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## Vernon C. Squires Papers

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**Creator:** Lieutenant Vernon C. Squires, USNR

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

**Date Range:** 1942-1949

**Classification:** Unclassified

**Access:** Open

#### Scope and Content Notes

These papers relate to the naval service of Lieutenant Vernon C. Squires, USNR who was on active duty in the reserves during World War II. These 1 feet of documents consists of biographical data, correspondence, orders, certificates, maps, and printed material.

#### Biographical Sketch.

Lieutenant Squires was born on 13 June 1910 in Grand Forks, North Dakota to Vernon P. Squires and Ethel Wood Squires. He had four siblings, three brothers and one sister. He and his wife, Abbie Squires had one daughter Janie born in August 1943.

He attended the University of North Dakota and graduated with a major in mathematics and minor in physics in June 1931. Then he studied architecture at University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He earned his bachelor's degree in architecture from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York in June 1936.

After a brief period of unemployment, he sold door-to-door and worked for different government agencies. He eventually found a job as an engineer for the Leonard Construction Co., in Chicago. There he designed the layout of a very large underground fuel oil storage depot for the Navy in Melville, Rhode Island.

In January 1942, he joined the active duty in naval reserve and worked in 1st Construction Battalion in England and France. Later, he was commissioned LT(jg) and assigned to the USS IOWA which sailed in the far Pacific. His next assignment was on the staff of Rear Admiral C. C. Badger, the Task Force Commander for the occupation of Tokyo Bay. After the war he was assigned to Naval Shipyard in San Pedro, California.

In September 1946 he was employed as a civilian at the Special Devices Center, Office of Naval Research, Port Washington, NY where he ultimately became the Director, Plant Maintenance Division. In this position, he was responsible for the maintenance, alteration, and improvement of the station which consisted of property valued in excess of \$12,000,000.

In February 1952 he worked for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission where he started in the Reports & Control Branch, Oak Ridge Operations. He subsequently became Chief Branch, Engineer and Construction Division, for the Portsmouth Area. His responsibilities involved administrative staff work, using data and procedures, evaluating interrelationships between costs and the progress of engineering the construction of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

In November 1954, he supervised engineering service at Goodyear Atomic Corporation, Portsmouth, Ohio. He had responsibility for a substantial variety of staff services in support of complex engineering and administrative programs, embraced the development and application of procedures and media for integrating engineering activities with management objectives, and reviewed all completed engineering work to validate its non-technical phases.

## **Box and Folder Listing**

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1. Biographical data and photograph
2. Official service record
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#### **SERIES II: PERSONAL LETTERS, 1943-1945**

4. Letters E1 - E13 Sept- Oct 1943 in England
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9. Letters E52 - E63 Mar - Apr 1944 in England
10. Letters E64- E77 May- Jun 1944 in England and France
11. Letters E78 - E87 Jul - Aug 1944 in France and on leave in England
12. Letters E88- E99 Sep- Oct 1944 in France and home
13. Letters T1 - T16 Feb- Mar 1945 in transit to Pacific coast
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15. Letters P18- P33 May 1945 still at sea
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### **Box 2**

#### **SERIES II: PERSONAL LETTERS, 1943-1945 (continued)**

1. Letters P48- P63 Jul- Aug 1945 hearing Japan surrender
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#### **SERIES III: OFFICIAL NAVAL CORRESPONDENCE, JAN 1945 – JAN 1949**

3. Verification, endorsement, resignation and re-commissioned correspondence.
4. Mileage Vouchers (1944-1946)

5. Orders (Nov 1942- May 1946)

**SERIES IV: REPORT AND PLANS, 1945**

6. CTF-31 Securing of the Yokosuka Report (8 SEPT 1945)

7. Operation Plan CTF-31 No. 1-45 Yokosuka Occupation Force USS IOWA Flagship

8. Operation Plan No. 10-45 USS MISSOURI Flagship (19 Aug 1945)

**SERIES V: USS IOWA, 1945**

9. Postscript History

10. VJ Day Booklet (14 Aug 1945)

**SERIES VI: OPERATIONAL RECORDS, 1943- 1945**

11. Organization Call

12. Anti-Aircraft Gun Pointing Gear

13. Record of Ship Movement

14. Roster

a. 81st Naval Construction Battalion (6 Nov 1943)

b. COMBATDIVSEVEN (14 Sept 1945)

15. U.S. Navy Symbols

**SERIES VII: PRINTED MATERIAL, 1939- 1985**

16. Newspaper Clippings, 30 Oct 1944- 7 Aug 1985

a. LIFE Magazine (30 Oct 1944)

b. USS PIEDMONT News-Bulletin (12 Aug 1945)

c. New York Times (20 Oct 1984)

d. East Side Express (7 Aug 1985)

17. Maps

a. France (Cherbourg & Caen) 1943

b. Japan (North) 1943

c. England & Wales

d. Paris 1939