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Volume/Extent /Cumulation

7 linear feet; 14 boxes, 3 folders



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Description

This collection consists of the photographs, publications and photocopies of documents relating to seacoast artillery, amassed by Chuck Wofford. While there are copies of many general coast artillery publications, the collection is strong in information relating directly to the San Francisco Bay Area seacoast artillery installations. The general publications include regulations and training manuals, as well as notes on construction. There are also copies of ledgers and journals relating specifically to San Francisco Bay Area fortifications. Contemporary studies of seacoast fortifications include the journal of the Coast Defense Study Group, general studies, and GGNRA and other published materials on GGNRA seacoast artillery resources. There are also numerous contemporary

photographs and negatives and photocopies of historic photographs of coastal batteries at Fort Baker, Fort Barry, Fort Cronkhite, Fort Funston, Fort Miley, Fort McDowell, Fort Mason, Fort Miley and Fort Scott.

While much of the material consists of contemporary photocopies of historical documents, the strength of the collection lies in its gathering of all the information together. Historical and contemporary material is grouped together for easy cross-reference, and the compilations and studies that Chuck put together are good resources for basic information about the battery specifications and a bit of their history. The photographs are particularly valuable for their documentation of the batteries in the 1990s, as well as a few from previous decades.

The collection is arranged in the following series:

- Chuck's Projects & Compilations
- Army Documents
- Coast Artillery Study Publications
- Photographs
- Plans

See item folder list below for a more detailed inventory of contents.

History/Provenance

Chuck Wofford was a long-time seacoast artillery aficionado and volunteer at the park archives. He collected as much information as possible about the seacoast artillery, especially in relation to the batteries in the San Francisco Bay Area. He intended for his research to benefit the park and future researchers, and the collection was given to the park after Chuck's death.

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Index/Added Entries

- Wofford, Charles
- Coast Defense Study Group
- United States. Army. Coast Artillery Corps
- Fort Baker (Calif.)
- Fort Barry (Calif.)
- Fort Cronkhite (Calif.)
- Fort Funston (Calif.)
- Fort McDowell (Calif.)
- Fort Mason (Calif.)
- Fort Miley (Calif.)
- Presidio of San Francisco (Calif.)
- Antiaircraft guns

California--History
Coast artillery
Coast defenses--California--San Francisco
Military education--United States
Military training, 1910-1920
Military training, 1920-1930
Military training, 1940-1950
Ordnance, Coast
Ordnance--Pictorial works
Presidio of San Francisco (Calif.)--History
Presidio of San Francisco (Calif.)--Pictorial works
United States. Army--Artillery Ordnance
United States--Coast defenses
World War, 1939-1945--California--San Francisco

Formats

Articles
Books
Journals (periodicals)
Negatives
Operating manuals
Photocopies
Photographs
Reports
Technical manuals
Training manuals

Processing Information

Processed by Kirsten Kvam
Completed in May 2006

Folder List

Box	Folder	Folder/Item List
		CHUCK'S PROJECTS & COMPILATIONS
1	1	Printout of Chuck Wofford's Website, 11/25/2001 [from binder]
	2	Artillery Serial Record Card - 2 sets, 2/2002 & 4/2002 [from binder]
	3	Artillery Serial Index Cards - Guns & Carriages F1/3 [from binder]
	4	Artillery Serial Index Cards - Guns & Carriages F2/3 [from binder]
	5	Artillery Serial Index Cards - Guns & Carriages F3/3 [from binder]
	6	Artillery Index Cards - Mortars & Carriages [from binder]
	7	"Index to the Reports of the Chief of Ordnance, 1864-1912" [from binder]
2	1	"San Francisco Coastal Fortifications, 1890-1950" F1/6 [from binder]
	2	"San Francisco Coastal Fortifications, 1890-1950" F2/6 [from binder]
	3	"San Francisco Coastal Fortifications, 1890-1950" F3/6 [from binder]
	4	"San Francisco Coastal Fortifications, 1890-1950" F4/6 [from binder]
	5	"San Francisco Coastal Fortifications, 1890-1950" F5/6 [from binder]
3	1	"San Francisco Coastal Fortifications, 1890-1950" F6/6 [from binder]
		ARMY DOCUMENTS
	2	"Thickness of Cover for Guns & Magazines of Fortifications" 1893
	3	"Lectures on Seacoast Defense" by Maj. E.E. Winslow, 1909 [from binder]
	4	Army Regulations & Training Manuals Re: Artillery F1/3 [from binder]
	5	Army Regulations & Training Manuals Re: Artillery F2/3 [from binder]
	6	Army Regulations & Training Manuals Re: Artillery F3/3 [from binder]
	7	"Coast Artillery Weapons and Materiel" 1929 [from binder]
	8	Manuals on Seacoast Artillery [from binder]
4	1	"Journal of the United States Artillery" 1899, 1-2/1903, 1-2/1905, 7-8/1911, 3/1920, 9/1929 [from binder]
	2	"The Care of Seacoast Armament and Its Relation to the Mission of the Coast Artillery Corps" by Lt. E. Barber, 5/1929. From Coast Artillery Journal [from binder]
		"Artillery Fuzes" by Cpt. W.J. Hawkins. From Coast Artillery Journal [?] [from binder]
		"Guns, Ammunition, and Accessories" by Maj. E.P. O'Hern. From Coast Artillery Journal [from binder]
		"Artillery Material - Armor, Projectiles and Military Explosives" by Capt. C.C. Jamieson. From Coast Artillery Journal [from binder]
		"The Coast Defenses of San Francisco" by S. Ballou. From Coast Artillery Journal [from binder]

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		“Report on Fire Control and Fire Direction, and the System used at Battery Cranston, California” by Capt. W.G. Haan. From Coast Artillery Journal [from binder]
	3	“Notes of Seacoast Fortification Construction” by Col. E.E. Winslow, 1920
	4	“Notes of Seacoast Fortification Construction” by Col. E.E. Winslow, 1920 [book of plates]
		“Table of United States Army Cannon and Projectiles” 1918
		“Table of United States Army Cannon and Projectiles” 1924
	5	“Coast Artillery Drill Regulations” 1914
5	1	“Coast Artillery Corps: Fire Control and Position Finding” 1924 “Board on Fortifications and Other Defenses - The Endicott Board Report” 1885 [a partial reproduction]
	2	“Description of the Bar and Stroud 9-Foot Horizontal Base Self-Contained Range Finder Type F.Q.2” 1911 “Coast Artillery Training Bulletin: 90-MM Gun, Fixed Mount Service of the Piece” 1943
	3	“A Textbook of Ordnance and Gunnery” Lt. Col. W.H. Tschappat, 1917
	4	Ledgers, Journals - San Francisco Coast Artillery F1/2 [from binder]
	5	Ledgers, Journals - San Francisco Coast Artillery F2/2 [from binder]
	6	Memo Re: Electrical Installations at Seacoast Fortifications, 1919
		COAST ARTILLERY STUDY PUBLICATIONS
	7	Fort: The International Journal of Fortification and Military Architecture, Volume 12. 1984 [from binder]
	8	Coast Defense Study Group Newsletter, August & November 2003
6	1	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 1994
	2	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 1995
	3	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 1996
	4	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 1997
	5	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 1998 F1/2
7	1	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 1998 F2/2
	2	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 1999
	3	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 2000
	4	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 2001 F1/2
	5	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 2001 F2/2
	6	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 2002 F1/2
8	1	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 2002 F2/2
	2	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 2003 F1/2
	3	Coast Defense Study Group Journal, 2003 F2/2
	4	“American Seacoast Defenses, A Reference Guide” CDSG Press, Jan. 1999

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	5	"Coast Artillery Technical Manual - First Seacoast Artillery - Ordnance and Munitions - Manufacturing, Installation, Operation & Maintenance" Jack Buckmeir, 1996
	6	"A Coast Artillery Primer...1886-1950" Draft Publication, 1997
	7	"Ordnance Plan" GGNRA, March 1997
9	1	"Controlled Mines: A History of Their Use by the United States" Charles Bogart, 1997 "A Brief General History of the Construction of the Endicott System of Seacoast Defenses in the Continental United States, 1885-June 30, 1912" Charles Snell, 1975 [NPS document]
	2	Historic Resource Study: Seacoast Fortifications of San Francisco Harbor, GGNRA
	3	"Fortress Alcatraz" John Martini, 1990 [Signed and dedicated by author, 1996] "Fort Point: Sentry at the Golden Gate" John Martini, 1991 "Alcatraz at War" John Martini, 2002 [Signed and dedicated by author, 2002]
	4	"Fortress Marin" Tom Killion, 1979 "Musōshikai (the dream vision)" Frank Aoi, 1985 "Headlands: The Marin Coast at the Golden Gate" M. DeCoster et al., 1989
10	1	"Coast Artillery 1815-1914" Roger Sarty, 1988 "Seacoast Fortifications of the United States: An Introductory History" Emanuel Raymond Lewis, 1979
	2	"Designating U.S. Seacoast Fortifications: War Dept. General Orders and Letters from the Adjutant General 1809-1950"
	3	"Defending America's Coasts, 1775-1950: A Bibliography" US Corps of Engineers, 1997
	4	"American Defenses of Corregidor and Manila Bay 1898-1945" Terrance McGovern, 2003 "The Concrete Battleship: Fort Drum, El Fraile Island, Manila Bay" Francis Allen, 1994 "The American Defences of the Panama Canal" Terrance McGovern, 1999
		PHOTOGRAPHS
11	1	Photocopies and Printouts
	2	Unidentified, Miscellaneous
	3	"From Jim - Puget Sound Defenses"
	4	"From Jim - Fort DeRussey Fort Ruger, Fort Casey"
	5	Sherwood, Blaney, Marcus Miller, Boutelle [negatives]
	6	Cranston, Dynamite, Marcus Miller, Townsley, Fort Scott, Nike Site and more
	7	Battery Wallace, 12/1998
	8	Battery Wallace, 1997 [includes negatives]

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	9	Wolf Ridge AA#
	10	Battery Townsley & Godfrey after cleanup, 2000 [negatives]
	11	Battery Kirby & Yates after cleanup, 2000 [negatives]
	12	Battery Baldwin
	13	CRF Station
	14	Battery Slaughter, 1992
	15	Battery Slaughter, April 1997
	16	Battery Stotsenburg-McKinnon, April 1996
	17	Battery Blaney, 1993
	18	Battery Saffold, 2001
	19	Gravelly Beach/Battery Kirby, 1994 [negatives]
	20	Battery Sherwood, 1993
	21	Fort Point, 1993 [includes negatives]
	22	Fort Baker Album 1 F1/3
	23	Fort Baker Album 1 F2/3
	24	Fort Baker Album 1 F3/3
	25	Fort Baker Album 2/AA Guns F1/2
	26	Fort Baker Album 2/AA Guns F2/2
12	1	Fort Barry Album 1 F1/3
	2	Fort Barry Album 1 F2/3
	3	Fort Barry Album 1 F3/3
	4	Fort Barry Album 2 F1/4
	5	Fort Barry Album 2 F2/4
	6	Fort Barry Album 2 F3/4
	7	Fort Barry Album 2 F4/4
	8	Fort Funston/Cronkhite Album F1/3
	9	Fort Funston/Cronkhite Album F2/3
	10	Fort Funston/Cronkhite Album F3/3
13	1	Fort Miley/Mason Album 1 F1/2
	2	Fort Miley/Mason Album 1 F2/2
	3	Fort McDowell/Miscellaneous Album F1/2
	4	Fort McDowell/Miscellaneous Album F2/2
	5	Fort Scott Album 1 F1/3
	6	Fort Scott Album 1 F2/3
	7	Fort Scott Album 1 F3/3
	8	Fort Scott Album 2 F1/3
	9	Fort Scott Album 2 F2/3
	10	Fort Scott Album 2 F3/3
14	1	Fort Scott Album 3/Presidio F1/3
	2	Fort Scott Album 3/Presidio F1/3
	3	Fort Scott Album 3/Presidio F1/3

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	4	Unnamed Brown Album F1/2 [Includes Fire Stations]
	5	Unnamed Brown Album F2/2 [Includes Fire Stations]
	6	Unidentified/Fell out of Albums
		PLANS
20 x 24 Range	1	Fortification Plans - Coast Defenses of San Francisco
		Drawings of 6-inch Model 105 [23 sheets]
	2	Battery Book, Battery Kirby
		Telescoping Site Holder for Disappearing Carriages
	Map	Coastal Battery Plans - Saffold, Dynamite, Townsley.

Internal Use Only (processing notes)

During the processing of the collection, a number of items were discarded. Most of the photographs were in “magnetic” albums. Each page was photocopied on acid-free paper and the photographs removed and rehoused in sleeves. Eleven albums were discarded. Three duplicate copy photographs were discarded.

Publications that can be found elsewhere in the GOGA Archives were also discarded.

Defender of the Gate

Fort Baker Record Book (photocopy)

Fort Barry Record Book (photocopy)

Fort Cronkhite Record Book (photocopy)

Fort Miley Record Book (photocopy)

Fort Winfield Scott Record Book (photocopy)

Seacoast Fortifications Preservation Manual

Chuck Wofford was a heavy smoker and the collection is imbued with the odor of cigarettes. The collection was extensively aired and vacuumed.