

William Rea Furlong map collection.
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Collection Summary

Title: William Rea Furlong map collection.

Span Dates: 1870-1918

Call No.: G5701.65 coll .F8 Furlong

Creator: Furlong, William Rea, 1881-1976

Extent: 5 maps : some colored ; various sizes

Extent: 1 folder

Language: Collection material in English and French

Location: Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: William Rea Furlong was a United States Navy Rear Admiral during World War II, who also served in the Navy during World War I. The collection consists of World War I-era maps and charts. One chart from 1918 depicts German and British minefields along the coast of England and a portion of continental Europe. Other items are nautical charts of Aegean Sea with annotations.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Furlong, William Rea, 1881-1976.

Organizations

Great Britain. Hydrographic Department.

Subjects

Railroads--France--Maps.

World War, 1914-1918--Europe--Maps.

Places

Aegean Sea--Maps.

Aegean Sea.

Europe.

North Sea--Maps.

North Sea.

Form/Genre

Manuscript maps.

Military Maps.

Provenance

The materials were transferred to the Geography and Map Division from the Manuscript Division in 1992. The materials were originally part of the William Rea Furlong papers.

Processing History

The collection was arranged and described by Ryan Moore in 2016.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright of the William Rea Furlong map collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The William Rea Furlong map collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Geography & Map Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, William Rea Furlong map collection, Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1881, May 26	Born, Allenport, Pa.
1898	Graduated, Teachers College, California, Pa.
1905	Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1905-1909	Ensign on USS <i>Maryland</i>
1910	Married Cora Grover
1910-1912	Commanded the USS <i>Chicago</i> in reserve commission, Boston, Mass.
1914	M.S. in electrical and radio engineering, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1914-1916	Fleet radio officer and aide on the staff of the commander-in-chief, United States Atlantic Fleet
1916-1917	Gunnery officer on USS <i>South Carolina</i> and USS <i>Nevada</i>
1918	Gunnery observer on USS <i>New York</i> , operating in European waters Gunnery observer in the war zone with the British Grand First Fleet
1919-1920	Chief of Fire Control Section, Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington D.C. Introduced synchronous fire control system and remote control of guns by power
1921-1923	Aide on the staff and fleet gunnery officer to the commander-in-chief, United States Pacific Fleet
1923-1926	Served in office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.
1926-1928	Executive officer of USS <i>West Virginia</i> Captain of USS <i>Neches</i> Division commander of six destroyers in the Pacific
1928-1931	Chief of Policy and Liaison Section, Office of Island Government, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.
1931-1933	Commander of USS <i>Marblehead</i>
1934-1936	Inspector of ordnance in charge, Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va.
1937-1941	Promoted to rear admiral and chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.
1941, Feb.-Dec.	Commander of Minecraft Battle Force, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; engaged in defense of Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, when his flagship, the USS <i>Oglala</i> , was strafed and torpedoed by the Japanese
1941, Dec.-1945	Commander of navy yard at Pearl Harbor; charged with salvaging and repairing ships sunk during Japanese attack and returning them for use in the Pacific war
1944	Awarded Legion of Merit
1945	Awarded Gold Star in lieu of second Legion of Merit

1946	Retired from United States Navy
1949	Elected commander-in-chief of the Military Order of the World Wars
1950	Presented with the Freedom Foundation award
1976, June 2	Died, Bethesda, Md.
1981	Published <i>So Proudly We Hail: The History of the United States Flag</i> . Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of World War I-era maps and charts; some items with annotations.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into a single series

- [Series I](#) World War I maps and charts

Description of Series

Container
FOLDER 1

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