

William A. Bostick World War II charts and maps collection

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Collection Summary

Title: William A. Bostick World War II charts and maps collection

Span Dates: 1944

Call No.: G5833.S7 coll Bostick

Extent: 3 maps

Extent: 1 overlay

Language: Collection material in English and French

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

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Summary: William A. Bostick World War II charts and maps collection consists of facsimiles of cartographic illustrations prepared for the 1945 book *The Amphibious Sketch: Its Function in Amphibious Training and Operations*. The items illustrate Utah and Omaha beaches, where American forces landed during the Normandy invasion in 1944. On verso are sunlight and moonlight tables, beach gradient graphs, and current and tidal data. Transparency overlay used to determine water depth and safe passage to the beach for various landing craft. Bostick, a former U.S. Naval officer, created maps for then invasions of Sicily and Normandy invasions and had a successful career as an artist.

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

Bostick, William A., collector.

Organizations

United States. Army.

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Subjects

Coasts--France--Normandy--Maps.

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--France--Normandy--Maps.

World War, 1939-1945--Maps.

Form/Genre

Maps.

Provenance

The materials were donated by William A. Bostick.

Processing History

The collection was arranged and described by Ryan Moore 2017.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright of the William A. Bostick charts and maps prepared for the Normandy invasion collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The William A. Bostick charts and maps prepared for the Normandy invasion 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 A. Bostick charts and maps prepared for the Normandy invasion collection, Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

William A. Bostick (1913-2007) was a successful artist and served as a U.S. Navy intelligence officer during World War II. He was responsible for the design and supervision of several military maps used during the invasions of Normandy and Sicily. He contributed maps to the 1945 book *The Amphibious Sketch*.

He was an administrator and secretary at the Detroit Institute of Arts from 1946 to 1976.

Bostick was known for his proficiency with watercolors.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of three maps and a single overlay.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into a single series

- [Series I](#) Facsimiles of charts and maps prepared for the Normandy invasion collection

Description of Series

Container

Series

Facsimiles of charts and maps prepared for the Normandy invasion collection

Container List

Container	Contents
Facsimiles of charts and maps prepared for the Normandy invasion collection	
ITEM 1	Utah Beach-South (La Madeleine). Prepared by Commander Task Force 122, April 21, 1944
ITEM 2	Omaha Beach-East (Colleville-sur-Mer). Prepared by Commander Task Force 122, April 21, 1944
ITEM 3	Omaha Beach-West (Vierville-sur-Mer). Prepared by Commander Task Force 122, April 21, 1944
ITEM 4	Transparency overlay used to determine water depth and safe passage to the beach for various landing craft 1944