Rufus Janvier “Jan” Briscoe Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Rufus Janvier “Jan” Briscoe Photograph Collection
Dates: 1927-1933
Collection Number: 2017_08
Creator/Collector: Briscoe, Rufus Janvier "Jan"
Extent: 179 photographic prints.
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Abstract: This collection contains photographs of Newport Beach, Long Beach and Compton, primarily relating to natural disasters, such as fires, floods and earthquakes.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Biography/Administrative History
R. J. Briscoe was a member of the Newport Beach Fire Department starting in 1931. He retired as Fire Chief.
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection contains photographs, primarily of Newport Beach, but also including Long Beach and Compton, California. The bulk of the photographs relate to natural disasters, such as fires, floods and earthquakes. Other subjects of the photographs include dredging of Newport Harbor, Newport Beach Fire Department Engine Company #1, construction of the Newport Harbor west jetty, and hydroplane races.
Among the more notable images are several documenting the burning and removal of the the schooner Muriel from the entrance to Newport Harbor. Muriel, which was used during the filming of the 1924 silent movie The Sea Hawk, ran aground at the entrance to Newport Harbor in 1925. The wreck was declared a hazard to navigation, and in 1930 the hulk was burned and removed.
Other notable subjects are the filming of battle scenes of the motion picture All Quiet on the Western Front, damage to Newport Beach, Long Beach and Compton from the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, and fires which destroyed the Rendezvous Ballroom and the Newport Beach Refinery fire.
Indexing Terms
Earthquake - Long Beach
Newport Beach Fire Department
Newport Beach - Orange County - California
Long Beach - Los Angeles County - California
Compton - Los Angeles County - California
Photographic Prints
All Quite on the Western Front (motion picture) The Sea Hawk (motion picture)
Wreckage of Yacht Yours Truly. Newport Beach Engine Co. # responded to fire alarm at 6:14 p.m. March 25, 1934.

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B & J Duck Camp, Salton Sea, Nov. 1932 November 1932

Corner of 1st & A Streets, Bombay Beach (Salton Sea?) November 1932

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Mr. R. J. Briscoe, June 1932 June 1932

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Newport Beach Fire Deparment Enine Co. #1. Crew posing on the fire truck. 1931

Newport Beach Fire Deparment Enine Co. #1. Men working a hand pump. 1931

Float entered by Fire Dept. in Tournament of Lights, 1932. 1st Prize Washington Bicentennial Div. 1932

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San Jacinto Mt. from U.S. #99 below Banning between Whitewater & Morongo Valley. Car in foreground n.d.

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The steam shovel (aboard a flatcar) and crew arrive to finish construction of the west jetty, Newport Harbor. September 1927

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Construction work on Irvine Dam. ca. 1930

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Schooner Muriel, being burnt to remove her from the Newport Harbor entrance. 1930
BRS-044 Schooner Muriel, being burnt to remove her from the Newport Harbor entrance. 1930
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BRS-074 Mud accumulated on a flooded street. 1927
BRS-075 Flood of March 3, 1938. U.S. 101 Alternate between Newport Beach and Huntington Beach March 3, 1938
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BRS-100 Rendezvous Ballroom Fire. January 27, 1935
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BRS-106 Dr. Syers House destroyed by fire. September 8, 1927
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BRS-111 Earthquake damage to a road in Huntington Beach. March 10, 1933
BRS-112 Earthquake damage to a school in Huntington Beach. March 10, 1933
BRS-113 Earthquake damage to the E. W. Woolworth building in Santa Ana. March 10, 1933
BRS-114 Earthquake damage to the Collins Garage Service building in Santa Ana. 1933
BRS-115 Earthquake damage to unidentified building in Santa Ana. 1933
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BRS-117 Earthquake damage to the Hotel Rossmore in Santa Ana. March 10, 1933
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