Finding Aid for the Sidney L. Huff papers, 1918-1966; Bulk, 1941-1951

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Sidney L. Huff papers

Date (inclusive): 1918-1966; Bulk, 1941-1951

Collection number: 910

Creator: Huff, Sidney L., (Sidney Lauren), 1893-1962

Extent: 2 document boxes (1.6 linear ft.) 2 flat boxes

Abstract: Colonel Sidney L. Huff was an aide to General MacArthur for fifteen years from 1936 to 1951, including the years of World War II, the occupation of Japan, and the Korean Conflict. The collection consists of military documents, correspondence, ephemera, photos, news clippings, two photo albums, and two large scrapbooks.

Language: Finding aid is written in English.

Language of the Material: Materials are in English.

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact UCLA Library Special Collections for paging information.

Restrictions on Access

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Received from Mrs. Sidney L. (Kiera) Huff, La Jolla, CA on May 12, 1965.

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Biography/History

Colonel Sidney L. Huff (1893-1962) was born in New York State. After retiring from a career in the US Navy from 1918 to 1936, Colonel Huff joined General Douglas MacArthur, military adviser to the Philippines, as his naval assistant in 1936. Upon the commencement of World War II, Colonel Huff was commissioned as a Lt. Colonel in the US Army and assigned as an aide-de-camp to General MacArthur. Colonel Huff saw active service with General MacArthur at Bataan, Corregidor, and throughout the entire Far East during World War II. He also served with General MacArthur during the occupation of Japan and during the Korean Conflict until MacArthur's dismissal in 1951. Colonel Huff retired from the US Army in 1955, and with Joe Alex Morris, wrote My fifteen years with General MacArthur (1964) describing his years of service with MacArthur from 1936 to 1951. He died in New York on Veteran's Day in 1962.

Material from this collection were used as a source for Sidney L. Huff's book, My fifteen years with General MacArthur (1964) authored with Joe Alex Morris.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of correspondence, photographs, news clippings, and ephemera detailing Colonel Huff's military career, particularly his service as a member of General MacArthur's staff during World War II, the occupation of Japan, and the Korean Conflict. Of particular interest is a report on the Philippines campaign and the many photographs of General MacArthur during World War II and the allied occupation of Japan.

Organization and Arrangement

This collection has been arranged chronologically in the following series:

   Series 1: Orders, 1918-1962
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Series 2: Correspondence, 1933-1966
Series 3: Army Personnel Files (201 Files), 1949-1952
Series 4: Biography, Report, and Speech, 1941-1951
Series 5: Photographs, circa 1918-1951
Series 6: Scrapbooks, circa 1918-1964
Series 7: News Clippings, circa 1930-1958

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

Subjects
Huff, Sidney L. --Archives.
United States. Army --Officers --Archival resources.
World War, 1939-1945.

Genres and Forms of Material
photographs.
scrapbooks.

Series 1: Orders, 1918-1962.
Scope and Content
The series consists of military orders for Colonel Huff's service in the US Navy from 1918 to 1936, and in the US Army from 1941 to 1955. These orders consist of his commissions, retirement records, assignments in the Navy, and Army assignments during World War II, the occupation of Japan and the Korea Conflict.

Box 1, Folder 1
Box 1, Folder 2
Box 1, Folder 3
Box 1, Folder 4
Box 1, Folder 5
Box 1, Folder 6
Box 1, Folder 7
Orders (Commissions, Certificates, Oversize). 1942-1956.

Series 2: Correspondence, 1933-1966.
Scope and Content
The series consists of Colonel Huff's correspondence from 1933 to 1966. This period encompasses his retirement from the US Navy, service as a Naval advisor in the Philippines, service in the US Army in World War II, the occupation of Japan, and the Korean conflict; the writing of his book, and the donation of his papers.

Box 1, Folder 7
Correspondence (Manila Navy Retirement). 1933-1958.
Box 1, Folder 8
Correspondence (Army, Navy, Clubs). 1936-1957.
Box 1, Folder 9
Correspondence (Book, Welcome home). 1950-1951.
Box 1, Folder 10

Scope and Content
The series consists of Colonel Huff's US Army personnel files which are referred to as 201 files. A 201 file is a set of documents maintained by the US government for members of the United States armed forces. The files encompass the period from 1949-1952 including his service during the occupation of Japan and the Korean Conflict.

Box 1, Folder 11
Box 1, Folder 12
Army Old 201 File. 1950-1951.

Scope and Content
The series consists of reports on the campaigns in the Philippines in 1941 and 1945, biographical information on General MacArthur used by Colonel Huff to write his book, *My fifteen years with General MacArthur* (1964), and a speech dated June 17th which refers to his years of service with General MacArthur. The biographical information is from Time magazine, Cyclopedia and Who's Who.

Box 1, Folder 13 Report: The Liberation of the Philippines thru the Campaigns of GENERAL MacArthur in the Southwest Pacific Area. 1941, 1945.

Box 1, Folder 14 Biography Mac Arthur. 1946, 1951.

Box 1, Folder 15 Speech June 17. circa 1951.

Series 5: Photographs. circa 1918-1951.

Scope and Content
The series consists of two photo albums of photos from Colonel Huff's Naval service from 1918 to 1936, and photographs from his service as General MacArthur's aide-de-camp from 1936-1951. The bulk of photographs are official photographs from the US Army Signal Corps and the US Navy.

Sub series 5.1: Photo albums. circa 1918-1945.

Box 2 Photo Album No. 1: Naval service (Panama Canal, Lindbergh, Zeppelins). circa 1918-1936.

Box 3 Photo album No. 2: World War II. circa 1941-1945.


Box 2, Folder 1 MacArthur photos. circa 1932-1943.

Box 4, Folder 1 World War II Photos (Oversize). 1942-1945.

Box 2, Folder 2 World War II Photos. 1944-1945.


Box 2, Folder 4 Japan (Independence day celebration). 1949.

Box 2, Folder 5 Japan (Gen. Bradley, UN Flag presentation), Korean Conflict. 1950.

Box 2, Folder 6 Gen. MacArthur leaves Japan and arrives San Francisco. 16 April-18April 1951.

Box 2, Folder 7 Gen. MacArthur and Col. Huff photos. undated.

Box 4 MacArthur Family Photo (Oversize). undated.


Scope and Content
The series consists of two oversize scrapbooks with ephemera, news clippings, and photos from Colonel Huff's Naval service from 1918 to 1936, and from his service with General MacArthur in World War II dating from 1942 to 1943. There are also ephemera from his post war service from 1948-1962 including a phonograph record of General MacArthur's 1962 West Point speech and a paperback copy of his book, *My fifteen years with General MacArthur* (1964).

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
The audio phonograph record on thin vinyl must be digitized prior to use.


Box 2 Scrapbook 2: MacArthur clippings and photos. 1942-1943.


Scope and Content

The series consists of news clippings dating from 1930 to 1958. The clippings encompass the military service of Colonel Huff including his Naval service, and Army service in World War II, the occupation of Japan, and the Korean Conflict. Many of the clippings focus on General MacArthur, who Col. Huff served as an aide-de-camp, including a 1951 serialization of Col. Huff's book, *My fifteen years with General MacArthur*, from the Saturday Evening Post.

Box 4, Folder 2

Box 4, Folder 3

Box 1, Folder 16