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Biography
Charles B. Burdick (1927-1998) grew up in San José, California where he attended Lincoln High School before enlisting in the United States Army during World War II. After serving in the Army, Burdick enrolled at San José State College in 1946. He graduated with a B.A. in History in 1949, and obtained his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1954. He joined SJSU’s History Department in 1957, and became department chair in 1976. Throughout his teaching career, Professor Burdick worked diligently to create a program dedicated to military history. In addition, he donated several large private book collections on military history to the University Library, significantly adding to the monographic holdings in this area. Professor Burdick also taught for many years at the Sixth United Army Intelligence School located at the Presidio in Monterey, California. Over the course of his distinguished career, Burdick published dozens of articles and book chapters, and wrote and edited over twenty books. His research and writing on the history of the German High Command in World War II remains an important part of the historiography of World War II. After an association with San José State University that spanned forty-five years, Professor Burdick retired in 1988. He died in 1998.
Related Material
Charles B. Burdick War Poster Collection, MSS-2010-02-02, San José State University Special Collections & Archives.
Hugh T. Carlisle Collection, MSS-2011-09-16, San José State University Library, Special Collections & Archives.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Charles B. Burdick Military History Collection, 1914-1984 (bulk 1939-1966), represents the research files and collections amassed by military historian and SJSU history professor, Charles B. Burdick. The collection documents the history of World War I and World War II. World War I subjects covered include the Paris Peace Conference and the Treaty of
Versailles, which formally ended World War I, and military operations. World War II materials include publications originating from the German High Command, as well as reports and statistics from countries such as Italy, Germany, Japan, and the United States. The collection also includes print copies of the legal proceedings from the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, nautical charts, and maps of important World War II locations. The formats represented include correspondence, ephemera, maps, nautical charts, newspaper clippings, reports, and scrapbooks.

**Arrangement**


**Bibliography**

Roth, Jonathan. *Burdick Military History Project*. Pamphlet. San José, CA: San José State University History Department, undated.


**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

- World War, 1939-1945
- World War, 1914-1918
- Nautical charts
- War crime trials -- Japan
- Tokyo Trial, Tokyo, Japan, 1946-1948
- Military history, Modern -- 20th century
- International Military Tribunal for the Far East
- Burdick, Charles B., 1927-1998

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**Series I: World War I and World War II Materials 1914-1984 (bulk 1939-1958)**

**Scope and Content Summary**

This series documents the history of World War I and World War II.

World War I materials include several volumes of the Treaty of Versailles, as well as numerous pamphlets published by groups such as the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Community Pulpit Series, promoting the concepts of peace, labor, and morality.

World War II materials include documents printed in English, German, Italian, and Japanese. Formats include hand-written notes concerning Italy during the war and post-war years, the German High Command, United States military reports and summations detailing U.S. bombings on Japan and Germany, and twelve bound volumes from the Japanese navy.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged chronologically by date range.

- **Box 1**
  - **World War I Pamphlets 1914-1918**

- **Box 2**
  - **Burdick Research Notes, 1914-1918; European Maps, 1947**

- **Box 3**
  - **German Language Newspapers & Research 1915-1947**

- **Box 4**

- **Box 5-6**
  - **World War II Materials, German Military, German Language Materials 1938-1978**

- **Box 102 - 106**
  - **Japanese Naval Secretary Shigeharu Enomoto's Analyses of the European War 1939-1941**

**Scope and Contents**

Twelve volumes published by the Japanese navy containing text in English, Japanese, and several European languages. They consist of U.S. and European news releases pertaining to international laws and policies during the first part of World War II alongside Enomoto's analysis.
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Box 17  Burdick Research Notes & Reports: Italy, Russia, WW I 1950-1953
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Series II: International Military Tribunal for the Far East (IMTFE) 1946-1948

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series documents the International Military Tribunal for the Far East (IMTFE), also known as the Tokyo Trials and Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal. Supreme Commander of the Allied forces, General Douglas MacArthur, ordered the establishment of the IMTFE and approved the charter, which was modeled on the Nuremberg Trials Charter of 1945-1946. The tribunal convened on May 5th, 1946, to prosecute the leaders of the Empire of Japan for three specific crimes: Class A: crimes against peace; Class B: war crimes; and Class C: crimes against humanity, committed during World War II. Twenty-eight political and military leaders were charged with Class A crimes and more than 5,700 Japanese nationals were accused of Class B and C crimes, mostly related to prisoner abuse; Emperor Hirohito and the Imperial Family were not prosecuted. The International Military Tribunal for the Far East adjourned on November 12th, 1948. Materials in this series are inscribed with the name Rear Admiral John D. Murphy. Murphy was a naval lawyer who served as the director of the war crimes trials in Guam.

Arrangement
This series is primarily chronological by date.

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| Box 54 | Transcript of Proceedings, August 4 - 12, 1947 |
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Series Scope and Content Summary
This series includes charts of various locations in the Far East as well as some Pacific Islands. Many of the charts are based on information from the World War II period, but were revised in the 1960s with information gathered since their original publication in the 1940s.

Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically by country. Charts are located in the flat file drawers 05-09 and 05-10 labeled "Burdick Charts" in Vault 1.

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French Indochina - 1950-1965 - 1 Chart
Guam - 1963 - 2 Charts
Japan - 1919-1965 - 52 Charts
Korea - 1964 - 2 Charts
Mariana Islands - 1960-1964 - 4 Charts
Philippine Islands - 1921-1986 - 114 Charts
Singapore - Undated - 17 Charts
Taiwan - 1950-1965 - 17 Charts
Vietnam - 1950-1965 - 10 Charts

Series IV: Personal Materials

Box 18  Correspondence 1983

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