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Biography/History

Vice Admiral Harold Gardiner Bowen served as the first Chief of Naval Research for the United States Navy. Born in 1883 in Providence, Rhode Island, Bowen graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1905 and was commissioned in 1907. After a stint as chief of the Bureau of Engineers, Bowen was appointed director of the Naval Research Laboratory in 1939 and served in that capacity until 1942. Bowen was decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal for his contributions to military research. Bowen died in 1965.

Description

Consists of selected papers of Vice-Admiral Bowen including speeches, articles, documents, printed matter, and manuscripts for his book Ships, Machinery, and Mossbacks, The Autobiography of a Naval Engineer (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1954). The papers primarily refer to his various activities as director of the Naval Research Laboratory (1939-1942), special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy (1939-1947), chief of the Office of Naval Research (1946-1947), and executive secretary of the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation. Included are files of naval engineering data and research concerning boilers, submarines, destroyers, turbines, radar, and naval patents, and material related to wartime industrial management, plant seizure, and the organization of navy yards.

Arrangement

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Encoding

Descriptive Rules Used
Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Subject Headings

- Naval Research Laboratory (U.S.)
- United States. Office of Naval Research.
- Marine engineering -- United States -- 20th century.
- Naval art and science -- 20th century.
- Naval research -- United States -- 20th century.
- Navy-yards and naval stations -- United States -- 20th century
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Equipment and supplies.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Radar.
- Correspondence.
- Manuscripts.
- Speeches.
- Engineers -- United States -- 20th century.
- American history/20th century
- American politics and government
- World War II
1919-1955
Description: Includes Appointments (1946); Correspondence A-Z; Personal Files, etc.
Box: 1

1907-1952
Description: Includes Autobiography and Biographical Data
Box: 2

1936-1952
Description: Includes Articles and Speeches by Harold Gardiner Bowen; Photographs
Box: 3

Naval Engineering Data, Re, 1914-1953
1914-1945
Description: Re: Boilers, Submarines Turbines, etc.
Box: 4

1935-1947
Description: Re: Destroyers
Box: 5

1922-1953
Description: Re: Radar, Research
Box: 6

1931-1946
Description: Re: Scientific Information Policy; Scientists, etc.
Box: 7

1909-1945
Description: Includes Organization of Navy Yards; Shipbuilding Companies
Box: 8

Plant Seizures and Plants, 1941-1951
1941-1945
Description: Includes Allis Chalmers; American Manufacturing Co., Fort Worth, Texas; Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.; General Cable Co.; Goodyear, etc.
Box: 9

1944-1951
Description: Includes Lord Manufacturing Co.
Box: 10

1931-1946
Description: Includes Publicity; "Radio Reminiscences" by A. Hoyt Taylor (printed)
Box: 11

1941-1945
Description: Includes Scrapbook
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