

Finding Aid to the Artificial Collection: Pearl Harbor Attack (Dec 6 – Dec 8, 1941)

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Administrative Note: Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library is the first presidential library and the only presidential library used by a sitting president. The library houses documents, objects, and photographs pertaining and relating to President Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR). FDR was in office during the events of Pearl Harbor and the library houses materials about the attack.

Scope and Content: This artificial collection is composed of photocopies of original documents identified from the holdings of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library pertaining to Pearl Harbor, specifically the events of three days: December 6, 7, and 8, 1941. The items are a collection of documents gathered from other collections found at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library. The criterion for selecting the historical content is solely based on the date range—December 6, 1941 to December 8, 1941. Selected materials include: documents, diaries, telegrams, letters, memoranda, and photographs.

Library staff has endeavored to make this research collection as comprehensive as possible; this collection does not represent the entirety of materials in the Roosevelt Library documenting the events of Pearl Harbor. There is a vast amount of documents relating to the lead up to Pearl Harbor attack itself, and the aftermath. To simplify matters only the immediate before and after dates are available within this collection. The Pearl Harbor Guide is available for researchers seeking additional information, including documents related to: Indo-China, Japanese-U.S. Relations, Magic, and WWII.

Provenance: The Pearl Harbor artificial collection includes: President's Official File (OF), President's Personal File (PPF), President's Secretary File (PSF), Master Speech File (MSF), Map Room Papers, Francis Biddle Papers, Charles Fahy Papers, William Hasset Papers, Henry Morgenthau Jr. Diaries, Frank A. Schuler Papers, John Toland Papers, and Claude Wickard Papers.

Processing Notes: The collection was arranged, researched, and described in summer 2011, by interns Ali Caron and Georgina Garcia under the supervision of archivist Kirsten Carter and supervisory archivist Bob Clark.

Series Descriptions: The collection is organized in 2 series:

- Series I: Documents – The items selected for this series remain within December 6, 1941- December 8, 1941, date range. The items reflect the Pearl Harbor attack or events relevant to that incident. The contents found under the container list portion are arranged by: collection title; and folder title, found in quotations.
- Series II: Still Photographs – Images comprising this series are selected from the FDR Library’s General Photograph Collection, folder: WWII: Hawaii: Attack on Pearl Harbor. Listed here are original captions taken from the photographs themselves, along with a Library control number. Unless copyright information is stated in the image caption, all of the photographs in this series belong in the public domain. This means that, to the best of our knowledge, the materials may be freely used by the researcher. However, for copyrighted materials, it is the researcher’s responsibility to determine the limits of Fair Use as defined by sections 107 to 118 of the copyright law and to obtain permission from the copyright holder for further use.

Arrangement: Series I is arranged alphabetically after the president’s papers and Series II is arranged numerically.

Container Lists:

SERIES I: DOCUMENTS

OF400: Appointments; Hawaii, 1941

OF4675: World War II; General, 1941-1942

PPF200b: Nov. 11, 1941- Jan. 6, 1942; Public Reactions

PSF7: Confidential File; Hawaii

PSF43: Diplomatic Correspondence; Japan: Oct.–Dec. 1941

PSF46: Diplomatic Correspondence; Philippines

PSF59: Departmental File; Navy; July-December 1941

Map Room Papers: Hawaiian Area

MSF: Remarks to Cabinet Members and Legislative Leaders, December 7, 1941

MSF: Message to Congress, December 8 1941

Francis Biddle Papers: Cabinet Meetings 1941

Charles Fahy Papers: National Excelsior 1941

Charles Fahy Papers: 1941

Henry Morgenthau Jr. Diaries: Volume 469: December 5-6, 1941

Henry Morgenthau Jr. Diaries: Volume 470: December 7-9, 1941

Eleanor Roosevelt Papers: Speech and Article File: My Day: Mimeographed Copies-
September 1940-December 1942: July-December 1941

Eleanor Roosevelt Papers: Speech and Article File: December 1941-January 1942

Frank Schuler Papers: FBI Documents re Pearl Harbor

Frank Schuler Papers: Grew, Joseph

Frank Schuler Papers: Japanese Spies

John Toland Papers: Pearl Harbor Attack

John Toland Papers: December 7, 1941 – Chronology

John Toland Papers: December 7, 1941 – Part One marked 'NG' (folder 10)

John Toland Papers: December 7, 1941 – Part One marked 'NG' (folder 11)

John Toland Papers: December 7, 1941 – Part One marked 'NG' (folder 1)

John Toland Papers: December 7, 1941 – Part Two (folder 2)

John Toland Papers: December 7, 1941 – Part Two (folder 3)

John Toland Papers: December 7, 1941 – Niihau

Sumner Welles Papers: Speeches & Writings; Speech Draft, December 8, 1941

Claude Wickard Papers: Cabinet Meetings 1941-1942

SERIES II: PHOTOGRAPHS

NPx61-189 Pearl Harbor bombing, December 7, 1941.

NPx65-458a Damage at Pearl Harbor Hawaii, December 7, 1941.

PX65-472 or

PX66-316(10) Wrecked Seaplane—One of the 30 U.S. Navy planes wrecked by
Japanese bombs and bullets during the air attack on Pearl Harbor,

December 7, 1941. The plane was on OS26, an Observation Scout built by Vought-Sikorsky.

- PX65-762(3) USS Arizona, at height of fire, following Japanese aerial attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. December 7, 1941.
- PX66-316(3) Pearl Harbor Bombing—December 7, 1941
USS Utah—Rescue parties are working in opening in the hull of the USS Utah, a target ship, sent to the bottom of Pearl Harbor during the Japanese air attacks. (Please credit Official U.S. Navy from OWI).
- PX66-316(4) USS Oklahoma rescue crews are shown here working on the upturn hull of the 29,000-ton battleship USS Oklahoma, which capsized in Pearl Harbor after being blasted by Japanese war planes. Holes were burned throughout the hull to permit the rescue of some of the men trapped below. Note one of the Oklahoma's launches in the foreground, the battleship, USS Maryland, is in the background. (Please credit Official U.S. Navy from OWI).
- NPx66-316(5) Pearl Harbor Bombing
USS California—the 32,600 ton battleship, USS California is shown being towed to dry dock at Pearl Harbor T.H. This ship was raised from her shallow resting place by means of cofferdams. (Credit U.S. Navy)
- PX66-316(9) Pearl Harbor Bombing—December 7, 1941
Raider is Hit—This Japanese Bomber, a thin line of smoke trailing in its
- PX66-7(28) Wing from Japanese bomber shot down on the grounds of the Naval Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii. December 7, 1941.
- PX67-240 Dead man—December 7, 1941
- NPx72-81 USS West Virginia and USS Tennessee after attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.
- PX74-20: 1239 Hangar destroyed
- PX74-20: 1240 Hangar and plane destroyed
- PX74-20: 1241 Family, December 7, 1941
- PX 74-20: 1243 Plane destroyed
- NPx74-20: 1244 Battleship Row as seen from one of the first Japanese torpedo planes. (Graff Collection)

PX74-20: 1245 Car driving past smoke. (Graff Collection)

PX75-22(12) or

PX74-20: 1247 Man deceased in vehicle.

PX74-20: 1256 Bomb blasted bridge and funnels of sunken ship, December 7, 1941.

PX74-20: 1258 Damaged plane after Pearl Harbor attack. (Graff Collection)

PX 74-20: 1260 Pearl Harbor damages on shore, December 7, 1941. (Graff Collection)

NPX75-22(13) Shattered remains of a Japanese pilot whose plane was brought down during Pearl Harbor attack, December 7, 1941.

NPx81-50(22) The USS West Virginia (BB-48) after Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. (U.S. Navy Photographs) December 7, 1941.

NPx81-50(29) USS Arizona (BB-39) burning after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 (U.S. Navy Photographs)

Px81-50(30) USS West Virginia, USS Tennessee and USS Arizona after Pearl Harbor attack (U.S. Navy Photographs)

NPx81-50(31) Burning and damaged ships at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 (U.S. Navy Photographs)

Px81-50(34) The USS Shaw in floating dry dock after the Pearl Harbor attack. (Toland Collection and U.S. Navy Photographs)

Px81-50(43) First Army photo of bombing of Hawaii, December 7, 1941. Jap submarine beached at Bellow Field, T.H. (U.S. Air force photo/Toland Collection)

PX81-50(68) Small boats searching the harbor for survivors after Pearl Harbor attack, December 7, 1941 (Toland Collection/U.S. Navy Photographs)

PX81-50(74) Fires at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. (Toland Collection/U.S. Navy Photographs)

PX81-50(204) or

NPx74-20: 1289 Carrier fighter planes left one by one under Z flag for Pearl Harbor attack at 7:49am Honolulu Time.

PX83-7(80) or

NPx81-50(75) Damage to the ships of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, after the surprise attack on December 7, 1941. (Gutierrez/U.S. Navy Photographs)

- NPx83-7(81) USS California (BB-44) after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. (Gutierrez Collection and Official Navy Photograph)
- PX83-7(82) USS Arizona after the attack at Pearl Harbor (Gutierrez Collection/U.S. Navy Photographs.
- PX83-7(85) Japanese planes in action over Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The USS Narwhale (SS-167), in the foreground, was not hit. (Gutierrez/U.S. Navy Photographs)
- PX83-7(87) Burning and damaged ships at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii after Japanese attack. (L-R) USS California, USS Maryland, USS West Virginia, and the keel of the Capsized USS Oklahoma. (Official Navy Photograph)

Related Material: Refer to A Guide to Pearl Harbor Resources in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library for further Pearl Harbor Inquiries.