

Guide to the James M. Robb Collection SC0652

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creator: Robb, James M.

source: Garred, Jannis Robb

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Abstract: This collection includes typescripts of James M. Robb's manuscript "Carry On" written while he was a patient at the Bilibid prison-hospital in the Philippines during World War II; correspondence from his parents' efforts to locate the manuscript, 1946-48; reports and documents pertaining to Japanese treatment of Philippine prisoners of war, especially the "Hell Ships" that transported POWs to Japan; resources collected by his sister Marion Robb about the history of POWs in the Philippines with related correspondence, 1980-98; and additional family materials from his daughters Jannis Robb Garred and Allison Robb Marks, including a letter (photocopied) from James M. Robb to his wife, 1938.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Marion Robb, 2002; additional materials from Jannis R. Garred and Allison R. Marks, 2008.

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

James M. Robb earned his A.B. in political science at Stanford in 1931 and his law degree in 1934. He worked for three years with the Oakland Title Company before returning to Manila in 1937, where he joined the law firm of DeWitt, Perkins and Ponce Enrile. When World War II broke out, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a first lieutenant in the Quartermaster Department during the siege of Bataan. He survived the Bataan death march and several POW camps in the Philippines, but died at sea in January 1945 while being transported with other POWs to Japan. Robb worked on a book detailing wartime conditions in the Philippines and the POW camps while he was a patient at the Bilibid prison-hospital; the manuscript was buried for safekeeping and retrieved when American troops liberated the Philippines.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

World War, 1939-1945 -- Prisoners and prisons, Japanese.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, American.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Concentration camps -- Philippines.

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Marks, Allison Robb

Robb, James M.
Robb, James M.
Garred, Jannis Robb
Robb, Marion.
Bilibid Prison (Manila, Philippines).

Papers 

box 1, folder 1	Buried Manuscript "Carry On" - typescript, copy 1
box 1, folder 2	Buried Manuscript "Carry On" - typescript, photocopy
box 2, folder 1	AP dispatches on Japanese atrocities in Manila, April 2, 1945
box 2, folder 2	Capas Prisoners of War Memorial - correspondence, proposal, article, 1980-83
box 2, folder 3	Clippings, miscellaneous, 1945-1989
box 2, folder 4	Ex-POW Bulletin, 1992-1994
box 2, folder 5	Ex-POW Bulletin, 1995
box 2, folder 6	Ex-POW Bulletin, 1997-1998
box 2, folder 7	Hell Ships - reports, clippings, correspondence, 1945-1993
box 2, folder 8	Oryoku Maru Story, prepared by Charles M. Brown, Lt. Col. AUS ret., 1982
box 2, folder 9	Reports on American Prisoners of War Interned by the Japanese in the Philippines, prepared by the office of the Provost Marshal General, 19 November 1945
box 2, folder 10	Resource materials collected by Marion Robb
box 3, folder 1	Robb, James M. - Purple Heart documents
box 3, folder 2	Robb, Marion - correspondence, 1990-1998
box 3, folder 3	Robb, Marion - statement re claims of heirs to the manuscript, 1995; and statements from Robb's daughters, Jannis Robb Garred and Allison Robb Marks, 2008
box 3, folder 4	Robb, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. - correspondence re obtaining manuscript, 1947
box 3, folder 5	Shinyo Maru - list of casualties and survivors
box 3, folder 6	Steele, Ben - copy of undated letter with mention of Robb and copy of a Steele's sketch of Robb while a POW in the Philippines
box 3	Samuel B. Moody and Maury Allen, Reprieve from Hell (1961)
box 3	Samuel B. Moody, Reprieve from Hell Part II
	Physical Description: 1 videotape(s) (vhs)
box 3	Last message from Corregidor
	Physical Description: 1 audiocassette(s)
box 4, folder 1	Correspondence between Prof. David Kennedy and Jannis Robb Garred and Allison Robb Marks, 2002, with photocopied resources on James M. Robb's life, 1946-47
box 4, folder 2	Copy of "Carry On" by James M. Robb with introduction by Jannis Robb Garred and Allison Robb Marks
box 3, Folder 7	von Neff, Erich correspondence re: James M. Robb 1983-1992
box 1, Folder 3	Address 1943-03-02