 1942. In Special Vertical File.

Historic Newspapers and Periodicals

The library includes an extensive collection of newspapers published around the country that feature headlines and articles relating to combat actions and the space program. In addition, the library holds ship, squadron, and station newspapers, including those from the following commands:

Naval Air Station Pensacola

Naval Air Station Alameda, California

Naval Auxiliary Air Station Bronson Field, Florida

Naval Air Station Deland, Florida

Naval Air Station Glenview, Illinois
Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida
Naval Air Station Squantum, Massachusetts
Naval Air Station Floyd Bennett Field, New York
Naval Air Station Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas
Naval Air Station Banana River, Florida
Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii
Naval Air Station Lakehurst, New Jersey
Naval Air Gunner's School Jacksonville, Florida
Naval Air Development Center Johnsville, Pennsylvania
Naval Air Station Richmond, Florida
Naval Air Station Miami, Florida
Naval Air Station Kaneohe, Hawaii
Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Florida
Naval Air Station North Island, California
Naval Air Technical Training Center Chicago, Illinois
Naval Operating Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
U.S. Naval Flight Preparatory School Murray, Kentucky
Aircraft Squadrons Battle Fleet
School of Pre-Flight, St. Mary's, California
Naval Air Transport Service, Pacific Wing
USS *Enterprise* (CVAN 65)
USS *California* (BB 44)
USS *Marcus Island* (CVE 77)
USS *Ticonderoga* (CV 14)
USS *Shangri-La* (CV 38)
USS *Cabot* (CVL 28)
USS *Ranger* (CV 4)
USS *Kearsarge* (CV 33)
USS *Bunker Hill* (CV 17)
USS *Lexington* (CV 2)
USS *Yorktown* (CV 10)
USS *Boxer* (CV 21)
USS *Hornet* (CV 12)
USS *Wolverine* (IX 64)
USS *Oklahoma* (BB 37)
USS *Coral Sea* (CVB 43)
USS *Princeton* (CV 37)
USS *Randolph* (CV 15)
USS *Wasp* (CV 7)
USS *Oriskany* (CV 34)
USS *Enterprise* (CV 6)
USS *Missouri* (BB 63)

In addition, the library collection includes select issues of major news periodicals, including numerous original copies of LIFE magazine from the World War II era. Also in the holding are copies of the Bureau of Aeronautics Newsletter covering the period 1918–1942.

Technical Publications

The library's collection of technical manuals numbers nearly 2,000, and covers survival and ground support equipment, engines, and aircraft (including flight handbooks and maintenance publications). The manuals are valuable resources for aircraft modelers, those restoring vintage warbirds, and pilots.

Photographs and Film

The library's sizeable photograph collection includes individual prints and photograph albums assembled by Navy and Marine Corps personnel. The bulk of the images, which include prints, negatives and slides, are from the collection assembled by Robert L. Lawson, longtime editor of the *Hook* magazine. Featured are images of aircraft in action, ships, weapons, personnel, squadrons, and battles. The library also possesses a large collection of photographs relating to the Navy's survival and physical training programs during World War II and the collection of the National Association of Naval Photographers that documents the entire scope of naval history. The Tibbs Collection features images of interwar naval aviation operations, including the Alaskan Aerial Survey.

The collections of photograph albums and scrapbooks forms another valuable resource for imagery, subjects including naval air stations in France during World War I, the American Aviation Mission to Europe in 1919, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, Composite Squadron (VC) 9, USS Wasp (CV 18), the McMillan Arctic Expedition of 1925, interwar air racing, and activities at Pearl Harbor during World War II.

The library is also the repository of a small amount of film and audio assets. The former consists of Navy-produced training and indoctrination films, as well as documentaries relating to operations. Audio assets include radio transmissions from aircraft during combat action over Vietnam.

Duplicates of photographic and film assets in the in the collection are available for purchase.

Oral History Collection

The library's oral history collection includes recollections of individuals regarding their service in the Navy and Marine Corps or in support of those services. Interviews are in both audio and video formats, but few have been transcribed. Notable subjects include the following:

Vice Admiral John T. Hayward, USN
Commander Doug Davis, USN- PBY pilot at Battle of Midway and later PB4Y-1 pilot
Ken Jernstedt- American Volunteer Group
Peter Wright- American Volunteer Group
Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd Childers, USMC- Battle of Midway, gunner in TBD
 Devastator torpedo bomber
Commander Wilhelm G. Esders, USN- Battle of Midway, pilot of TBD
 Devastator torpedo bomber
Jefferson DeBlanc- F4F Wildcat pilot and Medal of Honor recipient
Commander Harry Ferrier, USN- Battle of Midway, TBF Avenger gunner
Hamilton McWhorter- F6F Hellcat pilot and fighter ace
Arthur Ziegler- World War I-era naval aviator
Commander Don Cruse, USN- Crewman on board carriers *Wasp* and *Liscome Bay*
 (both sunk during World War II)

Books and Current Periodicals

The library's collection of published works numbers over 13,000, and includes rare navigation books published in the eighteenth century and numerous autographed first editions. The shelves also hold contemporary scholarly works relating to naval aviation, as well as periodicals including *Proceedings*, *Naval History*, *The Quarterly Journal of Military History*, *Flight Journal*, *Naval Aviation News* and the *Journal of the American Aviation Historical Society*.

Vertical Files

The library boasts ten cabinets of subject files relating to aircraft, battles, personalities, and squadrons.