

**Claude Albert Buss Collection  
1929 – 1998**



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## **Collection Summary**

Accession Number:

Collection Title: Claude Albert Buss Collection

Dates: 1929 - 1998

Extent: 5 cubic feet

Language: American English

**Abstract:** This collection was donated to the Special Collections and Archives section of the Naval Postgraduate School's (NPS) Dudley Knox Library (DKL) in 2014. The collection consists of original and photocopied photographs, documents, and books by or related to Professor Claude A. Buss.

## **Administrative Summary**

**Access Restrictions:** The collection is open to researchers. Researchers without access to NPS should contact the Special Collections and Archives Manager at least two weeks in advance to arrange campus access.

**Physical Access:** The collection is maintained on the grounds of a restricted access federal government facility.

**Copyright Statement:** The status of copyright for the unpublished documents is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

**Custodial History:** This collection was created by Jane Chai and given to Professor Robert Brown at the Naval War College, Monterey. Both Chai and Brown had been students of Professor Buss. Brown donated the collection to the DKL archives.

**Acquisition Source:** The collection was donated by Professor Richard Brown in 2014.

**Accruals:** This collection is unlikely to have future acquisitions.

**Related Materials:** Claude Buss Biographical File, Special Collections & Archives, DKL. Claude Buss Room, Room 303, Glasgow Hall, NPS.  
[Claude Buss Information Guide](#).

The December 1994/January 1995 issue of *The Classmate*, found in the 1990-1994 section of DKL's *The Classmate* Collection, contains an interview with Buss.

**Other Finding Aids:** [Susquehanna University Archives](#) finding aid.

**Original Locations:** Diplomas and certificates are held in the Claude Buss Room at NPS.

**Preferred Citation:** Claude A. Buss Collection, Special Collections & Archives, Dudley Knox Library, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, [day, month, year].

**Processing Information:** Collection was initially organized by Jane Chai and did not retain Professor Buss' original order. Archivist Julia Robinson reordered this series slightly, and removed some duplicate papers.

**Creation:** Finding aid created by Julia Robinson, 2014.

**Revision:** Finding aid revised by John Sanders, 2014.

Revision: Finding aid revised by Jason Leyk, 2014.

Standard Followed: Finding aid prepared using *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. and local guidelines.

### **Historical Note**

Claude A. Buss (1903-1998) was a distinguished scholar and diplomat who, later in his life, served as a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1927, he joined the Foreign Service and served in China until 1934, when he joined the faculty of the University of Southern California. He became the executive assistant to the U.S. High Commissioner in the Philippines in early 1941.

Buss remained in Manila when other State Department officials evacuated to Corregidor, and, as the ranking official in the capital when the Japanese invaded, was responsible for declaring it an open city. He was interned in Manila, then moved to Tokyo, and was repatriated to the U.S. in 1943. Buss then became the director of the Office of War Information in San Francisco, served as a consultant to the Strategic Bombing Survey of Japan, and was a member of General MacArthur's staff during the occupation of Japan. In 1946, he joined Stanford University's history department. He later taught at the National War College, San Jose State University, and the Naval Postgraduate School.

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### **Biographic Note**

Jane Chai, who had been a student of Buss and later helped him to write *Pacific Security*, collected the materials in this collection, and catalogued many of them. Julia Robinson catalogued the collection in its entirety and created its first finding aid.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Claude Albert Buss Collection contains a number of items owned by or pertaining to Professor Claude Buss. These items include photographs, newspaper clippings, personal correspondence, interview transcripts, official documents and other assorted documents, and date from 1929 to Professor Buss' death in 1998. The collection, which is arranged by subject, includes personal scrapbooks, letters from President Franklin Roosevelt and President Manuel Quezon, and copies of many of the books and articles written by Professor Buss. It also contains a selective bibliography compiled by Greta Marlatt.

### **Arrangement**

This collection is arranged into five series:

**Series I. Buss Papers, 1929-1998.** This series contains articles, correspondence, photographs, other documents from Buss' professional life, as well as a selective bibliography.

**Series II. Pacific Security, 1995-1998.** This collection contains individual chapters, full drafts, and notes for Buss' book, *Pacific Security*.

**Series III. China Scrapbook, 1929-1934.** This collection contains photographs and detailed descriptions of Buss' time with the Foreign Service in China.

**Series IV. World Tour Scrapbook, 1933-1934.** This series contains photographs and descriptions of Buss' trip through South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Europe.

**Series V. Scrapbook, 1941-1954.** This series contains documents related to Buss' professional and personal life, beginning with his work in the Philippines and ending with a request for him to teach a course at the Army War College.

## Subject Headings

Library of Congress Subject Headings:

- Fulbright Scholars
- Naval Postgraduate School (U.S.)
- Naval Postgraduate School (U.S.). Department of National Security Affairs
- Stanford University. Department of History
- University of Southern California
- United States. High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands
- United States. Office of War Information. Overseas Operations Branch
- Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Civil Information and Education Section. Education Division
- National War College (U.S.)
- Tōkyō Teikoku Daigaku
- United States. International Cooperation Administration
- United States Information Service
- Soviet Union. Delegatsiia pri Mezhdunarodnom kongresse vostokovedov, 25th, 1960, Moscow, R.S.F.S.R.
- United States Strategic Bombing Survey

National Archives and Records Administration Record Groups:

- Records of the Office of Territories – 126.7 Records of the Office of the U.S. High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands 1935-59
- Records of the Office of Territories – 126.7.2 Records relating to the World War II program for safekeeping currency, gold, securities, and other valuables after the Japanese invasion of the Philippines
- Records of the Office of War Information [OWI] – 208.6 RECORDS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, OVERSEAS OPERATIONS BRANCH 1941-46
- Records of Allied Operational and Occupation Headquarters, World War II – 331.45.3 Records of the SCAP Civil Information and Education Section 1941-52 – Records of the Education Division
- Records of Interservice Agencies – 334.16 Records of the Army and Navy Staff College (1943-46) and the National War College (1946- ) 1942-54
- Records of U.S. Foreign Assistance Agencies, 1948-1961 – 469.7 RECORDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION (ICA) 1951-61
- Records of the Office of Government Reports [OGR] – 44.5 RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE 1936-47

- Records of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey [USSBS] – 243.4 RECORDS OF THE PACIFIC SURVEY 1928-47