

Ralph W. Christie Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Ralph W. Christie Papers

Span Dates: 1941-1945

ID No.: MSS61737

Creator: Christie, Ralph W. (Ralph Waldo), 1893-1987

Extent: 150 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: United States Navy officer. Chiefly Christie's official correspondence as a commander of submarines during World War II. Includes material relating to Christie's efforts to have a medal of honor awarded to submarine commander Samuel David Dealey.

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

Christie, Ralph W. (Ralph Waldo), 1893-1987.

Dealey, Samuel David, 1906-1944.

Organizations

United States. Navy--Medals, badges, decorations, etc.

Subjects

World War, 1939-1945--Naval operations--Submarine.

Occupations

Naval officers.

Provenance

The papers of Ralph Waldo Christie, admiral and submarine commander, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1984. The deposit was converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Ralph Waldo Christie were arranged and described in 1997 and the finding aid revised in 2007.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Ralph Waldo Christie is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Ralph Waldo Christie are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript 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, Papers of Ralph W. Christie, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ralph Waldo Christie (1893-1987) span the years 1941-1945 and consist primarily of Christie's official correspondence while serving as commander of submarine squadron five, 1941-1942, and as commander of submarines, Southwest Pacific force, seventh fleet, 1943-1945. The correspondence is arranged chronologically. Also included are correspondence, news clippings, and an essay concerning Christie's efforts to have a medal of honor awarded to Samuel David Dealey, the commander of the submarine *Harder*. The submarine and its commander were lost in action in 1944.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1941-1945 (11 folders)
BOX 1	Dealey, Samuel David, medal of honor for command of <i>Harder</i> (submarine), 1944-1945