

Julius Augustus Furer Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Julius Augustus Furer Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1910-1962

Bulk Dates: 1915-1961

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Creator: Furer, Julius Augustus, 1880-1963

Extent: 2,800 items

Extent: 10 containers

Extent: 5 linear feet

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

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Summary: Naval officer. Diary, correspondence, subject files, speeches and writings, and other papers relating to Furer's naval career.

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

Burke, Arleigh A., 1901-1996.

Bush, Vannevar, 1890-1974.

Compton, K. T. (Karl Taylor), 1887-1954.

Dulles, John Foster, 1888-1959.

Eller, Ernest M., 1903-1992.

Furer, Albert.

Furer, Julius Augustus, 1880-1963.

Furer, Kurt.

Halsey, William F. (William Frederick), 1882-1959.

Heffernan, John B.

Hunsaker, Jerome C. (Jerome Clarke), 1886-1984.

Knox, Dudley Wright, 1877-1960.

Little, Charles James Colebrook, Sir, 1882-

Morison, Samuel Eliot, 1887-1976.

Toal, Clifton.

Organizations

F-4 (Submarine)

United States Naval Academy.

United States. Navy.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--England--London.

Naval research--United States.

Salvage.

Submarines (Ships)

Places

United States--History, Naval.

Titles

Encyclopedia Americana.

Occupations

Naval attachés.
Naval officers.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Julius Augustus Furer, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1968 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Julius Augustus Furer were arranged and described by R. S. Nicholson in 1973. The collection was revised in 2010. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Rachel Telford as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Julius Augustus Furer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Julius Augustus Furer 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, Julius Augustus Furer Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1880, Oct. 9	Born, Mosel, Wis.
1901	Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1905	M.A., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1915	Duty at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii In charge of the USS <i>F-4</i> submarine salvage operations
1915-1923	Duty in the Bureau of Construction and Repair, with a two-year absence from 1919 to 1921
1917	Supervisor, construction of 110-foot submarine
1919-1921	Duty in the Pacific Fleet
1923-1927	Member, Naval Mission to Brazil
1927	Married Helen Carlin Emery
1935-1937	Assistant naval attaché, American embassy, London, England
1935-1938	Technical adviser, Naval Limitations Conference, London, England
1938-1941	General inspector, Bureau of Ships
1941	Promoted to rear admiral
1941-1945	Coordinator of research and development, Navy Department
1958	Retired, United States Navy

1959 Published *Administration of the Navy Department in World War II*. Washington, D.C.: United States Government Printing Office
1963, June 5 Died, Bethesda, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Julius Augustus Furer (1880-1963) span the period 1910-1962, with the bulk of the papers falling between the years 1915 and 1961. The papers include a diary, correspondence, subject files, speeches and writings, photographs, and printed matter and are organized into the following series: [Diary and General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Speech Article, and Book File](#), and [Miscellany](#).

Furer's papers relate to his naval activities, including his role as the director of the salvaging of the submarine *F-4*, assistant naval attaché, secretary of the United States Naval Academy's class of 1901, and coordinator of research and development for the Navy Department. The problems encountered by Furer in the salvaging of the *F-4* are detailed in his log, his reports, and his letters. As assistant naval attaché, he submitted to the Navy Department reports on naval equipment and naval preparations from London, Rome, Berlin, and The Hague. Copies of these are in the [Subject File](#).

Furer's reports and minutes as class secretary, letters written to classmates, and photographs of naval academy reunions are in correspondence and subject files. His duties as coordinator of research and development for the Navy Department are documented by reports, letters, speeches, and articles.

Furer was a frequent contributor to technical and professional journals and was the author of many articles on naval and maritime subjects published in the *Encyclopedia Americana*. In 1959 Furer published his book *Administration of the Navy Department in World War II*. Material relating to the book and to Furer's other speeches and writings is located in the [Speech, Article, and Book File](#).

Correspondents in the [Diary and General Correspondence](#) series include Furer's classmates of 1901; relatives Albert B. Furer, Kurt Furer, and Clifton Toal; and naval officers Arleigh A. Burke, Ernest McNeill Eller, William Frederick Halsey, John Heffernan, and Samuel Eliot Morison. Other prominent correspondents are Vannevar Bush, K. T. Compton, John Foster Dulles, Jerome C. Hunsaker, and Charles Little.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Diary and General Correspondence, 1913-1962](#)
- [Subject File, 1910-1962](#)
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