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THE WILLIAM EUGENE KAITNER COLLECTION

RECEIPT for the gift received of Mrs. Mildred Kaitner on 18 October 1979:

CERTIFICATES:

- Box 1 x roll*
- 1 - Certificate, United States Navy, dated 14 February 1928, for William E. Kaitner, appointment as Ensign, signed by the Acting Secretary of the Navy, (cannot read signature)
 - 1 - Certificate, United States Navy, dated 29 July 1930, for William E. Kaitner, appointment as Lieutenant (junior grade), signed by the Acting Secretary of the Navy, (cannot read signature)
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- 1 - Certificate, United States Navy, dated 31 December 1930, for William E. Kaitner, appointment as Lieutenant (junior grade), unsigned
 - 1 - Certificate, United States Navy, dated 12 February 1937, for William E. Kaitner, appointment as Lieutenant, signed by the Secretary of the Navy, Claude A. Swanson
 - 1 - Certificate, United States Navy, dated 21 April 1942, for William E. Kaitner, appointment as Lieutenant Commander, signed by Acting Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal

CERTIFICATES: (continued)

- Box 1 x
roll
- 1 - Certificate, United States Navy, dated 16 April 1948, for William E. Kaitner, appointment as Commander, signed by the Secretary of the Navy, John L. Sullivan
 - 1 - Certificate, United States Navy, dated 18 September 1950, for William E. Kaitner, appointment as Captain, signed by Secretary of the Navy, Francis P. Matthews
- all of the above certificates rolled in Navy Document container
- 1 - Certificate, United States Navy, dated 1 July 1958, for William E. Kaitner, appointment as Rear Admiral, signed by the Secretary of the Navy, (cannot read signature), mounted
 - 1 - Certificate, Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, for Captain William E. Kaitner, U.S.N., Honorary Member, June 4, 1955
 - 1 - Certificate, Sixth Naval District, Operations, Charleston, South Carolina, for Rear Admiral W.E. Kaitner (Ret.) U.S.N., appointed as operator of ships,interplanetary saucers, dated 28 March 1957, with signatures

CITATIONS:

- Box 1 x
roll
- 1 - Citation, for Commander W.E. Kaitner, U.S. Pacific Fleet, for action 25 January to 27 February 1944, signed by Admiral C.W. Nimitz
 - 1 - Citation, for Commander William Eugene Kaitner, U.S. Pacific Fleet, no date, signed by Admiral C.W. Nimitz
 - 1 - Citation, for Captian William Eugene Kaitner, for the presentation of Gold Star medal in lieu of Second Bronze Star medal, for action 29 November 1944, signed by Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal
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- 1 - Citation, for Captain William Eugene Kaitner, for presentation of the Bronze Star medal for action 29 August to 29 October 1944, signed by Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal
 - 1 - Citation, for Commander William Eugene Kaitner, for presentation of Bronze Star medal for action 29 August to 29 October 1944, signed by Vice Admiral, J.S. McCain

CORRESPONDENCE:

To: Captain W. E. Kaitner
From: Yoshizo Umezu
Date: May 2, 1955

DOCUMENT:

1 - Instrument of Surrender, (copy), signed at Tokyo Bay, Japan, 2 September 1945, signed by representatives of United States, Republic of China, United Kingdom, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Commonwealth of Australia, Dominion of Canada, Provisional Government of the French Republic, Kingdom of the Netherlands and Dominion of New Zealand

MEMOS:

United States Department of the Navy
1945, 2 pieces
1946, 1 piece
1947, 1 piece
1953, 2 pieces
1957, 5 pieces

MENU:

The U.S.S. Conner, Commissioning Dinner, Wednesday, June 9, 1943, W.E. Kaitner, Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N., Commanding the U.S.S. Conner

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING:

"Maturing through strife, Academy Class of '27 Recalls Life in School and War", from the Evening Capital, Thursday, May 1977

NOTEBOOKS:

1 - 7 X 10 X 1/4, brown notebook, containing 36 U.S.N. telegrams, from World War II, 36 pieces, 1943-1945

1 - 10 X 12 X 1, brown notebook, marked "Orders of W.E. Kaitner, United States Navy", 184 pieces, dated 1927-1957

PAMPHLET:

"Welcome Abroad", A guide to the United States Naval Academy, compliments of the Annapolis Naval Wax Museum and Harbour House Restaurant, no date

PASSES:

- 1 - Pass for Yokosuka Naval Masonic Lodge 120, Yokosuka, Japan, for W.E. Kaitner
- 1 - Pass, Visitors, for the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., for Mrs. Mildred M. Kaitner and party, issued June 6, 1957

PERIODICAL:

Old Port of Call
Vol. 2, No. 4, Annapolis, Maryland, September 1972
Whole No. 8

PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 1 - 10 X 14, U.S.S. Los Angeles at sea, no other identification, black and white
- 1 - 10 X 13, U.S.S. Los Angeles at sea, no other identification, black and white
- 1 - 10 X 12, ship at pier, with crowd, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 10 X 12, sailors on deck of ship, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 10 X 12, reception, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 10 X 12, 2 men with flag and cake, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 10 X 12, sailors on deck of ship for ceremony, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 10 X 12, Class of 1927, Annapolis Naval Academy, damaged and very fragile
- 1 - 8 X 10, William Eugene Kaitner on deck of U.S.S. Conner marked "U.S.S. Conner, Gene reading his orders, 8 June 1943", black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, William Eugene Kaitner on board ship with young girl, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, U.S.S. Los Angeles, ceremony on board, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, William Eugene Kaitner with group on board the U.S.S. Pillsbury, 1935, China, black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, Captain William Eugene Kaitner with Mr. Katogi, Mr. Takiguchi, Mr. Ono, Capt. W.L. Pryor Jr., Mr. Matsumoto, Mr. Takagi, Mr. Fukuda, O.B. Salyer, and Mayor Umezu, at dinner, no date, black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, ship in harbor, marked "Mariposa", no other identification, black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, ship at sea, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, marked "Captain Kaitner, Chief of Staff, Officer FAY, breaking ground at ceremony at new BOQ to be erected at Hospital Point, 22 January 1954", black and white

PHOTOGRAPHS: (continued)

- 2 - 8 X 10, unidentified groups, marked "Departure of Whaling Ship - 2/54", black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, ship at sea, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, bombers in Battle of Santa Cruz Islands, marked "October 26, no year, black and white
- 2 - 8 X 10, ceremony of board ship, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 8 X 10, reception, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 6 X 8, ship in harbor, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 5 X 7, group of men, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 5 X 7, group of sailors in kitchen, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 5 X 7, group of sailors on deck of ship, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 5 X 7, group of sailors and officers, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 5 X 7, group of sailors on deck of ship for ceremony dated 22 July 1945, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 5 X 7, ceremony on board the U.S.S. Los Angeles, dated 22 July 1945, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, lifeboat at sea, no identification, black and white
- 2 - 4 X 5, ship at sea, no identification, black and white
- 2 - 4 X 5, men in lifeboat, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, side of ship looking down at sea, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, reception, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, unidentified man with sign marked "Advance Base Training Office", no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, sailors on deck of ship for ceremony, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, gun turrets on ship at sea, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, sailors and wounded on board ship, no identification, black and white
- 2 - 4 X 5, ship at pier with crowd, no identification, black and white
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- 8 - 4 X 5, plane going down in ocean, no identification, black and white
- 5 - 4 X 5, plane at sea, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, group of sailors, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, sailors and officers on deck of ship for ceremony, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, group of sailors with cake, no identification, black and white
- 1 - 4 X 5, sailors with wounded man, no identification, black and white

PHOTOGRAPHS: (continued)

- 1 - 2 X 3, unidentified man on board ship, black and white
1 - 2 X 3, man marked "M.T. Makamura, 1945", black and white
1 - 1 1/2 X 2 1/2, 3 women and a house, no identification, black and white
2 - 10 X 36, group photo marked "Rear Admiral Frank D. Wagner, U.S. Navy Commander Alaskan Sea Frontier and Commander 17th Naval District, Kodiak, Alaska, August 17th, 1949", black and white, (photos have been rolled together)
1 - envelope containing 15 - 3 X 4's, 8 - 2 1/2 X 3 1/2's and 1 - 2 X 3, marked "Pictures taken aboard Conner, The Japanese they picked up + also plane going down, etc." all black and white
1 - page from photo album with photos from Midshipmen's Practice Cruise, 1925, black and white, 11 - 3 X 5's and 1 - 8 X 10

PROGRAMS:

- Launching, July 18, 1942, U.S. Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.
DD 582 USS Conner and DD 583 USS Hall
Memorial Service, 29 May 1977, Class of 1927, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
U.S.N.A. Class of 1927, 50th Reunion, Annapolis, Maryland, May 27, 28, 29 1977, Program-Roster

SKETCH:

- 1 - charcoal sketch (copy) of the U.S.S. Los Angeles, at Guantanamo Bay, no date

UNIFORM:

- 1 - full dress uniform for William E. Kaitner, dark navy blue with brass buttons and gold braid on trousers, 2 pieces

Gene M. Gressley
Director