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Samuel Gevirtz Collection

Creator: Samuel Gevirtz
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Biographical Note

Born on October 6, 1924, Samuel Gevirtz enlisted in the Marine Corps in San Francisco on February 23, 1943. As part of the Marine Detachment, Gevirtz served on the U.S.S. Bunker Hill as a gunner, 1944-1945, until it was severely damaged by two kamikaze pilots in May 1945.

Scope and Content of the Collection

This collection consists of two diaries written by Sam Gevirtz, a Marine detachment gunner on the U.S.S. Bunker Hill, 1944-1945. It features firsthand stories about the battles in the Pacific that Gevirtz was a part of, including Okinawa, the Mariana Islands, the Palau Islands, the Battle of the Philippines, and others throughout the Western Pacific.

Arrangement

The collection arrived with no discernible arrangement and was rearranged by PMML staff. The collection is contained within 1 slim legal document box and a small flat box.

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Key Subjects

Names

Barr, Rocky
Gevirtz, Samuel, 1924-
Hagman, John
Halsey, William Frederick, 1882-1959
Hand, Thomas J.
Hertzberg, Fred
Jr., Miner W. Bonwell, 1925-2009
Mitscher, Marc Andrew, 1887-1947
Montgomery, Alfred Eugene, 1891-1961
Popoff, Jim
Thompson, Frances

Subjects

Hellcat (Fighter planes)
Helldiver (Dive bomber)
Kamikaze airplanes
United States Marine Corps
USS Alabama (Battleship : BB-60)
USS Bunker Hill (Aircraft carrier : CV-17)
USS Canberra (CAG-2)
USS Colorado (Battleship)
USS Essex
USS Franklin
USS Hornet (Brig)
USS Independence (CVL-22)
USS Indianapolis (Cruiser)

USS Intrepid (Aircraft carrier)
 USS Iowa
 USS John Hancock (Screw steamer)
 USS Lexington (Aircraft carrier)
 USS Monterey
 USS New Jersey (Battleship : BB-16)
 USS Reno (Cruiser : CL-96)
 USS Saratoga (CV-3)
 USS South Dakota (Battleship)
 USS Wasp
 USS Yorktown (CV-10)
 World War, 1939-1945, Campaigns, Japan
 World War, 1939-1945, Campaigns, Mariana Islands
 World War, 1939-1945, Campaigns, Marshall Islands
 World War, 1939-1945, Campaigns, Micronesia
 World War, 1939-1945, Campaigns, Pacific Area
 World War, 1939-1945, Campaigns, Palau
 World War, 1939-1945, Campaigns, Papua New Guinea
 World War, 1939-1945, Campaigns, Philippines
 World War, 1939-1945, Campaigns, Wake Island

Container List

| Box | Item ID # | Title | Dates |
|------------|------------------|---|--------------|
| 1 | | Small Flat Box | 1944-1945 |
| | 800136001 | My Life in the Service | 1944 |
| | 800136002 | Diary | 1945 |
| 2 | | Transcriptions | |
| | 800136003 | "A Streak in the Sky Saved U.S. Carrier" | n.d. |
| | 800136004 | Samuel Gevirtz Oral History Interview | 12/19/2012 |
| | 800136005 | Christmas Greetings, 1944, Love, Frieda To Sam Gevirtz, presented by Frances Thompson, | 1944 |
| | 800136006 | as a token of appreciation for your service to our country | 1945 |