Descriptive Summary
Title: William B. Simpson World War II Pacific Theater collection
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Collection number: H.Mss.0849
Creator: Simpson, William Brand
Extent: 4.0 boxes
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Abstract: Emeritus Professor of Economics (Claremont Graduate School, Ph. D., 1971), William Brand Simpson served as Special Agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps, U.S. Army during World War II, mainly in the Philippines and Japan. The manuscript and published materials contained within this collection were collected and assembled by Simpson and consist of newspapers, periodicals, correspondence, maps, military documents, including declassified items, and a variety of publications - government, military and other - relating to the Pacific Theater during World War II, specifically the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the American return to the Philippines, and the American occupation of Japan and Korea. Post-war materials document the treatment of Chinese forced labor in Japan, the Japanese war crime trials, and the post-war economies of the Philippine Islands, Japan and Korea.
Physical location: Please consult repository.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: Chiefly in English; some in Japanese, Chinese, Tagalog, and Spanish.
Access
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Source of Acquisition
Accruals
No additions to the collection are anticipated.
Processing Information
Arranged and processed by Special Collections staff. Simpson's original order has been retained where possible; exceptions have been made, however. Items removed from his original order were done so based on size or fragility.
Biography / Administrative History
The manuscript and published materials contained within this collection were collected and assembled by Simpson, who gifted the collection to Pomona College in 1992.
Scope and Content of the Collection
The collection contains newspapers, periodicals, correspondence, maps, military documents, including declassified items, and a variety of publications - government, military and other - relating to the Pacific Theater during World War II, specifically the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the American return to the Philippines, the American occupation of Japan and Korea, the Japanese war crime trials and the post-war economies of the Philippine Islands, Japan and Korea. Of particular note is Simpson's 161-page documentation of the investigation into the atrocities at Chusan Camp, Hanaoka, Akita-Ken.
Series Arrangement
Series 1: Japanese occupation of the Philippines
Series 2: Commonwealth of the Philippines and American return to Philippines
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Series 9: Miscellaneous documents relating to Korea
Series 10: Atlas and maps

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subject Headings
Forced labor
Japan -- History -- Allied occupation, 1945-1952 -- Sources
Philippines -- History -- Japanese occupation, 1942-1945 -- Sources
Tokyo Trial, Tokyo, Japan, 1946-1948
War crime trials -- Japan
War damage compensation -- China
War damage compensation -- Japan
World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns -- Pacific Area
World War, 1939-1945 -- Maps
World War, 1939-1945 -- Military intelligence -- United States

Genre and Form of Materials
Correspondence
Government publications
Maps
Newspapers
Video tapes

Series 1: Japanese occupation of the Philippines, 1941-1945

Box 1, Folder 1, Item 1

Box 1, Folder 1, Item 2

Box 1, Folder 2

Box 1, Folder 3

Box 1, Folder 4

Box 1, Folder 5
Republic of the Philippines, Department of the Interior, Bureau of the Census and Statistics, Map of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, Manila: 1943 April 11, one page, concentric circles with Manila as center

Box 1, Folder 6


Letter to "His Excellency, Lieut. Gen. Wati," 1944 June 15, original document, 6 pages single-spaced type. Authorship not indicated, but determined by Simpson to have been written by Claro M. Recto, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Philippine Republic during the Japanese occupation. Written in pencil on document, pg 6.

"The Government of the 'New Philippines': The Puppet President, General Powers and the Cabinet," undated, 8 pages, including chart, mimeographed. Background information on members of the government installed by the Japanese in the Philippines, U.S. Counter-Intelligence Corps, has been declassified.

Aerial propaganda leaflets dropped on Manila, 1945 January, 2 originals plus photocopies.

Allied Geographical Section, Southwest Pacific Area, United States Army, *Manila City* (Central Luzon), Terrain Handbook, 41A, 1944 December 6. Maps, photographs, data, fold-out charts, has been declassified.


General Headquarters, SWPA, *Manila Free Philippines*, 1945 May 2, 5, 8-9, 14, 16, 18, 22, 26, 30-31, June 4, 6, 8, 11, 27, 30, August 7-9, 11.

_Daily Pacifican_, Vol. 1, No. 12, 1945 June 25, 4 pp., "37th Ten Miles from Guerrilla Link-up"
Series 4: Manila civilian newspapers, 1945

- **Box 1, Folder 25, Item 1** Echoes from the Sierra Madre, "Official Organ of the Philippine Legion", Vol. 1, 1945 January, 12 pp.
- **Box 1, Folder 25, Item 2** The Pangasinan Herald, Dagupan, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1945 January 24, 6 pp.
- **Box 1, Folder 25, Item 4** Voz de Manila, Vol. 1, No. 3, 1945 March 12, 2 pp., Spanish
- **Box 1, Folder 26, Item 1** The Vanguard, Manila newspaper in Japanese, censored by American G.H.Q., 2 pp.
- **Box 1, Folder 26, Item 2** The Victory News, 1945 March 15, April 24, 26
- **Box 1, Folder 27** The Manila Post, 1945 March 22, 28, April 8, 14, 17, May 2, 9, July 7
- **Box 1, Folder 28** The Philippine Liberty News, 1945 March 24, April 5, 14, 21, 24, 28, May 4
- **Box 1, Folder 29** Manila Daily Mail, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1945 April 12, 2 pp.
- **Box 1, Folder 29, Item 2** Manila Daily Mail, Vol. 1, No. 19, 1945 May 4, 2 pp.
- **Box 1, Folder 30, Item 1** Bagong Buhay, Vol. 1, No. 27, 1945 April 20, 2pp., in Tagalog
- **Box 1, Folder 30, Item 2** The Manila Chronicle, 1945 April 21, 26, May 9-10, June 21, July 1
  - *Unidentified newspaper, 2 pp., in Chinese*
- **Box 1, Folder 30, Item 3** The Chungking Times, Vol. 1, No. 10, 1945 April 29, 2 pp., in Chinese
- **Box 1, Folder 32, Item 1** Philippine Press, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1945 May 8, 4 pp.
- **Box 1, Folder 32, Item 3** Guerrilla, Vol. 1, No. 14., 1945 May 13, 2 pp.
- **Box 1, Folder 32, Item 4** The Fookien Times, 1945 June 8, 20 pp. Special supplement honoring General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Chinese newspaper in English
- **Box 1, Folder 32, Item 5** The Herald Dispatch, Vol. 1, No. 9, 1945 August 7, 2 pp.

Series 5: American occupation of Japan and Korea, 1945 and undated

- **Box 1, Folder 33** Emperor's proclamation of surrender at end of World War II, newspaper size sheet in Japanese, 1945
- **Box 3, Folder 1** Proclamations Numbers 1, 2 and 3 to the People of Korea, Yokohama, Japan, 1945
- **Box 1, Folder 34** Surrender of Japan ceremony on U.S. Battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay, 1945 September 9, newspaper sheet in Japanese with photographs
- **Box 1, Folder 37, Item 1** General Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific, 441st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, Advance Echelon, Japanese Left Wing Parties, 1945 November 26, 10 pp., has been declassified
| Box 1, Folder 37, Item 2 | General Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific, 441st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, Advance Echelon, *The Peace Movement in Japan*, undated, 4 pp., has been declassified |
| Box 1, Folder 37, Item 3 | General Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific, 441st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, Advance Echelon, *The Political Personality of Toyohiko Kagawa*, undated, 6 pp., has been declassified |

### Subseries 5.1: *Nippon Times*, Tokyo, English edition, 1945-1946

| Box 4, Folder 6 | *Nippon Times*, 1945 September 15, 21-23, 26-27 |
| Box 4, Folder 7 | *Nippon Times*, 1945 October 2, 6-7, 11, 14, 30 |
| Box 4, Folder 8 | *Nippon Times*, 1945 December 25, 30-31 |
| Box 4, Folder 9 | *Nippon Times*, 1946 January 3-9 |
| Box 4, Folder 10 | *Nippon Times*, 1946 January 29-February 1 |


| Box 4, Folder 1 | *Pacific Stars and Strips*, 1945 October 3-6, 8, 17, 30 |
| Box 4, Folder 2 | *Pacific Stars and Strips*, 1945 November 3, 12 |
| Box 4, Folder 3 | *Pacific Stars and Strips*, 1945 December 10, 15, 22 |
| Box 4, Folder 4 | *Pacific Stars and Strips*, 1946 January 4-5, 9, 13, 17-18, 30 |
| Box 4, Folder 5 | *Pacific Stars and Strips*, 1946 February 3-5, 7 |


| Box 1, Folder 39 | U.S. Counter-Intelligence Corps, Akita, *Political section of Civil Intelligence Report*, prepared by Special Agent 2652, W.B.S., has been declassified, 1945 December 29, 1946 January 5, 19, 26, February 2, March 15 |
| Box 1, Folder 40 | Clark S. Gregory, Chief Prosecutor, Chinese Division, Legal Section, S.C.A.P., Tokyo, Letter to Simpson with verdicts for eight defendants in Chusan Chinese Camp case at International War Crimes Tribunal, 1948 March 8, photocopy |
| Box 1, Folder 41 | Simpson correspondence with Ichiro Hisano and Jin Ishitobi regarding Chinese forced to work in prison camps in Japan, 1990-1992, includes information on and photocopies of Ishitobi’s two books located in folder 42 |
| Box 1, Folder 42, Item 1 | Ishitobi, Jin, *The Record of Forcefully Brought Chinese*, Tokyo, 1990, inscribed on inside cover to William B. Simpson |
| Box 1, Folder 42, Item 2 | Ishitobi, Jin, *The Proof of the Devil: Proof 40 Years After the Chinese Were Brought to Japan*, Tokyo, 1987, inscribed on inside cover to William B. Simpson |
| Box 1, Folder 57, Item 1 | Hisano letter to Simpson, in English, 1992 July 17, 2 pp. |
| Box 1, Folder 57, Item 2 | Interview of Captain Zheng Nai Wen of China, in Japanese, by Ishitobi, in the monthly magazine, *Ushio*, 1991 September, photocopy, 10 pages on 5 sheets Reports, in Japanese, by Ishitobi in the weekly magazine *Sunday Mainichi*, photocopies, 1992 May 10-17 (pp. 174-177), May 24 (pp. 172-175), May 31 (pp. 170-173), May 31 (3 pp.) |
| Box 1, Folder 58 | Ishitobi letter to Simpson, in Japanese, 1992 July 17, 1 page; English translation, 2 pp.; Simpson response, 1992 August 31, 2 pp.; and Simpson letter to Ichiro Hisano, 1992 August 31, 1 page |
| Box 1, Folder 59 | Correspondence between Simpson and Japan Public Television (NHK) regarding Simpson’s participation in a NHK special documentary on Chinese forced laborers in Japan during WWII including related documents, 1946-1993; bulk, 1990-1993 |

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Series 7: Miscellaneous documents relating to the Philippine economy, 1940-1952

Box 1, Folder 45, Item 3  U.S. Army Civil Affairs Handbook, The Philippines, Section 5: Money and Banking, 1944 December
Box 1, Folder 47  Economic Survey Mission to the Philippines, Report to the President of the United States, Washington, D.C., 1940 October 9, 107 pp.
Box 1, Folder 48, Item 1  Philippine Statistical Association, The Philippine Statistician, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1952 June
Box 1, Folder 48, Item 2  Central Bank of the Philippines, Statistical Bulletin, Vol. IV, No. 3, 1952 September
Box 1, Folder 49, Item 1  Central Bank of the Philippines, Economic Indicators, Vol. IV, No. 2, 1952 December

Series 8: Miscellaneous documents relating to the Japanese economy, 1943-1953

Box 1, Folder 51, Item 1  Supreme Commander for Allied Forces, Japanese Economic Statistics, Tokyo, 1947 September, 87 pp.
Box 1, Folder 51, Item 2  Ohkawa, Kazushi, International Comparisons of Productivity in Agriculture, National Research Institute of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Tokyo, 1949 September
Box 1, Folder 51, Item 3  Institute of World Economy, The Conditions of Japan's Economic Self-Support, Tokyo, 1949 November, 47 pp.
Box 2, Folder 4, Item 1  Method of Estimation of National Income by Distributive Shares, C.Y. 1946-48 and 1949 January-June, 15 oversize sheets, original. Photocopy is located in box 1, folder 52
Box 1, Folder 52, Item 1  Method of Estimation of National Income by Distributive Shares, C.Y. 1946-48 and 1949 January-June, 15 oversize sheets, photocopy. Original document is located in box 2, folder 4
Box 1, Folder 52, Item 2  Ohkita, Saburo, Outline of Japan's Economic Relation to the Asiatic Countries, Tokyo, 1950 March, 7 pp. typescript
Box 1, Folder 54, Item 1  Nakayama, Ichiro, "Evaluation of the Japanese Economy," reprint from The Annals of the Hitotsubashi Academy, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, 1951 October
Box 1, Folder 54, Item 3  Kodera, M.A., Post-War Inflation in Japan, Annual Studies, Department of Economics, Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya Japan, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1953 August, 40 pp.

Series 9: Miscellaneous documents relating to Korea, 1950-1951

Box 1, Folder 56, Item 1  Mitchell, C. Clyde, Korea: Second Failure in Asia, Public Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C., 1951, 52 pp.
| Box 1, Folder 56, Item 2 | **United Nations, Korea and the United Nations, 1950 October, 96 pp.** |
| Box 1, Folder 56, Item 3 | **United Nations, The Korean Question Before the United Nations, 1950 May, 30 pp.** |

**Series 10: Atlas and maps, 1943 and undated**

| Box 3, Folder 2, Item 1 | Map of Sendai, Japan, 1943 |
| Note | 1:1,000,000. Prepared by U.S. Army, 1943, on basis of Japanese Imperial Land Survey map dated 1932, updated from intelligence reports. Place names in Ramaji style. |

| Box 3, Folder 3, Item 1 | Large Japanese wall map of Southeast Asia (Resources) |
| Box 3, Folder 4, Item 1 | Large Japanese wall map of Japan and Southwest Pacific (Resources) |
| Box 3, Folder 5, Item 1 | Large Japanese wall map of the world |