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.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm84061737
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
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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Ralph Waldo Christie is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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.
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