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## Roger B. Reynolds Papers

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**Creator:** Lieutenant Commander Roger B. Reynolds, USNR.

**Extent:** 2 boxes  
.7 cubic feet

**Date Range:** 1942-1953

**Classification:** The collection contains some WW-II Confidential material. That material should have been declassified under the World War II blanket declassification authority.

**Access:** Open.

#### Scope and Content Notes

This accession (accession 2009-20) consists of records primarily associated with LCDR Reynolds's active duty during World War II. Reports written while he was with the Navy Department in Washington, DC, as well as his coursework from CIC School in Hollywood, FL, are included. Also included are his service records, a cruise book from USS *Arkansas* (BB-33), photographs, and other personal items such as letters, certificates, and identification cards.

#### Biography

Roger Bowen Reynolds was born 25 August 1908 in Bryn Mawr, PA. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1930 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics and math. He then attended Dickinson School of Law, graduating in 1934. Upon graduation, he set up a law practice in Norristown, PA; in 1942 became Assistant District Attorney for Montgomery County.

On 30 November 1942, Reynolds was commissioned as a Lieutenant (jg) in the U.S. Naval Reserves and completed indoctrination the following year at NTS Princeton. From February, 1943 through September, 1944, he worked as an administration officer for the Navy Department's Electronics Division in Washington, DC. He then attended CIC School in Hollywood, Florida, after which he was stationed aboard USS *Arkansas* (BB-33) in the Pacific. He served as a CIC officer and legal aide throughout the rest of World War II. Reynolds received two stars for his participation in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns. He was separated from active duty on 12 February 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He continued serving as a reservist in Volunteer Harbor Defense Unit 4-1 and Voluntary Law Unit 4-5 until 1952.

#### Box and Folder Listing

**Box 1**

CIC School

Personal memorabilia

Reports and Memoranda

Service Record

Photographs

**Box 2 (Oversize Box)**

USS *Arkansas* Cruise Book