Register of the Charles Julian Wheeler papers

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July 27, 1895
Born
July 1916
Graduated from U.S. Naval Academy
July 1917-1918
Served in World War I aboard USS Benham, based at Queenstown, Ireland and Brest, France.
1919-1921
Served in China aboard USS Huron and USS Palos (upper Yangtze River Gunboat).
1921-1924
Served as Flag Lieutenant on Staff of U.S. High Commissioner to Turkey in Constantinople.
1925-1926
Served aboard USS Nevada during cruise to Australia.
1927-1929
Served on staff of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Asiatic Fleet on China Station.
1929
Married Doanda Risley Putman, daughter of American Consul in Amoy, in June.
1929-1931
Navy Department, Washington D.C.
1931-1934
Commanded USS Waters (destroyer) in U.S. Fleet.
1934-1936
Served as officer-in-charge U.S. Naval Shore Radio Stations, under Director of Naval Communications, Navy Department.
1936-1937
Served as First Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer aboard USS West Virginia.
1937-1938
Served as Flag Secretary to Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
1938-1939
Completed Naval War College Course and served on Staff of U.S. Naval War college.
1940-1941
Served as Executive Officer aboard USS Astoria.
1941-1942
Established and served as First Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp, Holy Cross College.
1943-1944
Commissioned and commanded new light cruiser, USS Mobile in 27 operations in the Central Pacific Area, ending with the occupation of the Mariana Islands.
1944-1945
Served as the Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, and representative of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

September 2, 1945
Witnessed surrender of Japanese on board USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.
1946-1948
Served as the American head of the Brazilian Naval War college in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
April 1, 1948
Retired from active duty and became Director of Personnel at State Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Worcester, Massachusetts.
June 12, 1981
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Kitchen, Etta Belle.
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