

Charles A. Lockwood Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Charles A. Lockwood Papers

Span Dates: 1904-1967

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1940-1960)

ID No.: MSS48694

Creator: Lockwood, Charles A., 1890-1967

Extent: 7,000 items ; 25 containers ; 9.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Naval officer. Correspondence, memoranda, diaries, reports, writings, photographs, newspaper clippings, and printed matter relating mainly to Lockwood's naval career during World War II as commander of the United States Submarine Force in the Pacific and his research and writings on submarines after his retirement.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Adamson, Hans Christian--Correspondence.
Bye, George T.--Correspondence.
Christie, Ralph W. (Ralph Waldo), 1893-1987--Correspondence.
Comstock, Merrill, 1895-1980--Correspondence.
Denfeld, Louis E. (Louis Emil), 1891-1972--Correspondence.
Edwards, Robert S.--Correspondence.
Eller, Ernest McNeill, 1903-1992--Correspondence.
English, Robert H. (Robert Henry), 1888-1943--Correspondence.
Fife, James, 1897-1975--Correspondence.
Hazlett, Edward Everett, 1892- --Correspondence.
Herzog, Bodo--Correspondence.
Hibbs, Ben, 1901-1975--Correspondence.
Kirk, Alan Goodrich, 1888-1963--Correspondence.
Lockwood family.
Lockwood, Charles A., 1890-1967.
Lockwood, Phyllis Irwin, 1901-1977--Correspondence.
Low, Francis S. (Francis Stuart), 1894-1964--Correspondence.
Murray, Stuart Shadrick, 1898-1980--Correspondence.
Nimitz, Chester W. (Chester William), 1885-1966--Correspondence.
Schomaekers, Günter--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Navy--History--World War, 1939-1945.
United States. Navy--Submarine forces.
United States. Navy. Pacific Fleet. Submarine Force.

Subjects

Electric switchgear.
Marine engineering.
Military attachés--England--London.
Periscopes.
Radar.
Sonar.
Submarine warfare.
Submarines (Ships)

Submarines (Ships)--Design and construction.
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Pacific Ocean.
World War, 1939-1945--Naval operations, American.
World War, 1939-1945--Naval operations--Submarine.
World War, 1939-1945--Radar.

Occupations

Naval officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Charles A. Lockwood, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1972 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Charles A. Lockwood were described and arranged in 1984. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Charles A. Lockwood is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles A. Lockwood are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Charles A. Lockwood Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1890, May 6	Born, Midland, Va.
1912	Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1914	Duty in USS <i>Mohican</i> (harbor tug), with instruction in submarines
1917	Commander, First Submarine Division, Asiatic Fleet
1918	Commanded submarines USS <i>G-1</i> and <i>B5</i>
1924	Repair officer, United States Naval Yard, New Hampshire
1929	Member, United States Naval Mission, Brazil
1930	Married Phyllis N. Irwin
1933	Seamanship instructor, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

1937	Commander, United States Submarine Division 13
1939	Commander, United States Submarine Scouting Force
1941	Naval attaché, London, England
1942	Promoted to rear admiral Commander, Submarine Force, United States Southwest Pacific Fleet
1943	Promoted to vice admiral Commander, Submarine Force, United States Pacific Fleet
1947	Retired from the United States Navy
1951	Published <i>Sink 'em All; Submarine Warfare in the Pacific</i> . New York: Dutton
1955	Published with Hans Christian Adamson <i>Hellcats of the Sea</i> . New York: Greenberg
1956	Published with Hans Christian Adamson. <i>Through Hell and Deep Water</i> . New York: Greenberg Published with Hans Christian Adamson. <i>Zoomies, Subs, and Zeros</i> . New York: Greenberg
1960	Published with Hans Christian Adamson <i>Tragedy at Honda</i> . Philadelphia: Chilton Co.
1962	Published with Hans Christian Adamson <i>Hell at 50 Fathoms</i> . Philadelphia: Chilton Co.
1967	Published with Hans Christian Adamson <i>Battles of the Philippine Sea</i> . New York: Crowell Published <i>Down to the Sea in Subs</i> . New York: Norton
1967, June 6	Died, Monte Sereno, Calif.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles Andrews Lockwood (1890-1967) span the years 1904-1967, but are concentrated chiefly in the period 1940-1960. They consist of diaries, correspondence, subject files, speeches, writings, notes, clippings, and printed matter. The collection is organized in five series: [Diaries](#); [Correspondence](#); [Subject File](#); [Speech, Article, and Book File](#); and [Miscellany](#).

The papers document Lockwood's involvement with submarines from the beginning of his instruction in 1914 until his appointment as commander of the United States Submarine Force in the Pacific in 1943. His [diaries](#) for the 1930s tell of preliminary acceptance trials and visibility and sounds tests of submarines. Throughout his official [correspondence](#) are reports of the development of the submarine as an effective military weapon. During World War II, Lockwood received reports and memoranda concerning such technical matters as electric-impact switches, hydraulic doors, night periscopes, and radar and sonar devices. Records of trial runs of the submarines, which were equipped with the new devices, are also in the collection. Correspondents in this period include Ralph W. Christie, Merrill Comstock, Louis E. Denfield, Robert S. Edwards, Robert H. English, James Fife, Edward Everett Hazlett, Alan Goodrich Kirk, Francis S. Low, Stuart Shadrick, Murray, and Chester W. Nimitz.

Lockwood's [diaries](#) for March 20, 1941 to June 5, 1967, reveal his official and social activities as a naval attaché in London; his duties in Australia and the Pacific during World War II; and his participation in family, community, and state affairs after his retirement. In addition, his letters in the war years to his wife, Phylis Irwin Lockwood, supplement this information. Her replies reflect her social and community activities and tell of their children.

After his retirement, Lockwood published [articles and books](#) on submarines and also served as technical advisor for Warner Brothers and Stanley Kramer Pictures. There are notes, research material, and printed matter in the collection relating to his [articles and books](#). Correspondents who were instrumental in publishing efforts include Hans Christian Adamson, George T. Bye, Ernest McNeill Eller, Ben Hibbs, Bodo Herzog, and Günter Schoemaekers.

Arrangement of the Papers

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