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# Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

James Domenico Reap, Jr., was born on February 25, 1923. He graduated from Berwick High School (Berwick, PA), where he was co-captain of the football and basketball teams, in 1942. Reap received an athletic scholarship to Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, PA and enlisted in the Army there in November 1942. He was honorably discharged from the Army in February 1943 and entered the V-12 Navy College Training Program at Villanova University. He wanted to serve as a pilot, but was diagnosed with astigmatism, which prevented him from becoming a pilot.

Reap enlisted in the Navy in November 1943 and underwent training at Bainbridge, MD and Fort Lauderdale, FL. He was then ordered to San Diego to join the Japanese invasion force. The USS White Marsh took Reap to Pearl Harbor, HI, where he was assigned to the USS Proteus, a submarine tender, as a radar and communications technician. The USS Proteus arrived at Yokosuka Naval Base in August of 1945 and was then ordered to Tokyo Bay, where the Proteus was anchored near the USS Missouri for the formal signing of Japanese surrender.

After the war, Reap was honorably discharged from Naval service on April 6, 1946. He returned to Berwick, PA and married Carmella Cerullo on June 26, 1946. Reap was the owner of an electrical appliance store, an electrician, a teacher, an inventor, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Maria Assunta Society, and the Berwick community.

Reap was stationed at or visited at various times the following locations: Bainbridge, Maryland; Florida; California; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Guam; Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands; Japan; and Panama.

Scope and Contents note

This collection comprises various papers and realia pertaining to the Pacific Theater of World War II. The realia consists of American military service artifacts as well as electrical devices, primarily for communications purposes, and a rifle from the Japanese Army. The papers consist of notebooks, photographs, maps, currency, and published ephemera.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Collection donated by Carmella Jean (Cerullo) Reap, widow of James Domenico Reap, Jr., and James J. Reap, son of James Domenico Reap, Jr., in February 2013.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Reap, James Domenico, Jr.

Subject(s)

- United States. Naval Reserve.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns -- Japan.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns -- Pacific Area.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Realia.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Sources.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Technology.
- World War, 1939-1945.
### Collection Inventory

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<td>1/2 Cloth belt from Valley Forge Military Academy.</td>
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<td>Folded American flag from veteran's funeral.</td>
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<td>2/2 Japanese aviator's hat.</td>
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Japanese aviator's hat with ear flaps and detachable chin strap, fur lining.

2/3 Recognition of military service, framed.

**General note**

Recognition of military service, framed. "The United States of America honors the memory of James D. Reap. This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States. Ronald Reagan President of the United States"

2/4 Honorable Discharge from the Army of the United States, framed.

**General note**

"Honorable Discharge from the Army of the United States Enlisted Reserve Corps [U.S. seal] To All Whom It May Concern: This is to certify, that James D. Reap (13184740) Private, unassigned Enlisted Reserve Corps, Army of the United States, as a testimonial of honest and faithful service, is hereby honorably discharged from the military service of the United States by reason of convenience of government, section X, AR 615-360 Said James D. Reap was born in Berwick, in the State of Pennsylvania When enlisted he was 19 9/12 years of age and by occupation a student He had brown eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion, and was 5 feet 9 inches in height. Given under my hand at Baltimore, Maryland this 10th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and forty-three [signature] James A. Weaver, 2nd Lt., AUS"

2/5 Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, framed.

**General note**

"Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy This is to certify that James Domenico Reap, Jr. a Electronic Technician's Mate Third Class USNR is honorably discharged from the U.S.N. Personnel Separation Center Bainbridge Md. and from the Naval Service of the United States this 6th. day of April"
1946. This certificate is awarded as a Testimonial of Fidelity and Obedience. [signature] M.E. Friot Lieut. (jg), USNR Assistant Records Officer By Direction of Commanding Officer

3/1 Canvas bag with art and writing.

General note
Canvas bag with art and writing: sketch of woman (Carmella Cerullo) on one side; list of places Reap was stationed (Bainbridge, Florida, California, Pearl Harbor, Guam, Saipan, Japan, Panama) and mailing address from Reap aboard USS Proteus to Mrs. James Reap Sr.

3/2 Canvas bag with writing.

General note

4/1 Portable volt and current meter (Yokogawa Electric Company) in wooden case.

General note

5/1 Electric generator (Yokogawa Electric Company). September 1943

General note
instructions Manufacturer: Yokogawa Electric Company September 1943 Wood and metal. Dimensions:
19 cm. W x 11 cm. D x 12 cm. H

5/2 Ammeter.

General note
Ammeter. Equipment Refers to Circuit, Current, Resistance and Voltage / Alternating current “Guide
to How to Use” instructions: in Kanji characters appears on piece In custom wooden box with metal
closures and leather carrying handle. Wooden box dimensions: 19 cm. W x 17 cm. D x 14 cm. H

5/3 Voltmeter.

5/4 Pair of electric sconces.

General note
Pair of electric sconces. Metal and wood.

6/1 Sonar device (Oki Electric Company). March 1944

General note
Sonar device in wooden storage box with tongue and groove sides.
Metal label: Hearing machine Manufactured by Oki Electric Company,* March, 1944 Manufacturer #:
SA-66 Weight: 9.1 kilograms Belonged to: Navy Technical Research Institute “Jim Reap” carved on
top of box. Box dimensions: 46 cm. W x 27 cm. D x 16 cm. H *See OKI History: http://www.oki.com/
en/130column/04.html " . . . At the request of the army and the navy, OKI set out to produce radio and
sonar devices . . . " . . . In 1936, the Naval Technical Research Institute, which expressed interest
in OKI's research on underwater ultrasonic telecommunication, asked the company to produce an underwater sound locator for submarine detection. . . ."

Serial number Year 34001-38000 1942
http://www.rechenmaschinen-illustrated.com/Tiger%20Kihon.htm 1940

8/2 Voltmeter (Yokogawa Electric Company).

**General note**


8/3 Headset.

8/4 Water Salinity Tester.

**General note**

Wooden stick used for testing water salinity.

9/1 Rifle.

**General note**

Rifle and attached cloth tag Repair tag written in kanji characters Cloth: “125 Squad Gun handle is broken”

10/1 Sketch of Yokohama Bay.
Series II - Personal Papers and Ephemera

1/1 Commemorative Box with Sake cup -- Celebrating the Invasion of Nanking, China

General note

Commemorative Box with Sake cup -- Celebrating the Invasion of Nanking, China.

Box: Cover top displays 2 flags: Japanese Army and Navy; “1st telegraph corps”

Cup: Inside cup contains illustration map of Nanking, China region highlighted in yellow indicating Japanese stronghold. The word, “Triumph,” written in Kanji characters, appears Outside cup: series of 5 fans with a word written in each fan: faith, bravery, loyalty, civility and humble

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Nanking Massacre, Nanjing, Jiangsu Sheng, China, 1937.

1/1 Loose content list.

General note

Item 11 Content List of items and # each piece Arabic numbers Contents related to electric Identified following: 4 electric fuse ; cord 1 meter plastic label

1/1 Cloth Identity Label: Blood Type A

General note
Item 12 Cloth Identity Label: Blood Type A Service: Navy Identifies rank: first class seaman Identifies position: office clerk Stitched to clothing to provide info in medical emergencies Cloth on cardboard backing.

1/1 How-to Guide for Battery

General note

Item 13 Battery Attached to Battery – How to Use Belonged to: Naval Dockyard For an office and not an individual

1/1 Loose leaf from book.

General note

Item 14 Torn out page – last page of book Biographical info on author: University, Teacher at Middle School, 1939 Army, Present Teaching Army School

1/1 Miscellaneous paper currency.

General note

Item 15 Currency – different denominations Military Currency “Military payment certificate”

1/1 Envelope and insert.

General note

Item 16 Envelope and insert Belonged to: Naval Experimental Department, Naval Dockyard City: Yokosuka “Please send if you find” Who finds this please send back Information on naval base Yokosuka Naval District. Wikipedia. "... The location of Yokosuka at the entrance to strategic Tokyo Bay " http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yokosuka_Naval_District ". . . 1 balloon corps. . . 10 balloons ..." Chapter: "Army Navy and Aviation: 2. Naval Aviation." The Japan Year Book Complete

1/1 Map of China.

General note

Item 17 Map: China: with cities identified

1/1 Map of the world.

General note

Item 18 World Map: note—Japan is centered on page; Countries identified, e.g. US, UK, and identified # of ships, in red ink stamped, next to each country. January 1939

1/1 How-to manual for ammeter.

General note

1/1 Postcard with painted scenic Japanese landscape

**General note**

Item 20 Postcard with painted scenic Japanese landscape Dated: 1933 July 25. Sent from Japan to Korea Most likely written in child’s hand to his/her Uncle in Korea. Personal greetings Mentions Pusan Korea Parent writes along border on front of postcard: “trip to #tsu, Shiga prefecture it is very hot, take care, wish all health & happiness” . . . The treaty was proclaimed to the public (and became effective) on August 29, 1910, officially starting the period of Japanese rule in Korea . . . ” Japan–Korea Treaty of 1910. Wikipedia. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan-Korea_Annexation_Treaty ” . . . is the capital city of Shiga Prefecture, Japan . . . main port of Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan. . . . ” #tsu, Shiga. Wikipedia. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%8Ctsu,_Shiga

1/1 Memos and ephemera from USS Proteus

1/1 Japanese correspondence, civilian

1/1 Japanese correspondence, military

1/1 Correspondence, from Jim Reap, to Jean Cerallo

1/1 Valley Forge Military Academy ephemera

1/1 Loose Photographs

1/1 Notebook, including schematic symbols, notes on “introduction to radio communication,” sketches, Morse code symbols, and equations.

1/1 G.I. Sketch Book (Penguin Books)
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