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PAPERS OF RADM JOHN A. FITZGERALD, 1943-1945. 0.25 cu. ft.

RADM Fitzgerald was C.O. of the U.S.S. GRENADIER (SS 210) during World War II, and was captured when GRENADIER was sunk in April of 1943. This collection contains a narrative account of his experiences (which he wrote in 1945 after his return to the United States) and a transcript of the diary he kept as a P.O.W. at Ofuna, Japan during 1944-1945, as well as an official statement describing his experiences. This diary is closed. Also included is a second P.O.W. diary which was kept by Thomas R. Courtney, who was also of GRENADIER. Both of these accounts give a very personal glimpse into what the P.O.W.s endured during their captivity, including information on daily routines, treatment received at the hands of the Japanese, the types and amount of food received, and conditions of other prisoners.

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