Register of the John Sidney McCain papers

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Title: John Sidney McCain papers
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Abstract: The John Sidney McCain papers consist of correspondence, reports, dispatches, orders, and photographs relating to American naval aviation and to naval operations in the Pacific Theater during World War II. John Sidney McCain was an admiral in the United States Navy and a Commander of the Second Carrier Task Force in World War II. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his heroism and the Distinguished Service Medal with two Gold Stars for exceptional service.
Physical location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: McCain, John Sidney
Access
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Acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 1982
Accruals
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1884
August 9
Born, Carroll County, Mississippi
1901-1902
Student, University of Mississippi
1906
Graduate, U.S. Naval Academy,
Commander, ensign, U.S. Navy
1920
Graduate, Naval War College
1935-1936
Flight instructor (naval aviator), Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida
1937-1939
Commanded the aircraft carrier Ranger (CV-4)
1939
Served as Commander of Air Forces for Western Sea Frontier and the South Pacific Force
1941
Promoted through grades to Rear Admiral
1943 July
Promoted to Vice Admiral
1942
September - Chief, Bureau of Aeronautics
1943 July
Deputy Chief, naval operations for air, Commander, Carrier Task Force
1943
August
Returned to the rank of Vice Admiral as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations
1944
Returned to the Pacific Theater as Commander of the Fast Carrier Task Force
Earned the Navy Cross
1945
Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with two Gold Stars for outstanding performance as an air planner and carrier task force commander and awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry
1945
September 2
Witnessed the Japanese surrender on board U.S.S. Missouri
1945
September 6
Died, Carrollton, Mississippi
Posthumously appointed Admiral effective that date
Scope and Content of Collection
The papers of John Sidney McCain, acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 1982, deal with United States naval aviation and naval operations in the Pacific theater during Second World War.

The papers have been organized into three series. Correspondence includes letters, of a both official and personal nature, with names of some prominent correspondents mentioned and arranged chronologically. The United States Navy File covers air distribution lists, dispatches, orders, and operating procedures relating to American naval operations particularly in the Pacific region. Last but not the least are the photographs divided by the creator generally into groups including the date, the location, and the names of photographers.

The original order of the McCain papers has been maintained and security- classified documents have been pulled out of the collection.

Arrangement
The collection is organized into 3 series: Correspondence, United States Navy File, and Photographs

Subjects and Indexing Terms
World War, 1939-1945--Naval operations.

Correspondence 1933-1945
Scope and Contents note
Personal and official correspondence sent to and received from John Sidney McCain, arranged chronologically. Includes correspondence with C. M. Austin, M. M. Dupre, L. B. Porterfield, John N. Towers, and others. Also includes memoranda and related materials.

Box/Folder 1 : 1 1933-1934
Box/Folder 1 : 2 1935-1940
Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence with C. M. Austin, M. M. Dupre, L. B. Porterfield, W. C. I. Stiles, Zane Thompson, Jr., M. J. Torlinski, and others

Box/Folder 1 : 3 1939-1941
Scope and Contents note
Letters to John H. Towers. See also folder 7

Box/Folder 1 : 4 1940-1942
Scope and Contents note

Box/Folder 1 : 5 1941 January-December
Box/Folder 1 : 6 1942 April-September
Box/Folder 1 : 7 1942 January - 1945 August
Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence with John H. Towers. See also folder 3

Box/Folder 1 : 8 1943 October - 1944 August
United States Navy File 1941-1945
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, dispatches, Fast Carrier Task Force instructions, operating orders and procedures, and war diary, arranged alphabetically and then in chronological order
Box/Folder 1 : 9  
**Action reports 1944 October 29**
*Aircraft Scouting Force*

Box/Folder 1 : 10
**1939 June - 1941 November**
**1941 January - 1942 April**

**Subject file**
- General note
- See also Photographs

Box/Folder 2 : 1  
**Dispatches REF Storm 1944 December 15-22**
**Operation orders I-44 and 2-44 1944 August-September and undated**
- Scope and Contents note
  - Includes standard operating procedures, undated

Box/Folder 2 : 2-3

Box/Folder 2 : 4  
**Task Force 38 operations 1945 January 25**
**War diary - Roster of daily activities 1944 August 18 - 1945 July 31**
- Scope and Contents note
  - Includes 12 photographic prints taken in Formosa, Japan, Philippines, and Russia

**United States Pacific Fleet**

Box/Folder 3 : 1  
**Fast Carrier Task Force instructions 1944-1945 and undated**
**Second Carrier Task Force and Commander Task Force 38**

Box/Folder 3 : 2  
**Undated**
- Scope and Contents note
  - Air support plan in support of bombardment groups, distribution list, strategic targets - Tokyo, and map. Operation orders 2-45 and 3-45

Box/Folder 3 : 3  
**1944 February - 1945 June**
- Scope and Contents note
  - Thirty Eight, operation order 2-45

Box/Folder 3 : 4  
**1944 October 2-29**
- Scope and Contents note
  - Commander Task Group 38 Point One Action Report. Includes 6 photographic prints taken in the Philippine Islands

Box/Folder 3 : 5  
**1944 November 13 - 1945 January 1**
- Scope and Contents note
  - Communication plan numbers 2-45

Box/Folder 3 : 6  
**1945 July 2-August 15**
- Scope and Contents note
  - Includes 1 photographic print taken in Tokyo area

Box/Folder 4 : 1  
**1944 December - 1945 August 22**
- Scope and Contents note
  - Commander Task Force 38 Action Report. Includes 2 photographic prints, 1944 December 5, taken in Japan

Box/Folder 4 : 2  
**1945 June 7**
- Scope and Contents note
  - Includes 11 photographic prints generally of individuals taken in the Pacific area
Box/Folder 4 : 3-4

1945 July-August
Scope and Contents note
Includes copies of photographs

Photographs 1939-1946
Scope and Contents note
Photographs of bombing of Japan, Luzon Islands, Manila Bay, Second Carrier Task Force, shipping damage, Sibuyan sea battle, and miscellaneous prints, arranged chronologically. Names of photographers, often names of ships, have been mentioned whenever available.

Box/Folder 4 : 5
Shipping damage, 31 photographic prints 1944 January 3-December 14 and undated
Scope and Contents note

Box/Folder 4 : 6
Second Carrier Task Force 1944 January 3 - 1946 October 10 and undated
Scope and Contents note

Box/Folder 4 : 7
Bombing of Japan depicted in 36 prints 1944 October 10 - 1946 October 16 and undated
Scope and Contents note
Includes greetings sent to John S. McCain on his birthday and anniversary, 1945, August 9

Box/Folder 5 : 1
Sibuyan sea battle depicted in 3 prints 1944 October 24
Scope and Contents note
photographed by U.S.S. Franklin, U.S. Navy

Box/Folder 5 : 2
Luzon Islands, Philippine Islands 1944 October 25 - 1945 January 12
Scope and Contents note
photos by U.S.S. Franklin and U.S.S. Ticonderoga, U.S. Navy. 16 prints

Box/Folder 5 : 3
Manila Bay depicted in 6 prints 1944 November 5

Box/Folder 5 : 4
Miscellaneous prints 1944 January - 1945 September
Scope and Contents note
photographed by U.S.S. Navy and U.S.S. Shangrila, U.S. Navy. 28 prints