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**NPS Archives 007
Earl Everett Stone Collection
1941 – 1958**



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Collection Summary

Accession Number:

Collection Title: Earl Everett Stone Collection

Dates: 1941 – 1958

Extent: One box

Language: American English

Abstract: The items in this collection were retrieved from a dumpster in 2010 and given to the Special Collections and Archives section of the Naval Postgraduate School's Dudley Knox Library (DKL). The collection consists of photographs and documents that once belonged to Rear Admiral Earl E. Stone.

Administrative Summary

Access Restrictions: While the collection is open to researchers, it is held on the grounds of a secure Naval facility. Researchers without access to NPS should contact the Library well in advance to arrange campus access, as access requests can, in some cases, take over a month to be processed.

Physical Access: The collection is maintained on the grounds of a restricted access federal government facility.

Copyright Statement: The status of copyright for the unpublished documents is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Custodial History: Documents in the collection were retrieved by Captain Vince Huth, USN (Ret.).

Acquisition Source: The collection consists of documents taken from a dumpster and given to DKL.

Accruals: This collection could have future acquisitions.

Related Materials: Paul J. Kiefer scrapbook

Preferred Citation: Earl E. Stone Collection, Special Collections & Archives, Dudley Knox Library, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, [day, month, year].

Processing Information: Julia Robinson processed the collection from preexisting documents and photographs.

Creation: Finding aid created by Julia Robinson, 2014.

Revision: Finding aid revised by John Sanders, 2014.

Revision: Finding aid revised by Julia Robinson, 2017.

Standard Followed: Finding aid prepared using *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*, 2nd ed. and local guidelines.

Historical Note

Earl E. Stone (1895 – 1989) was a Naval Postgraduate School alumnus who served as the school's superintendent from 1955 to 1958 and retired with the rank of Rear Admiral. In February 1941, Stone became the Executive Officer of the USS California; after that ship sank during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he was named Assistant Director of Naval Communications, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, an assignment for which he later received a Gold Star in lieu of a second Legion of Merit. He was the first Commanding Officer of the USS Wisconsin, a position he held from April 1944 until February 1945.

In 1949, after a stint as Director of Naval Communications, Admiral Stone became the head of a special committee – later known as the Stone Board – tasked with determining the feasibility of a unified cryptologic agency, and in 1949, he became the first head of the Armed Forces Security Agency (the National Security Agency's predecessor). He remained in this position until 1951, then served as Director of Communications at the European Command Headquarters between 1952 and 1953 before becoming Commander of Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet, a position he held until 1955. Admiral Stone's final assignment was to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, where he served until retiring in January 1958.

Biographic Note

The DKL staff at NPS created this collection. Captain Vince Huth, USN (Ret.) acquired the documents and records. Julia Robinson catalogued the collection and created its first finding aid.

Scope and Content Note

The Earl Everett Stone Collection contains a number of items from the personal files of Rear Admiral Earl E. Stone. These items include photographs, newspaper clippings, official Navy documents, articles, and other assorted papers, and date from 1941 to Admiral Stone's retirement in 1958, and possibly later. The collection includes photographs from almost all of Admiral Stone's postings after the attack on Pearl Harbor, including the USS Wisconsin (BB-64), Training Command, Pacific Fleet, and the Naval Postgraduate School.

Folder 2 contains official U.S. Navy photographs, dated 1944 – 1945, depicting ship fueling, crossing of the Panama Canal, and various ceremonies on board the USS Wisconsin. Photographs originally marked Confidential. Reviewed on 8/29/17 by the NPS Security Manager, and, after consultation with higher authority, were deemed to be unclassified. Document markings on the photographs were changed to reflect that decision.

Arrangement

The collection is divided by periods in Admiral Stone's life on the collection level.

- Folder 1: USS Wisconsin, 1944 – 1957
- Folder 2: USS Wisconsin photographs, 1944 – 1945
- Folder 3: Newspaper clippings, 1944 – 1955
- Folder 4: CINCPAC and OP-20
- Folder 5: Training Command, Pacific Fleet
- Folder 6: Naval Postgraduate School
- Folder 7: Miscellaneous Papers

- Folder 8: Miscellaneous/Unidentified Photos
- Folder 9: President Eisenhower's Monterey Visit, 1956

Subject Headings

Library of Congress Subject Headings:

- Stone, Earl Everett, 1895-1989
- California (Battleship : BB-44)
- Pearl Harbor (Hawaii), Attack on, 1941
- United States. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
- Legion of Merit (Military decoration)
- Wisconsin (Battleship : BB-64)
- United States. Armed Forces Security Agency
- United States. Army. European Command. Headquarters
- Naval Postgraduate School (U.S.)

National Archives and Records Administration Record Groups:

- Pacific Fleet, U.S.
- Pacific theaters of operations
- Pearl Harbor, HI
- Naval Communications, Division of (Naval Operations)
- 3d Fleet
- European Command
- Training Command, Pacific Fleet