

Wilson
Box 43
Folder 28
Memorials: USS Mission Bay
1953-1961

A collection of letters, historical essay, memos, notes & other items. **Examples are:** letters (4/53) & 2 copies of Office of Naval Records and History, Ships' Histories Section, Navy Dept., "History of the USS Mission Bay (CVE 59) – compiled Sept. 1951 re/ San Diego Mayor John Butler, Congressman Wilson & RAdm John R. Heffernan, Ret. (Dir. of Naval History) respond to Wilson and Butler's interest in this ship; a letter (5/13/53) from Mayor Butler to Wilson re/ lack of "local recognition given this ship or any publicity attendant to its operations;" letter (7/16/59) from Sterling Rounthwaite (Commodore, Mission Bay Yacht Club) to Wilson re/ "would appreciate obtaining the Ship's Bell from the U.S.S. Mission Bay, which we understand has been sold for scrap and is now in New York harbor;" office note and letters (7/59) re/ commentaries on mementos from the USS Mission Bay, especially the Ship's Bell; letter & copy (7/28/59) from RAdm. E. M. Eller, ret. (Dir., Office of Naval History) to Wilson re/ information on the ship's bell and listing of other items received by the Curator for the Dept. of the Navy that may be loaned to the Yacht Club; letter (8/11/59) from Wilson to RAdm. E. W. Grenfell (Asst. Chief of Naval Operations, Logistics) re/ availability of mementos from the USS San Diego and the USS Mission Bay; letters (8/6 & 8/25/59) re/ Chamber of Commerce response to Wilson's Admin. Asst. Leon W. Parma's request for information on all clubs in the Mission Bay area; letter (8/6/59) and information sheet re/ information on Mission Bay from Chamber of Commerce; letters (8/59) re/ further material on the request for Mission Bay clubs, etc. and the mementos for CVC 59; letters (8/59) re/ "defray the costs of crating and shipping the bell from the USS Mission Bay;" Memorandum To: The Boss From: Leon Subject: Relics from the USS MISSION BAY;" letter (9/21/59) & sample letter from RAdm. E.M. Eller (Dir. of Naval History) to Wilson re/ "we are delivering the five items from the MISSION BAY mentioned in earlier correspondence;" copy of Wilson letter (2/1/60) to RAdm. Eller re/ transfer of relics from USS MISSION BAY; copy of Wilson letter (828/61) to V. Earl Roberts re/ "Hope you can arrange presentation of the Mission Bay Wheel to Doug Giddings next time I'm here."