

# Samuel Eliot Morison Papers

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## Collection Summary

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**Summary:** U.S. naval officer and historian. Journals and research notebooks relating mainly to the oceanic theaters of World War II, antisubmarine warfare, and Morison's writings.

## 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

Blandy, William H. P. (William Henry Purnell), 1890-1954.

Cunningham of Hyndhope, Andrew Browne Cunningham, Viscount, 1883-1963.

Ingersoll, Royal E. (Royal Eason), 1883-1976.

MacArthur, Douglas, 1880-1964.

Moore, Henry Ruthven, Sir, 1886-1978.

Morison, Samuel Eliot, 1887-1976.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

Spruance, Raymond Ames, 1886-1969.

Stark, Harold R. (Harold Raynsford), 1880-1972.

Turner, Richmond Kelly, 1885-1961.

### Subjects

Anti-submarine warfare.

Guadalcanal, Battle of, Solomon Islands, 1942-1943.

Kolombangara, Battle of, Solomon Islands, 1943.

Operation Dragoon, 1944.

Operation Galvanic, 1943.

Operation Neptune.

Operation Overlord.

Operation Torch, 1942.

Pearl Harbor (Hawaii), Attack on, 1941.

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Africa, North.

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

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Solomon Islands.

World War, 1939-1945--Naval operations.

### Places

Casablanca (Morocco)--History.

### Occupations

Historians.

Naval officers.

## **Provenance**

The papers of Samuel Eliot Morison, naval officer and historian, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1994 and converted to a gift in 1998. An addition was given by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1999.

## **Processing History**

The papers of Samuel Eliot Morison were arranged and described in 1995. An addition was made to the collection in 2003 and the finding aid was revised in 2003.

## **Copyright Status**

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## **Access and Restrictions**

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## **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Samuel Elison Morison Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Samuel Eliot Morison (1887-1976) span the years 1939-1972, with the bulk of the material dated between 1942 and 1956. Journals kept during World War II and later updated relate to the oceanic theaters of the war. Some entries were written during battles, and others record interviews with William H. P. Blandy, Andrew Browne Cunningham, Royal E. Ingersoll, Douglas MacArthur, Henry Ruthven Moore, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Raymond Ames Spruance, Harold R. Stark, Richmond Kelly Turner, and other wartime leaders. Specific topics include the battles of Casablanca, Guadalcanal, Kombangara, and Pearl Harbor and operations Dragoon, Galvanic, Neptune, Overlord, and Torch. Notebooks compiled during Morison's research for his books are arranged alphabetically by book title. The journals are arranged numerically by journal number.

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