The Personal Collection of Adm. Gerald F. Bogan SDASM.SC.10018

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Title: Adm. Gerald Francis Bogan Personal Papers
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Physical Description: 1.2 Linear feet 4 manuscript boxes
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Abstract: This collection contains military orders, papers, photographs and artifacts relating to the career of Adm. Gerald F. Bogan of the U.S. Navy.
Language of Materials note: English
creator: Bogan, Gerald F. (Gerald Francis), Adm., 1904-1973
Biographical/Historical note
Gerald F. Bogan, Vice Admiral, U.S.N., was a distinguished veteran of 38 years of naval service. Bogan served as Commander, First Task Fleet, Pacific; as Commander, Air Force, Atlantic; as Commander, Fleet Air, Alameda; and as Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Saratoga.
Admiral Bogan was born 27 July 1894, Mackinac Island, Michigan. He was a 1916 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and, among his many decorations, was awarded the Navy Cross for heroic action during World War II. He was elected to the Naval Aviation Hall of Honor in 1992, National Museum of Naval Aviation.
Admiral Bogan was one of the earliest naval aviators, earning his wings at Pensacola, Florida in 1924. In 1925, he was assigned to VF Squadron One in San Diego, California, serving on board the carrier Langley, first as executive officer, then, in 1926, as commanding officer. Later, Admiral Bogan served as the first commanding officer of the Miami, Florida Naval Air station.
He commanded air squadrons on the carriers Langley, Lexington and Saratoga, commanding the Saratoga at the outbreak of World War II. As a task force commander in the Pacific, he was awarded two Legions of Merit, as well as the Navy Cross for “extraordinary heroism and distinguished service” during an engagement in Philippine waters on 25 November 1944, in which all carriers in his force had been damaged by heavy enemy aerial attacks. In 1945, he commanded Carrier Division 4 and Task Group 38.2.
Admiral Bogan passed away in La Jolla, California on 3 June 1973, survived by his widow, Katherine, and a step-son, Harold A. Fisher of San Diego.

Conditions Governing Access note
The collection is open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note
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Immediate Source of Acquisition note
The materials were donated to the San Diego Air & Space Museum on March 24, 2010.

Scope and Contents note
This collection contains materials that cover Adm. Gerald F. Bogan's naval career. The collection includes military orders, correspondence, photographs, articles and books.

Related Archival Materials note
Adm. Bogan photo set on Flickr: http://www.flickr.com/photos/sdasmarchives/sets/72157624427863825/

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Brewster Aeronautical Corporation.
Gentner, William E. (William Ellis), 1907-
Halsey, William Frederick, Adm., 1882-1959
Mitscher, Marc Andrew, 1887-1947
Pirie, Robert B., Gen., (Robert Burns)
Reeves, Joseph Mason, 1872-1948
United States. Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron.
Yarnell, Harry E., Adm., (Harry Ervin), 1875-1959
Box 01, 21 folders

Correspondence, Military Orders and Official Papers


Articles


Photographs

Physical Description: Photographs 19. U.S. Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida (Outlying Fields, Adjacent Fields and Seaplane Facilities) – 1942 20. Japanese Ship Damage – Kure, August-October 1945 – 88 photographs. Admiral Bogan commanded Carrier Division 4 and Task Group 39.2 during aerial attacks on the remnants of the Imperial Japanese Fleet at Kure anchorage on July 24, 25 and 28, 1945. During the course of these attacks a carrier, three battleships, two heavy cruisers, two training cruisers, and numerous other smaller vessels were sunk. Additionally, two other carriers and ships were damaged and effectively taken out of the war. The photographs in Bogan’s collection are comprised of eighty-eight official USN photographs, taken of the IJN ships at Kure after the Japanese surrender, circa August-October 1945. Specifically: IJN CV Ryujo (22) IJN BB Hyuga(6) IJN BB Haruna (10) IJN BB Ise (13) IJN CV Amagi (6) IJN CC Tone (5) IJN CC Aoba (15) IJL Oyoda (1) IJL Armored Cruisers Iwate and/or Izumo (10) 21. U.S. Carrier Tour, Commander-in-Chief, Iran Navy, North Island, on 3 December 1949 (named Shah of Iran in 1965) – 12 photographs. Also, a 26 October 1957 newspaper article, describing the tour, San Diego Union.

Box 02, 9 folders

Photographs


Newspaper Articles

Physical Description: 4. Yacht Abandoned – Admiral Bogan Rescued (1963)
Books


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Books


Film

Physical Description: 3. U.S. Naval Academy, 50th Reunion, June 1-2, 1991, Annapolis - Video Cassettes (Set of Three).

Other

Physical Description: 4. Photographs (1956), Admiral Robert Burns Pirie and Captain William E. Gentner, onboard the Coral Sea (CV-43) - six large format photographs. Admiral Pirie had been commanding officer of the Coral Sea in 1952. He was a 1926 graduate of the Naval Academy, designated a naval aviator in 1929. Admiral Pirie retired as a Vice Admiral in 1962, at that time Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air). He was sometimes referred to “The Beard,” allowed to wear a beard because of a skin condition. Captain Gentner was commanding officer of CV-43 when the photographs were taken, later also attaining the rank of Vice Admiral. 5. Photographs (4), Pearl Harbor, Matson Liner (pre-war). 6. Cartoon – Admiral Bogan/most likely Leon Swirlbul (Grumman Aircraft). 7. Original Watercolor, Carriers at Sea. 8. Article, “Turkey Pilots Are Normal,” E.S. Dickson, circa 1944 (Operating TBMs from Carriers).

Box 04

Oversize Miscellaneous


Flag

Physical Description: 15. Navy Flag, Vice Admiral Rank (Flagship U.S.S. Salisbury Sound (AV-13)).