

George van Deurs Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: George van Deurs Papers

Span Dates: 1851-1982

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1924-1959)

ID No.: MSS82653

Creator: Van Deurs, George, 1901-1984

Extent: 1,050 items

Extent: 6 containers

Extent: 3.0 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. The papers include correspondence, memoranda, writings, naval records, photographs, and biographical material relating to early naval aviation and writings by van Deurs.

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

Van Deurs, George, 1901-1984.

Organizations

United States. Navy--Officers.

Subjects

Naval aviation--History.

Occupations

Naval officers.

Provenance

The papers of George van Deurs, admiral, author, and naval aviator, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1994 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of George van Deurs were arranged and described in 2001. The register was revised in 2008.

Transfers

A map has been transferred to the Geography & Map Division where it is identified as part of the George van Deurs Papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George van Deurs is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of George van Deurs 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, George van Deurs Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George van Deurs (1901-1984) span the years 1851-1982, with the bulk of the material dating from 1924 to 1959. The papers consist of correspondence, memoranda, writings, naval records, photographs, and biographical material focusing on early naval aviators and including manuscripts and articles on various topics submitted for publication by van Deurs.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein alphabetically by topic.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Personal
BOX 1	Biographical sketch, 1951
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1941, 1951-1959
BOX 1	Naval records
BOX 1	General, 1934-1939, 1945-1949, undated
BOX 1	Logs
BOX 1	Aviator's flight records, 1923-1951 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Mississippi River flood, 1927
BOX 2	Travel, 1929, 1938-1939
BOX 2	Officer's qualification records, 1946-1951
BOX 2	Pilot's handbooks, 1930-1931, 1936
BOX 2	Oral history, 1969-1974 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Photographs, circa 1924-circa 1931
BOX 3	Writings
BOX 3	Articles
BOX 3	"Big Day for Bill Bailey," 1959
BOX 3	"Why Don't More Boys Fly?" 1952
BOX 3	"Youghs and the Bennington," 1953
BOX 3	Research material
BOX 3	"The Battleship <i>Oregon</i> Influence," 1978 (2 folders)
BOX 3	"The Cat Brown Story," 1961, undated
BOX 3	Miscellaneous lists, 1909-1940
BOX 3	"Youghs and the Bennington," 1953-1954
BOX 3	Unpublished manuscripts
BOX 3	Autobiography, introduction, 1951
BOX 3	"The Battleship <i>Oregon</i> Influence," 1978
BOX 3	Chapters 1-13 (4 folders)
BOX 3	Photographs
BOX 4	"The Cat Brown Story," 1967 (2 folders)
BOX 4	"Chronology of Early Naval Aviators," 1957-1958 (2 folders)
BOX 4	"Navy Wings Between Wars," 1981
BOX 4	Chapters 1-10 (3 folders)
BOX 5	Chapters 11-25 (5 folders)

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BOX 5	"The Tomales Affair," circa 1973 (3 folders)
BOX 6	Subject File
BOX 6	<i>Ajax</i> (tender), 1924
BOX 6	"An Analysis of the Project of Establishing a Naval Aircraft Tactical School at the Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N.J.," 1937
BOX 6	Armed Forces Writers League
BOX 6	Constitution and newsletters, 1963-1966, 1973-1976, undated
BOX 6	Correspondence, 1965-1966
BOX 6	Bellinger, Patrick N. L., Naval War College thesis, 1924
BOX 6	Cook, A. B., speech, 1933
BOX 6	Corbett, Julian S., <i>A Note on the Drawings...</i> , 1908
BOX 6	Corry Field, Pensacola, Fla., 1958
BOX 6	Jamaica, map, 1851
BOX 6	<i>Langley</i> (aircraft carrier), time study of landings on, 1926
BOX 6	Naval cadet procurement, 1952-1953, undated
BOX 6	Newspaper clippings, articles, and obituaries, 1928, 1955-1982, undated
BOX 6	<i>Pilot Directing Bomb Sight</i> , 1919
BOX 6	Pratt v. United States, 1937-1942
BOX 6	Seaplane and ship movement, memoranda, 1920-1921
BOX 6	<i>Seattle</i> (cruiser), 1925-1926
BOX 6	Towers, John Henry, lecture, 1929