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Logan C. Ramsey Papers

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Box 2 through 6 includes additions from Unassigned Accession

Creator: RAdm. Logan C. Ramsey, USN

Extent: Total boxes: 6

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Access: The records had an initial Declassification Review and were declassified in full. However, in accordance with the Navy's "Declassification Review Policy" the records must also have a Kyl-Lott Review before they may be open to the public.

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Scope and Content Note

These papers relate to the naval service of Rear Admiral Logan Carlisle Ramsey, USN, who was on active duty in the United States Navy during World War II. These documents consist of papers dealing with the engagements of the war in the Pacific at Naval Air Station Midway Island during the battle of Midway. This includes memos, reports, logs, intelligence reports, radio logs and war diary.

Biographical Sketch.

Logan C. Ramsey was born in Washington D.C. on February 26, 1898. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1914, and graduated and commissioned Ensign in June 1918. After graduation in 1918, he was assigned to USS TEXAS, operating in the Sixth Battle Squadron of the Grand Fleet. When he detached from that duty in 1921, he reported to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, for flight instruction. He became a naval aviator on December 21, 1921, and was thereafter attached to Aircraft Squadron, Atlantic Fleet, from January 1922 to January 1924. His

next duty was at Naval Air Station, Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Virginia, serving in that assignment until September 1925.

He then went on to the Hydrographic Office, Navy Department Washington, D.C., where he organized the Aerial Navigation Section. Then he attached to aviation units on USS LANGLEY, USS LEXINGTON and USS SARATOGA. He was Senior Aviator on USS NEW YORK for two years, and in June 1934 he joined USS CHICAGO, having duty as Wing Commander, Heavy Cruisers, and in command of Scouting Squadron 10.

He attended the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island from 1935 to 1936. When detached, he reported to the Navy Department, Bureau of Aeronautics, and was in charge of Industrial War Plans, having additional duty simultaneously as a member of the working Committee, Aeronautical Board, and on the Commodity Committees of the Army and Navy Munitions Board.

In April 1941 he became the War Plans Officer on the staff of Commander Patrol Wing Two and served during the early engagements of the war in the Pacific until July 29, 1942. Then he reported to the Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corporation, Tacoma, Washington, for duty with conversion of USS CORE and USS BLOCK ISLAND, aircraft carrier escorts. In October, 1942 he assumed command of BLOCK ISLAND, and was attached to the Atlantic Fleet for participation in the anti-submarine warfare.

In March 1944 he assumed duty as Chief of Staff and Aide to the Commander Fleet Air at Norfolk, Virginia. He took command of USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN on June 1, 1945. In August 1946, he was assigned as Commander, Naval Air Base, Fourth Naval District, Headquarters at Atlantic City, New Jersey. He retired on June 30, 1949, and died on September 9, 1972 at U.S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Box Listing

Box 1 (Data from Accession 947087)

SERIES I: Midway Combat Reports, June 1942

1. Combat reports on the action during the Battle of Midway, by participating units of the VII Bomber command.
2. Two additional copies of reports in original folder. Combat reports of the Battle of Midway, by participating units of the VII Bomber command.

SERIES 11: War Dairy, May - June 1942

3. War Diary for VP-44 for 30 May - June 8 1942

SERIES 111: Log Written by Admiral Ramsey, 1942

4. Handwritten log by Admiral Ramsey, May - June 1942

SERIES IV: Intelligence Reports, 1942

5. Intelligence reports for April and September 1942

SERIES V: Radio Log, 1942

6. Radio log for 31 May - 7 June, 1942

Following data from Unassigned Accession

Box 2

1. Orders, Awards and other Naval Records - Personal
2. Correspondence: Official and Personal
3. L. C. Ramsey's Naval Aviator Logbooks (Aviator Flight Logbooks) (Folder 1)
4. L. C. Ramsey's Naval Aviator Logbooks (Aviator Flight Logbooks) (Folder 2)
5. Articles (Folder 1)
6. Articles (Folder 2)
7. Articles and Pamphlets (mostly on aviation subjects)
8. Naval Communiques – WW-I (originals)

Box 3

9. Pearl Harbor Data (7 Dec 1941)
10. Pearl Harbor Messages and Letters (7 Dec 1941)
11. Narrative Statement of evidence at Navy Pearl Harbor Investigations Vol. I
12. Narrative Statement of evidence at Navy Pearl Harbor Investigations Vol. 2
13. Narrative Statement of evidence at Navy Pearl Harbor Investigations Appendix
14. Bulletin: Battle Experience from Pearl Harbor to Midway, including Makin Island Raid
15. Commander Patrol Wing 2 Night Orders Books, Dec 1941-Jun 1942

Box 4

16. Battle of Midway Data
17. Speeches
18. USS Block Island (CVE 21): WW-II Actions (1943-1944) (Folder 1)
19. USS Block Island (CVE 21): WW-II Actions (1943-1944) (Folder 2)
20. USS Block Island (CVE 21): WW-II Actions (1943-1944) (Folder 3)
21. USS Block Island (CVE 21): WW-II Actions (1943-1944) (Folder 4)

Box 5

22. USS Block Island (CVE 21): WW-II Actions (1943-1944) (Folder 5)
23. USS Block Island (CVE 21): Night Order Books 1943-1944
24. USS Lake Champlain (CV-39): Letters and Misc. Data
25. USS Lake Champlain (CV-39): Captain's Night Order Book 1945

Box 6 (oversized)

Large photo of L. C. Ramsey and other officers/pilots of Atlantic Fleet Scouting Squadron at Hampton Road, dated 12 Jan 1933, includes aircraft of the squadron too.

Monograph: United States Navy at War (Mar – Oct 1945 by Fleet admiral Ernest J. King

Cruise Book for USS Block Island (CVE 21 and CVE 106)

Magazine: Popular Aviation Nov 1930