

**CHINA REPOSITORY**

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**Introduction.** To recognize the Navy's historic role in China, Rear Admiral John D. H. Kane, Jr. and Rear Admiral Kemp Tolley joined together and established a China Repository within the Naval Historical Center in 1978. Donations of personal correspondence, diaries, photographs, and memorabilia relating to the China service were accepted by the Operational Archives Branch.

The collection is comprised of donations from former naval personnel and others who served in the far east, including service with the Yangtze Patrol. The following is a list of China Repository Donations:

1. **ALLRED, Carter Saunders, Lieutenant, USN.**
2. **BINGHAM, William T., Chief Pharmacist's Mate, USN.**
3. **BISCHOFF, Lawrence P., Commander, USN.**
4. **BLAHNIK, Ted.**
5. **BROWN, F. C., Lieutenant, USN.**
6. **BROWN, Martin V., Rear Admiral, USN.**
7. **CAHA, Ernest, Ensign, USN.**
8. **DAVIES, W.J., Chief, RNR.**
9. **DEYO, Morton L., Vice Admiral, USN.**
10. **DOBBINS, Charles G., Lieutenant Commander, USN.**
11. **ELLER, Ernest, Rear Admiral, USN.**
12. **FOOTE, G.A.**
13. **GABOURY, G.N., Chief Warrant Officer, USN.**
14. **GAMON, John Jr., Captain, USN.**
15. **GEYER, John H., Lieutenant Commander, USN.**
16. **GIFFEN, Robert C., Vice Admiral, USN.**
17. **GOLNIK, Jerome, Lieutenant Commander, USN.**
18. **GROVER, David H.**
19. **HOWELL, Glenn F., Captain, USN.**
20. **KERSKE, Charles H., Chief Boatswain Mate, USN.**
21. **KILMARTIN, Alfred D., Captain, USN.**
22. **KINCAID, Earl H., Captain, USN.**
23. **KOCH, Herman W., Chief Machinist's Mate, USN.**
24. **KRETZ, Charles H. Jr.**
25. **LAVINE, C.W., Fireman Third Class, USN.**
26. **LOEFFLER, Heinz H., Rear Admiral, SC, USNR.**
27. **McLAUGHLIN, Frederick W., Petty Officer, USN.**
28. **MEYERS, Leslie, Fireman First Class, USN.**
29. **MEYERTHOLEN, Joseph A., Commander, USN.**
30. **MOLTEN, Robert P., Captain, USN.**
31. **MOORE, Granville A., Rear Admiral, USN.**
32. **MOORE, William B., Captain, USN.**
33. **MORCOTT, Captain W.J., USN.**

34. **MORIARITY, James R., Major, USMC.**
35. **MURPHY, Austin, Congressman.**
36. **NOBLE, Dennis L.**
37. **NORGAARD, R.N., Rear Admiral, USN.**
38. **O'CONNELL, George A. Jr., Captain, USN.**
39. **PLACE, Ernest R., LTjg, USN**
40. **POIRER, Albert A., Radioman, USN.**
41. **POVEY, Howard L., Quartermaster, USN.**
42. **POY, Henry J., Radioman First Class, USN.**
43. **PRICE, Charles R., Lieutenant, USN.**
44. **PROSSER, Albert L., Captain, USN.**
45. **RALPH, Henry G., Captain, USN.**
46. **ROSENBERG, David A.**
47. **SCHRADER, Albert E., Captain, USN.**
48. **SEACH, William Lieutenant, USN.**
49. **SEEMAN, Thomas H., Chief Radioman, USN.**
50. **SHAW, N.W., Ensign, USN.**
51. **SMITH, A. St. Clair, Rear Admiral, USN.**
52. **SMITH, Alan E.**
53. **SMITH, Cephas A., Signalman, USN.**
54. **SMITH, Roy C., Captain, USN.**
55. **SOKOBIN, Sam, Consular Officer.**
56. **SOSVIELLE, C.H.**
57. **STIMERS, Malcolm F., Chief Warrant Officer, USN.**
58. **TOLLEY, Kemp, Rear Admiral, USN**
59. **WELLS, Forrest Hampton, Lieutenant Commander, USN.**
60. **WICHELS, Jack, Electronic Technician's Mate Second Class, USN.**
61. **WILSON, John D., Signalman First Class, USN.**
62. **WOODS, Searle, Commander, USN.**
63. **YANGTZE PATROL PAPERS/REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM A. GLASSFORD, USN.**
64. **YANGTZE RIVER PATROL ASSOCIATION & SOUTH CHINA PATROL ASSOCIATION.**
65. **MISCELLANY, 1914-1980s.**
66. **OVERSIZE.**

**Note: China Repository photographs are held in Curator Branch, Photograph Section, and books are held by Navy Department Library.**

**OTHER COLLECTIONS RELATED TO THE CHINA REPOSITORY:**

1. Asiatic Fleet and Asiatic Defense Campaign, 1933-1942. 2.0 ft. *transferred to NARA.*
2. Admiral Oscar C. Badger, 1948-1958. 1.0 ft. *College Park MD*
3. Admiral Thomas C. Hart, 1899-1956. 2.0 ft.
4. Captain Glenn F. Howell, 1913-1971. 27.0 ft.
5. U.S. Naval Group China (Admiral Milton Miles), 1942-1946. 44.0 ft. - *transferred to NARA.*
6. Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, 1897-1960. 10.0 ft. *College Park MD*
7. Cole, Bernard D. "The United States Navy in China, 1925-1928." 1978. Manuscript held in Navy Department Library, Special Collections. E 791.C6.
8. Additional information can be found in the Early Records (Z) files.

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### **BOX 1**

#### **SUBGROUP ONE. LIEUTENANT CARTER SANDERS ALLRED, USN, 1941-1978.**

1. Photocopies of documents relating to the internment of LT Allred by the Japanese after the surrender of USS WAKE.
2. Photocopies of a Japanese propaganda magazine showing LT Allred and other allied prisoners in camp.

#### **SUBGROUP TWO. CHIEF PHARMACIST'S MATE WILLIAM T. BINGHAM, USN, 1937 AND 1982-1984.**

3. "Memorial of the Sinking of USS PANAY (PR-5), 12 December 1937, on the Yangtze Rive above Nanking, China, After Bombing by the Japanese." A compilation of selected items and extracts from the USS PANAY file held in the Operational Archives Branch.
4. Correspondence of former South China Patrol member concerns his reunion work and related matters pertaining to the eleventh annual reunion of the Yangtze River Patrol Association held 13-17 June 1984. Also includes lists of vessels that served in the Yangtze and South China Patrols, 1982-1984.

#### **SUBGROUP THREE. COMMANDER LAWRENCE P. BISCHOFF, USN, AUGUST 1930 -FEBRUARY 1932.**

5. Commanding Officer's diary, 20 August 1930-31 March 1931.
6. Commanding Officer's diary, 1 April 1931-28 June 1931 and 20 February 1932.
7. Correspondence from the Yangtze River Patrol Force, 4 September 1930-29 June 1931.
8. Photocopies of CDR Lawrence Bischoff's photo album.

**Note:** Selected photographs from album were copied and are held in Curator Branch--  
Photographic Section.

**SUBGROUP FOUR. TED BLAHLNIK, 14 MARCH 1928 - 3 OCTOBER 1928.**

9. Handwritten diary of Corporal Ernest Grosskoph, USMC, while serving on USS HELENA with the Armed Guard on the upper Yangtze River, 14 March 1928-3 October 1928. (64 pp.)

**SUBGROUP FIVE. LIEUTENANT F.C. BROWN, USN, 1980.**

10. Article by LT F.C. Brown, USN, John E. Lelle and Roger J. Sullivan, "The 4th Marines and Soochow Creek," Military Journal, Special 3, 1980. Provides a brief history of the 4th Marine Regiment from 1914-1942.

**SUBGROUP SIX. REAR ADMIRAL MARTIN V. BROWN, MC, USN, 26 JANUARY 1932.**

11. RADM Martin V. Brown, MC, USN, surgeon on USS OAHU, letter from merchant captain Charles Baker, who had been captured by bandits, regarding ransom demands, 26 January 1932.

**SUBGROUP SEVEN. ENSIGN ERNEST CAHA, USN, 1979.**

12. Annotated newspaper article from The Tulsa Tribune, 7 March 1979, on ENS Caha's service with the U.S. Asiatic Fleet. Includes an account of USS WILMINGTON's transporting to Hong Kong of Sun Yat-sen, his family, and the treasury of the Republic of China in 1911.

**BOX 2**

**SUBGROUP EIGHT. CHIEF W.J. DAVIES, ROYAL NAVY RESERVES, 1937.**

1. A copy of the Shanghai Sunday Times, 17 October 1937, which has photographs of the various naval groups stationed at Shanghai at that time. Includes the crews of USS AUGUSTA and USS ISABEL.

**Note:** This item is filed in Oversize BOX 20.

**SUBGROUP NINE. VICE ADMIRAL MORTON L. DEYO, USN, 23 DECEMBER 1931 - 21 NOVEMBER 1937.**

2. Naval Messages, 14 June to 31 July 1937.
3. Naval Messages, 1 to 15 August 1937.
4. Naval Messages, 15 to 22 August 1937.

5. Naval Messages, 22 to 31 August 1937.
6. Naval Messages, 1 to 9 September 1937.
7. Naval Messages, 1937 (Miscellaneous).
8. Signal Bridge Logs, USS AUGUSTA, 14-31 August 1937.
9. Signal Bridge Logs, USS AUGUSTA, 2 September-21 November 1937.
10. Manuscript, "The China Incident," by CAPT W.A. Angwin, MC, USN. A narrative of events relevant to the Flag U.S. Asiatic Fleet compiled from documents and other official sources.
11. Copy of a journal, Foreign Policy Reports, "Basic Treaty Issues in Manchuria between Japan and China," 23 December 1931.
12. Asiatic Tour Information. Includes list of officers on the Asiatic Station, 10 October 1938, and material on the attack and sinking of USS PANAY, 12 December 1937.

### **BOX 3**

#### **SUBGROUP TEN. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CHARLES G. DOBBINS, USNR, 1942-1946.**

This is a collection of historical materials gathered by LCDR Dobbins as part of his duties as public affairs officer and command historian for Naval Group China. Also includes the outlines and beginnings of a book or an official history of Naval Group China.

1. Americans in China.
2. Camp THREE. History of Naval Unit from October 1943 to early July 1945.
3. Casualty Reports in China, August 1944-August 1945.
4. CHAMP, Joseph E., LT, Secret War Diary, July-October 1945.
5. Chapters (drafts) of a book on U.S. Naval Group China.
6. Communications, August 1943-July 1945.
7. Diary, 18 June-19 July 1942, of CAPT Milton E. Miles, USN.
8. Guerrilla Operations in the Field.
9. Histories of various organizations and their impact on China.
10. Intelligence Activities in China.
11. Liaison, 14th Air Force.
12. Medical Corps Statements.
13. MILES, Edward, RADM, USN.
14. Miscellaneous.
15. Outlines for proposed book on U.S. Naval Group China.
16. Radio Intercepts, August-November 1943.
17. Rescue of Aviators, 1944-1945.
18. SACO. Information regarding the mission of the Sino-American Cooperative Organization.

**BOX 4**

**SUBGROUP TEN. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CHARLES G. DOBBINS, USNR  
(continued).**

1. Stories and Releases to the press and radio regarding events in China.
2. Submarine Liaison.
3. Supply and Transportation in the area in and around China.
4. TAI LAI, General (life and death).
5. Training of Chinese Guerrillas.
6. Weather and Climate of China.
7. Bound volume, "Some History Notes on U.S. Naval Group China, 1942-1945." Assembled in Washington, DC, December 1945.

**Note:** The photographs taken by LCDR Dobbins on a trip through China while on duty with Naval Group China are held in CURATOR BRANCH--Photographic Section.

**SUBGROUP ELEVEN. REAR ADMIRAL AND MRS. ERNEST ELLER, USN.**

8. Recollections of their years at China Station.

**SUBGROUP TWELVE. G.A. FOOTE.**

9. "China Station 1859-1864: The Reminiscences of Walter White," Greenwich, England, National Maritime Museum, 1972. Recollections of a sailor in the Royal Navy.

**SUBGROUP THIRTEEN. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER G. N. GABOURY, USN, 1937.**

10. Scrapbook on the Yangtze Patrol containing articles, a map of Shanghai, newspapers published in China, and a guide, "Peking for the Army and Navy."
11. Information on the schooner LANIKAI and armored cruiser ROCHESTER and where they lie wrecked on the bottom of Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

**Note:** Photographs donated by Mr. Gaboury are held in CURATOR BRANCH--Photographic Section.

## **BOX 5**

### **SUBGROUP FOURTEEN. CAPTAIN JOHN GAMON, JR., USN, 1908-1979.**

1. Pamphlet, "American Fleet Souvenir, Amoy, 1908," which belonged to Lieutenant Commander Darrell Wickersham, and a pamphlet, "Magic Welcome to China," n.d. The Fleet Souvenir is from the world cruise of the Great White Fleet from 1907 to 1909. Also included is a copy of the American Consular Bulletin, Vol. IV, No. 8, August 1922, which contains an article concerning the seizure of heroin in China. Correspondence relating to these items is included.

### **SUBGROUP FIFTEEN. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN H. GEYER, USN.**

2. Maps of China, Japan, and Philippine Islands:
  - HO CHART NO. 5390. ASIA-CHINA EAST COAST-HWANGPOO RIVER (HWANG-PU CHIANG OF WOOSUNG OR WU-SUNG RIVER) WOOSUNG TO KALKIAO CREEK. FROM SURVEYS BY THE HWANGPOO CONSERVANCY BOARD TO 1933.
  - HO CHART NO. 5392. ASIA-CHINA EAST COAST-HWANGPOO RIVER (WOOSUNG RIVER) YANGTZEPOO CREEK TO LUNGHWA CREEK. FROM SURVEYS BY THE HWANGPOO CONSERVANCY BOARD BETWEEN 1914 AND 1925
  - HO CHART NO. 5391. ASIA-CHINA EAST COAST-HWANGPO RIVER (HUENG PU CHIANG OR WOOSUNG OR WU-SUNG RIVER) KAOKIAO CREEK TO YANGTZE CREEK. FROM HWANGPOO CONSERVANCY BOARD BETWEEN 1914 AND 1925.
  - HO MISCEL NO. 10,010-31 JAP NO. 87. NIPPON-HONSHU-SOUTH AND EAST COAST. TOKYO KAIWAN TO INUBO SAKI. SURVEYS OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY TO 1931. EMERGENCY REPRODUCTION OF JAPANESE CHART.
  - HO CART NO. 1291. JAPAN-HONSHU-SOUTH COAST. TOKYO KAIWAN. FROM JAPANESE SURVEYS BETWEEN 1923 AND 1927 WITH ADDITIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES TO 1937.
  - HO NO. 3218. ASIA-CHINA APPROACHES TO THE YANGTZE RIVER. FROM SURVEYS BY THE CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS BETWEEN 1916 AND 1930.
  - HO NO. 3218. ASIA-CHINA-EAST COAST. APPROACHES TO CH'ANG CHIANG (YANGTZE RIVER). FROM CHINESE SURVEYS BETWEEN 1916 AND 1936.
  - HO NO. 3189. CHINA-SZECHWAN PROVINCE-THE UPPER YANGTZE KIANG KWEICHOWFU TO CHUNGKING. FROM PLANS BY THE REVD. S. CHEVALIER 1897-1898.
  - HO NO. 2526. ASIA-CHINA. YANGTZE RIVER. HANKOW. MAINLY FROM A SURVEY BY CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS IN 1919 WITH ADDITIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES.
  - HO CHART NO. 5494. CHINA AND JAPAN. YANGTZE RIVER ENTRANCE TO SHIMONOSEKI KAIKYO INCLUDING THE COAST OF CHINA TO TSINGTAO, SOUTHERN PART OF CHOSEN AND WEST COAST OF KYUSHU. FROM JAPANESE, CHINESE, AND BRITISH SURVEYS TO 1933.

- HO CHART NO. 6352. JAPAN-HONSHU-SOUTH COAST. TOKYO KAIWAN. YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE INCLUDING NEGISHI WAN AND URAGA KO. FROM JAPANESE SURVEYS IN 1938 AND 1939 WITH ADDITIONS TO 1942.
- HO CHART NO. 5489. ASIA-CHINA-TSINGTAO HARBOR. FROM CHINESE GOVT. SURVEYS TO 1931 AND JAPANESE GOVT. SURVEYS TO 1915.
- HO CHART NO. 2158. CHINA-NORTH COAST OF SHANTUNG-CHEFOO HARBOR (YENTAI OR CHIH-FOU WAN). ORIGINAL SURVEY BY ASIATIC FLEET IN 1903.
- HO NO. 0929. ASIA-CHINA-SOUTH COAST. HARBOR OF HONG KONG AND APPROACHES. FROM BRITISH SURVEYS TO 1935.
- HO NO. 1254. ASIA-CHINA-SOUTH COAST. HONG KONG HARBOR. FROM BRITISH SURVEYS TO 1945.
- HO NO. 1962. CHINA-SOUTH EAST COAST. HONG KONG TO THE BROTHERS. FROM VARIOUS ADMIRALTY SURVEYS BETWEEN 1845 AND 1925.
- USC AND GS NO 4255. PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. MANILA BAY AND APPROACHES.

**Note:** The seventeen maps are filed in Oversize BOX 20.

**SUBGROUP SIXTEEN. VICE ADMIRAL ROBERT C. GIFFEN, USN, 1928-1929.**

3. Diary of Admiral Giffen kept while Commander, Destroyer Division 45, Asiatic Fleet, 28 December 1927-31 March 1928, 1 July-5 August 1928, and 5 March-29 May 1929.

**SUBGROUP SEVENTEEN. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JEROME GOLNIK, USN, 1931-1936.**

4. Scrapbook kept while serving on USS AUGUSTA and USS CANOPUS, 1931-1936.

**SUBGROUP EIGHTEEN. DAVID H. GROVER, undated.**

5. A copy of "Sparring with Dragons: The Yangtze River Adventures of CAPT Gaetano Giliberto," undated. A copy of his book. American Merchant Ships on the Yangtze, 1920-21 is held in Reference Section Head's office.

**SUBGROUP NINETEEN. CAPTAIN GLENN F. HOWELL, USN, 1920-1927.**

6. A copy of portions of a manuscript written by Captain Glenn F. Howell relating to his experiences in China in the course of his three tours of duty.

**Note:** For other material on the life of Captain Howell see: The Log of Glenn Howell, 1913-1971.

## **BOX 6**

### **SUBGROUP TWENTY. CHIEF BOATSWAIN MATE CHARLES H. KERSKE, USN, 1937-1943.**

1. A collection of newspaper clippings concerning BMC Kerske's winning of the Navy Cross in the PANAY incident in 1937.

### **SUBGROUP TWENTY ONE. CAPTAIN ALFRED D. KILMARTIN, USN, 1941-1942.**

2. A biography and account of an enlisted man named Jackson who was interned by the Japanese in Shanghai in December 1941 and held for six months, 1941-1942.

### **SUBGROUP TWENTY TWO. CAPTAIN EARL H. KINCAID, USN, 1921-1937.**

3. Copies of correspondence concerning the Navy in China from CAPT Kincaid's papers held by the Naval Historical Foundation. The correspondence deals with the Sino-Japanese War, the Landing Force Organization of the Asiatic Station, USS WIPPLE, and USS AUGUSTA.

### **SUBGROUP TWENTY THREE. CHIEF MACHINIST'S MATE HERMAN W. KOCH, USN, 1936-1937.**

4. Letters, cards, and other memorabilia concerning the naval service of CMM Koch on USS PANAY and other ships, ca. 1936-1937.

**Note:** The photographs and negatives held in CURATOR BRANCH--Photographic Section.

### **SUBGROUP TWENTY FOUR. CHARLES H. KRETZ, JR., 1937.**

5. Newspaper, Los Angeles Examiner, 29 December 1937, contains a photo story on the front page of the sinking of USS PANAY in the Yangtze River.

**SUBGROUP TWENTY FIVE. FIREMAN THIRD CLASS C.W. LAVINE, USN, 1983.**

6. Extracts from a manuscript, "RAMBLINGS OF A RIVER RAT." It is a slightly fictionalized account of duty on USS MONOCACY.

Note: Photographs held in CURATOR BRANCH--Photographic Section.

**SUBGROUP TWENTY SIX. REAR ADMIRAL HEINZ H. LOEFFLER, SC, USNR, 1979.**

7. "OUR MAN IN BEIJING: A Highly Personal Report on a Trip to the Peoples Republic of China, November/December 1979." 119 pp.

**SUBGROUP TWENTY SEVEN. PETTY OFFICER FREDERICK W. MCLAUGHLIN, USN, 1965 AND 1979.**

8. Letters concerning the rescue of Pearl Buck by USS JOHN D. FORD in 1927. She and her daughters and others were trapped by attacking Chinese Revolutionary Armies in Nanking (Nanking Incident, March 1927).

**SUBGROUP TWENTY EIGHT. FIREMAN FIRST CLASS LESLIE MEYERS, USN, 1934-1936.**

9. Miscellaneous letters, photographs, and other items concerning Fireman Meyer's duty in various ships on the China Station before World War II, 1934-1936.

Note: A book, General Chiang Kai-Shek: the Builder of New China, by Chen Tsung-Hsi, Wang An-Tsiang, and Wang I-Tine, is held in the Rare Book Room of the Navy Library. This book is stamped USS PANAY, Special Library on China, from where Flc Meyers borrowed it.

**SUBGROUP TWENTY NINE. COMMANDER JOSEPH A. MEYERTHOLEN, USN, 1945-1946.**

10. NAVAL GROUP CHINA materials.
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These folders contain an account of events at Naval Group China's Coastwatch/Weather Station, Area IV, Fukien Coast, from January to September 1945. The narrative was written in 1946 by CDR Myertholen and sent to LCDR Ernest H. Coleman, USNR--a doctor at Camp 6--who was writing a War Diary for RADM Milton E. Miles, Commander of Naval Group China.

Events described include the loss of PB4Y-2 in Amoy Harbor, the sinking of a Japanese destroyer by B-25s, and other topics. Also includes extracts from Bulletin No. 13, Aircraft Seventh Fleet, Summary of Operations, 25 September 1945.

**Note:** The photographs relating to the narrative held in CURATOR BRANCH--Photographic Section.

### **SUBGROUP THIRTY. CAPTAIN ROBERT P. MOLTEN, USN, 1913-1914.**

12. A humorous script written by Chaplain Gleason on USS SARATOGA and an account, "The Battle of Nanking, as Observed by a Mariner on Board the U.S.S. SARATOGA, August 17-21, 1913."

**[This item has been removed from the China Repository and added to the Papers of Captain Robert P. Molten, USN.]**

**Note:** The photographs and photograph albums depicting life on the China Station are held in the CURATOR BRANCH--Photographic Section. A cruise book of USS SARATOGA, 1912-1913, is held in the Special Collections of the Navy Library.

### **SUBGROUP THIRTY ONE. REAR ADMIRAL GRANVILLE A. MOORE, USN, CA. 1975.**

13. Personal account, "Impressions of the Yangtze," deals with RADM Moore's tour of duty on the Yangtze Patrol in USS OAHU. Includes material on the sinking of USS PANAY.

### **BOX 7**

### **SUBGROUP THIRTY TWO. CAPTAIN WILLIAM B. MOORE, USN, 1934-1936.**

1. Reminiscences, "It Must Be June 1934 Because We're In Shanghai," of CAPT Moore concerning China from 1934 to 1936 during his naval service as a junior officer on USS PANAY and USS ASHEVILLE.

### **SUBGROUP THIRTY THREE. CAPTAIN W.J. MORCOTT, 1932.**

2. Photocopies of an account of the kidnapping of CAPT Charles Baker of the Yangtze Rapid S.S. Company. The account includes extracts from the log of USS OAHU and letters and messages between the Communist bandits, the Navy, and the Company in unsuccessful negotiations for the release of CAPT Baker. CAPT Morcott and USS OAHU were involved in the incident, 1932.

**SUBGROUP THIRTY FOUR. MAJOR JAMES R. MORIARITY, USMC, APRIL - JUNE 1934.**

3. Log of Major Moriarity while in charge of an armed guard crew on ships of the American "Yangtze River Shipping Co." He describes incidents with pirates, drug smuggling, conditions on board ship, and the general military situation on the Yangtze River.

**SUBGROUP THIRTY FIVE. CONGRESSMAN AUSTIN MURPHY, 1937.**

4. Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, Navy Day issue, 27 October 1937.

**SUBGROUP THIRTY SIX. DENNIS L. NOBLE, ca. 1980s.**

5. Questionnaires of naval personnel, their wives, and children who served in China prior to 1937. The questionnaires were used in preparing Dr. Noble's dissertation, published as The Eagle and the Dragon: The U.S. Military in China, 1901-1937, Greenwood, 1990. [Three Folders]

The following individuals filled out questionnaires:

**ABRAM, CHAUNCEY S.  
ALGER, WILLIAM G.  
CLEMONS, PETER J.  
DRAPER, BENJAMIN F.  
HANSON, LAWRENCE C.  
HARDCASTLE, WILLIAM R.  
HAYDEN, HARRY K.  
HORRALL, EUGENE F.  
HURLBERT, HARRY  
ISAACSON, JULIUS  
KEYES, LYLE E.  
KOVALESKI, VICTOR  
LILLY, JOHN L.  
MATTHEWS, LEONIDAS M.  
MATTHEWS, ALBERTA J.  
MEYER, WILLIAM H. JR.  
MURPHY, GARRY L.  
MUSTIN, LLOYD M.  
NEWMAN, PAUL  
PEDRO, FERNANDO E.  
PHILLIPS, HERBERT B.  
POVEY, HOWARD L.**

**ROBERTS, HARRY G.  
SAGE, GEOFFREY  
SALISTEAN, JOHN T.  
SCHATZLE, PAUL S.  
ST. LAWRENCE, GEORGE  
STIMERS, MALCOLM F.  
TUCKETT, HORACE EDWARD  
TUTTLE, CARL M.  
TYLER, WILLIAM S.  
VANBROOKHOVEN, LAWRENCE  
WAGNER, JACK A.**

**BOX 8**

**SUBGROUP THIRTY SEVEN. REAR ADMIRAL R.N. NORGAARD, USN, 1937.**

1. Photocopies of naval dispatches relating to the sinking of USS PANAY by the Japanese, 1937.

**Note:** A copy of the book, U.S.S. Augusta under Fire: Sino-Japanese Incident, 1937-1938, by Clad E. Polley and Myron O. Hill, held in the Navy Library.

**SUBGROUP THIRTY EIGHT. CAPTAIN GEORGE A. O'CONNELL, JR., USN, 1922-1923.**

2. The Sentinel, Volume IV. This is a periodical published by the China Expedition of the 15th U.S. Infantry, Tientsin, January 1922 to December 1922.

**BOX 8A**

**SUBGROUP THIRTY EIGHT. CAPTAIN GEORGE A. O'CONNELL, JR., USN, 1922-1923.  
(continued)**

1. The Sentinel, Volume V. This is a periodical published by the China Expedition of the 15th U.S. Infantry, Tientsin, January 1923 to December 1923.

**BOX 8B**

**SUBGROUP THIRTY NINE. LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE ERNEST R. PLACE, USN, ca. 1920-1930s.**

1. Scrapbook relating to his naval service in the Yangtze River Patrol, ca. 1920s-1930s.

**BOX 9**

**SUBGROUP FORTY. RADIOMAN ALBERT A. POIRIER, USN, 1932-1934.**

1. Memoir, "Gunboats and Dragons," describes the naval service of Radioman Poirier on the Yangtze Patrol in USS LUZON.

**Note: PERMISSION REQUIRED TO CITE OR QUOTE.**

**SUBGROUP FORTY ONE. QUARTERMASTER HOWARD L. POVEY, USN, 1928.**

2. Muster roll of crew of USS PANAY upon commissioning. Includes identification of a photograph of PANAY's crew.

**Note:** The photograph is held in the Curator Branch--Photographic Section.

3. Videocassette tape, "USS PANAY BOMBING & SINKING BY JAPANESE PLANES, YANGTZE RIVER PATROL, DECEMBER 12, 1937," VHS format, 171 minutes.

**SUBGROUP FORTY TWO. RADIOMAN FIRST CLASS HENRY J. POY, USN, CA. 1970S.**

4. Reminiscences of RM1c Henry J. Poy's life as a Chinese-American enlisted man on USS HERON, USS ISABEL, and USS PAMPANGA, 1923-1924.

**Note: PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR EXTENSIVE QUOTING.**

**SUBGROUP FORTY THREE. LIEUTENANT CHARLES R. PRICE, USN, 1933.**

5. Journal kept by LT Price while he was assigned to USS PANAY in January of 1933.

**SUBGROUP FORTY FOUR. CAPTAIN ALBERT L. PROSSER, USN, APRIL 1923 - DECEMBER 1924.**

6. A manuscript, "Account of a Tour of Duty in USS S-17, Asiatic Fleet, April 1923-December 1924," by LT Albert L. Prosser.

Note: Photographs held in CURATOR BRANCH--Photographic Section.

**SUBGROUP FORTY FIVE. CAPTAIN HENRY G. RALPH, USN, 1937.**

7. Scrapbook of clippings concerning the bombing of Shanghai by the Japanese, 1937.
8. Magazine, Oriental Affairs, "Shanghai in Torment," September 1937.

**BOX 10**

**SUBGROUP FORTY SIX. DAVID A. ROSENBERG, 1969.**

1. Paper, "History of the Yangtze Patrol: A Study in American Imperialism, Research Guide," by David A. Rosenberg, 1969. The paper was submitted to American University for Bachelor of Arts degree, Spring 1969. 69 pp.

**SUBGROUP FORTY SEVEN. CAPTAIN ALBERT E. SCHRADER, USN, JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1932.**

2. Photocopies of messages to and from CAPT Schrader, Commanding Officer of USS PAUL JONES (DD-230), regarding fighting between the Chinese and Japanese in the Shanghai area and on the Yangtze River, January-February 1932.

**SUBGROUP FORTY EIGHT. LIEUTENANT WILLIAM SEACH, USN, 22 MARCH 1976.**

3. Letter from LT Seach to Charles Bryan, whose father had served with Seach. The letter describes Seach's experiences in the Boxer Rebellion in which he received the Congressional Medal of Honor. (The citation is included for reference.)

**SUBGROUP FORTY NINE. CHIEF RADIOMAN THOMAS H. SEEMAN, USN, 1930.**

4. Cruise book of 38th and 39th Destroyer Divisions and USS BLACK HAWK in Southeast Asia, "Down Under with Destroyer Squadron Fifteen, Fall Cruise, 1930."

**SUBGROUP FIFTY. ENSIGN N.W. SHAW, USN, 1936-CA. 1937.**

5. SHANGHAI folder includes publication, Shanghai Under Fire, ca. 1937, and articles from The China Press with visitation of ships of the Asiatic Fleet and of the British China Station on 1 May 1936.

**SUBGROUP FIFTY ONE. REAR ADMIRAL A. ST. CLAIR SMITH, USN, 1930-1938.**

6. Letters from I.V. Gillis, American businessman in Peking, China, to RADM Smith, 1930-1938. Includes a handwritten draft of RADM Smith's reply to one of Gillis' letters.

**SUBGROUP FIFTY TWO. ALAN E. SMITH, 1975.**

7. Publication, Yangtze Reminiscences. Some Notes and Recollections of Service with the China Navigation Company Ltd., 1925-1939, by Captain Graham Torrible, 1975.

**SUBGROUP FIFTY THREE. [SIGNALMAM] CEPHAS A. SMITH, USN, 1934-1936 and CA. 1945.**

8. Letter Book from USS BLACK HAWK, Letters from the Orient. It is a printed book of letters, 1934-1935, about shipboard life and sights and customs of places visited. SM Smith worked in the ship's printing shop, and while he did not write the letters, he may have compiled them.
9. Navy publicity magazines, ca. 1945, "Pacific Fleet...at Play" and "US Navy War Photographs."

**BOX 11**

**SUBGROUP FIFTY FOUR. CAPTAIN ROY C. SMITH III, USN, 1926-1968.**

DESCRIPTION.

The collection deals primarily with the experiences of Captain Roy C. Smith's father, Commander Roy C. Smith Jr. (1888-1946). The material is related to CDR Smith's tour of duty with the Asiatic Station. Of particular interest are the documents about the Nanking Incident of 24 March 1927.

Born 1 August 1888, son of a Navy officer, CDR Smith graduated from Annapolis in 1910. After completing various assignments, he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1915 and Lieutenant Commander in 1921. In June of 1925 he began a tour of duty with the Asiatic Station. At that time he assumed command of USS NOA, then part of the Yangtze Patrol.

In the midst of the Chinese Civil War, Smith's most notable action occurred at Nanking, China, on 24 March 1927. To protect refugees gathered at the Standard Oil House, including the American Consul at Nanking, U.S. and British warships shelled elements of the Cantonese army. Smith, the senior American officer present, took responsibility for the bombardment. With the beginning of the shelling around the house, anti-foreign activity ceased, not only in the immediate area, but also throughout the city. Smith's prompt action is credited with the saving of many American and British lives. Relieved by other U.S. warships, the USS NOA left Nanking carrying American and British nationals to safety.

USS NOA received one Battle Star for action at Nanking. Smith remained in China until reassignment to the Newport Naval Torpedo Station in February of 1928.

1. Official Documents on the Nanking Incident. Includes messages from Consulate to Station Ships, 18 December 1926 to 23 March 1927.
2. Official Documents on the Nanking Incident. Includes weekly reports from the American Consulate, Nanking, to American Ministry at Peking, 21 December 1926 to 21-24 March 1927.
3. Official Documents on the Nanking Incident. Includes official reports of USS NOA, 21-24 March 1927.
4. Official Documents on the Nanking Incident. Includes affidavits of the experiences of four enlisted men; radio and signal messages to and from USS NOA, 21-24 March 1927; and messages to and from Nationalist Forces at Nanking, 25 March 1927.
5. Official Documents on the Nanking Incident. Nanking Defense Plans.
6. Correspondence Relating to the Nanking Incident. Includes correspondence of CDR Smith to his mother, 8 March-7 September 1927.
7. Correspondence Relating to the Nanking Incident. Includes commendations received by CDR Smith for action taken at Nanking, 11 April-27 September 1927.
8. Correspondence Relating to the Nanking Incident. Includes letters of friendship and appreciation related to the Nanking Incident, June 1927 to February 1928; letters of congratulations on promotion, June 1930; and applications and recommendations for promotion after retirement, July 1941.
9. Correspondence Relating to the Nanking Incident. Includes correspondence of Roy C. Smith III and his father, 29 December 1953 to 30 September 1968.
10. Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, 1927.
11. Newspapers, U.S. 24-30 March 1927.
12. Newspapers, China. 28 March - 30 April 1927.

## **BOX 12**

### **SUBGROUP FIFTY FOUR. CAPTAIN ROY C. SMITH III, USN, 1926-1968.**

(continued)

1. Newspapers, U.S. The Sun, Baltimore, 25-30 March 1927.
2. Clippings, miscellaneous, including articles on John D. Wilson, Signalman on USS NOA, 1927 and undated.
3. Shipmate, March 1978.
4. Material Relating to CDR Smith's Experiences in China. Includes the salvage of the SS FEI CHING, September 1925.
5. Material Relating to CDR Smith's Experiences in China. Includes the Hoi How Incident, Hainan Island, February 1926.
6. Material Relating to CDR Smith's Experiences in China. Includes articles by CDR Smith.
7. Material Relating to CDR Smith's Experiences in China. Includes articles by CDR Smith.
8. Material Relating to CDR Smith's Experiences in China. Includes various letters and articles on China and Nanking and 4 photographs.
9. Material Relating to CDR Smith's Experiences in China. Includes pamphlet of Destroyer Division 59, U.S. Asiatic Fleet, concerning early days of war, ca. 1941.
10. Writing, "Commander Cushing at Shanghai." (Phogocopy)

**Note:** Photographs held in CURATOR BRANCH--Photographic Section.

## **BOX 13**

### **SUBGROUP FIFTY FIVE. SAM SOKOBIN, CONSULAR OFFICER, 1878 AND 1905.**

1. Copies of pages from The Directory and Chronicle for China, Japan, corea, . . . &c. . . for the year 1878 and for the year 1905. These pages are lists of officers of the U.S. and European navies stationed in the Far East.

### **SUBGROUP FIFTY SIX. C.H. SOSVIELLE, NO DATE AND 1943.**

2. A YMCA map of Shanghai, an article written by Sosvielle, and a list of the Chinese staff of USS WAKE signed by Major J.P.S. Devereux, USMC, and LCDR C.D. Smith, USNR, at Shanghai War-Prisoners Camp on 19 May 1943.

**Note:** The publication, The China Coaster's Tide Book and Nautical Pocket Manual, held in the Navy Library.

**SUBGROUP FIFTY SEVEN. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MALCOLM F. STIMERS, USN, 1928-1941.**

3. Yearbook, American Forces in Shanghai, 1937-1938.
4. Yearbook, American Forces in Shanghai, 1938-1939.
5. Scrapbook, "Asiatic Fleet, 1928-1930, China."
6. Book, Watch Officer's Guide, 1941.
7. Publications, miscellaneous.

**Note:** Photograph of "War Cruise of the USS ARTCTIC (AF-7)" held in CURATOR BRANCH--Photographic Section.

**BOX 14**

**SUBGROUP FIFTY EIGHT. REAR ADMIRAL KEMP TOLLEY, USN, 1930s-1990.**

1. Journals, 1933 and 1938, relating to his naval service on USS HOUSTON and USS MINDANAO with the U.S. Asiatic Fleet in China.
2. Letters, 1938-1939, relating to his naval service on USS TUTUILA in Hankow, Ichang, and Chungking.
3. Correspondence, undated and 1964.
4. Correspondence (outgoing), 1966.
5. Correspondence (incoming), 1967.
6. Correspondence (incoming), July-December 1968.
7. Correspondence (outgoing), June-December 1968.
8. Correspondence (incoming), January-May 1969.
9. Correspondence (incoming), June-December 1969.
10. Correspondence (outgoing), 1969.
11. Correspondence (incoming), 1970.
12. Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1971-1975.

**BOX 15**

**SUBGROUP FIFTY EIGHT. REAR ADMIRAL KEMP TOLLEY, USN, 1930s-1990.**  
(continued)

1. Correspondence, 1974-1976, relating to USS MONOCACY.
2. Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1976.
3. Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1977.
4. Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1978.
5. Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1979.

6. Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1980 to the present.
7. Materials, including correspondence, relating to "YANGPAT" article, 1962-1963.
8. Reports and Message Log relating to conditions in China and the Philippines.
9. Memorabilia relating to the U.S. Navy in China--Reminiscences (various authors).
10. Memorabilia relating to the U.S. Navy in China--Ships (including the USS PANAY).
11. Memorabilia relating to the U.S. Navy in China--Four Lectures on China, 1956.

## **BOX 16**

### **SUBGROUP FIFTY EIGHT. REAR ADMIRAL KEMP TOLLEY, USN, 1930s-1990. (continued)**

1. Memorabilia relating to the U.S. Navy in China--Miscellaneous.
2. Memorabilia relating to the U.S. Navy in China--Booklets.
3. YANGTZE RIVER PATROL ASSOCIATION Materials.
4. Draft program, "Second Reunion South China Patrol, 1845-1941, Association," Wisconsin Dells, 14-16 May 1987.
5. Newspaper, The China Press, 11 September 1932.
6. Newspaper, The Shanghai Evening Post, 26 October 1936 and 29 April 1939.
7. Newspaper, The Baltimore News-Post, 1937.
8. Newspaper, Hankow Herald, 5 July 1939.
9. Translations of articles from Wuhan Pao, 1940.
10. Newspaper, Pearl Harbor Banner, 1946.
11. Newspaper, North-China Daily News, 1947-1948.
12. Magazines.
13. Clippings, undated and 1930s-1980s.

## **BOX 17**

### **SUBGROUP FIFTY NINE. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FORREST HAMPTON WELLS, USN, 1 FEBRUARY - 23 JUNE 1924.**

1. Plan of Employment of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet (photocopy), 1 February - 23 June 1924.

### **SUBGROUP SIXTY. ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN'S MATE SECOND CLASS JACK WICHELS, USN, 1946.**

2. "The History of the U.S.S. LSM-157," 12 June 1946, Tsingtao, China.

**SUBGROUP SIXTY ONE. SIGNALMAN FIRST CLASS JOHN D. WILSON, USN, 1927.**

3. Handwritten copy of USS NOA Serial Log for 26 March 1927 regarding the Nanking Incident.

**SUBGROUP SIXTY TWO. COMMANDER SEARLE WOODS, USN, 1938-1941.**

4. Journal kept while serving on USS HENDERSON and USS CANOPUS (photocopy), 1938-1941.

**SUBGROUP SIXTY THREE. YANGTZE PATROL PAPERS/REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM A. GLASSFORD, 1933-1941.**

5. Files of Rear Admiral William A. Glassford, Commander, Yangtze Patrol. Includes letters, 1933-1941, and miscellaneous correspondence to and from the Yangtze River Patrol concerning the evacuation of the 4th U.S. Marines and U.S. Navy gunboats from Shanghai in 1941.
6. Files of Rear Admiral William A. Glassford, Commander, Yangtze Patrol. Includes letters and dispatches regarding the evacuation, 1941.
7. Files of Rear Admiral William A. Glassford, Commander, Yangtze Patrol. Includes evacuation dispatches, November 1941.
8. Files of Rear Admiral William A. Glassford, Commander, Yangtze Patrol. Includes a map of final defense area in Shanghai and other information.

**Note:** For additional information on this subject see the Files of the Asiatic Fleet and Asiatic Defense Campaign, 1933-1942. 2 ft.

**BOX 18**

**SUBGROUP SIXTY FOUR. YANGTZE RIVER PATROL ASSOCIATION/SOUTH CHINA PATROL ASSOCIATION, 1978-PRESENT.**

1. Rosters, 1977-1978 and 1984.
2. The Yangtze River Gunboat News/Yangtze River Patrol Association Newsletter, 1974-1978
3. Yangtze Patroller, 1978-1984.
4. Yangtze Patroller, 1985-present.
5. China Gunboatman, 1986-present.

## **BOX 19**

### **SUBGROUP SIXTY FIVE. MISCELLANY, 1914-1980S.**

1. Letters, undated, 1925, 1939 and 1983.
2. Printed letters of USS BLACK HAWK, 1933.
3. Writings.
4. Pencil Sketch, "So Long Old Gang," undated.
5. Pages from an unidentified scrapbook, undated.
6. Roster of U.S. Asiatic Fleet and Station, 1941.
7. Chinese Money.
8. Printed Material, undated and 1920s-1930s.
9. Handbook For China, by Carl Crow, 1933.
10. Photographs, undated.
11. Clippings, undated and 1914-1980s.
12. Clippings of ships.
13. Articles.
14. jing bao JOURNAL, December 1984-January 1985.
15. List of Officer and Enlisted Personnel Who Have Served with U.S. Naval Group, China, undated
16. Historical materials relating to Vice Admiral Milton E. Miles and SACO (Sino-American Cooperation Organization). Includes a drawing of Steve Canyon (by his creator Milton Caniff) sent for the 1956 SACO reunion.  
**Note:** The drawing of Steve Canyon is filed in Oversize BOX 20.

## **BOX 20 OVERSIZE**

1. Shanghai Sunday Times, 17 October 1937. See checklist entry under "SUBGROUP EIGHT. CHIEF W.J. DAVIES. ROYAL NAVY RESERVES" for description.
2. Maps of China, Japan, and Philippine Islands. See checklist entry under "SUBGROUP FOURTEEN. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN H. GEYER, USN" for description of the 17 maps.
3. A drawing of Steve Canyon (by his creator Milton Caniff) sent for the 1956 SACO reunion.