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Form of material and dates: 1937-1973. Letters and papers, both personal and professional, of Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr. (1891-1978) of Williamsburg and Alexandria, Va. Admiral Hall was also at times stationed at Pearl Harbor, San Francisco, and Norfolk, Va. He was the son of John Lesslie Hall, Sr. (1856-1928) and Margaret Fenwick Farland. John Lesslie Hall, Jr. married (1922) Beall Daingerfield LeBourgeois. The collection contains material concerning the following campaigns and confidential amphibious operations during World War II: Operation TORCH in North Africa, Operation BIGOT-HUSKY, Operation AVALANCHE in Salerno, Operation OVERLOAD, Operation NEPTUNE, as well as an Army-Navy joint agreement on Normandy plans. John Lesslie's work with the U.S.O. and other clubs/organizations is included. Information pertaining to Admiral Hall's work with the Naval War College, National War College, Army War College, and the Armed Forces Staff College is documented. The majority of correspondence with his family is with his wife Beall and his brother Channing M. Hall. Prominent correspondents include President Franklin D. Roosevelt, President Harry S. Truman, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lieutenant Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Major General George S. Patton, Jr., Admiral Harold R. Stark, Rear Admiral A.D. Struble, Admiral H. Kent Hewitt, General of the Army Omar Bradley, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, and Admiral of the Fleet Andrew Cunningham. The collection also contains numerous newspaper clippings, photographs and naval pamphlets. ARTIFACTS INCLUDE NAVAL OFFICER SWABS AND SOUVENIRS FROM WW II.

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JOHN LESLIE HALL, JR.

Box 1.


Box II.


Box III.


Box IV.


Folder 3. 1952. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Herbert R. Askins (the Assistant Secretary of the Navy), M.R. Ahuja (Consul General of India), Rear Admiral C.L. Austin, Admiral W.H.P. Blandy, Rear Admiral Thomas H. Binford, Danilo Brugal (Consul-General of the Dominican Republic), Rear Admiral Andrew C. Bennett, Vice Admiral Oscar C. Badger, Rear Admiral H.B. Butterfield, Vice Admiral James Fife, Admiral William N. Fechteler, Rear Admiral B.J. Rodgers and Judge Alfred Dickinson Barksdale.


Folder 5. 1952. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Rear Admiral F.I. Entwistle, Senator Homer Ferguson, Roberts M. Firth (Consul General of New Zealand), Admiral W.M. Fechteler and Air Commodore R.C. Gordon.

for Australia) and Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy.
Box V.

Folder 1. 1952. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Dan A. Kimball (Secretary of the Navy), Lieutenant General William E. Kepner, Rear Admiral H.S. Kendall, Commodore Dudley W. Knox, Vice Admiral I.N. Kiland, Major General Alfred H. Kessler, Jr., Ysusuke Katsuno (Consul General of Japan), Major General George F. Lull, Vice Admiral L.T. DuBose, Oren E. Long (Governor of Hawaii) and Vice Admiral Charles H. Lockwood.


Folder 5. 1953. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Major General Walter E. Todd, Rear Admiral Allan E. Smith, Rear Admiral L.S. Sabin, Elmer E. Robinson (Mayor of San Francisco), Rear Admiral Paulus P. Powell, Rear Admiral H.L. Pugh, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Vice Admiral MaChiChuang, Rear Admiral R.T. McElligott, Rear Admiral F. Moosbrugger, Major General R.B. McClure, President D[wight] D. E[isenhower], James C. Hagerty (Press Secretary to the President), A.D. Chandler (President of the College of William and Mary) and Congressman William S. Mailliard.


Folder 9. 1956. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Lieutenant General D.M. Schlatter, A.D. Chandler (President of the College of William and Mary), Major General R.P. Hollis, Rear Admiral Samuel E. Morrison, Congressman William M. Tuck (Virginia) and Lieutenant General Floyd L. Parks.
Box VI.

Folder 1. 1957. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Joseph S. Farland (U.S. Ambassador, Dominican Republic), President Dwight D. Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles (Secretary of State), Admiral H. Kent Hewitt and Admiral Arleigh Burke.


Folder 3. 1959. Includes miscellaneous correspondence concerning family and business.

Folder 4. 1944-1958. Includes special letters concerning family and friends of John Lesslie Hall, Jr..


Folder 8. 1970. Includes correspondence concerning both business and pleasure activities.


Folder 12. Includes correspondence removed from photographs between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Admiral Robert B. Carney, Vice Admiral R.L. Conolly, Brigadier General Robert O. Shoe, Francis P. Matthews (Secretary of the Navy), Congressman W. Sterling Cole, Rear Admiral D.H. Clark, R.D. Cooke (Mayor of Norfolk), Rear Admiral O.S. Colclough, Rear Admiral E.W. Hansen, Senator Dennis Chavez, General Mark W. Clark, Rear Admiral Ralph Christie, Commodore E.A. Coffin,
Box VII.


Folder 3. 2 May 1932-18 December 1941. Contains letter from family.

Folder 4. 20 February 1942-31 December 1942. Contains letters from family.

Folder 5. 25 February 1943-29 December 1943. Contains letters from family.

Folder 6. 1 February 1946-30 December 1946. Contains letters from family.


Folder 8. 6 January 1948-27 April 1948. Contains letters from family.

Folder 9. Material pertaining to the Class of 1913, U.S. Naval Academy.

Folder 10. Material pertaining to the Class of 1913, U.S. Naval Academy.

Folder 11. 1937-1938. Contains prospectus of the Naval War College courses for Junior and Senior classes.
Box VIII.

Folder 1. 1937-1938. Contains operation problems I-VI (tactical and strategical) of Naval War College.

Folder 2. Contains 1938 Naval War College theses.

Folder 3. Contains information pertaining to the International Law course for Senior and Junior classes of 1938.

Folder 4. Contains staff presentations by John Lesslie Hall, Jr. at the Naval War College.
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Folder 1. Contains 1939 staff presentation by John Lesslie Hall, Jr. at the Naval War College.

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Folder 4. Contains Naval War College lectures and presentations from 1939-1940.


Folder 6. 1951. Contains Army War College lectures and notes.
Box X.

Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: General
C.L. Bolte, Rear Admiral W. McL. Hague and General McC. Pate.


Folder 3. Contains staff instructions for 7 January 1941, 24
October 1942 and 1 March 1941. Includes correspondence between John
Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Rear Admiral O.M. Hustvedt and Rear Admiral D.
McD. LeBreton.

Folder 4. Contains information on plans for 1942 TORCH operation.
Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and Rear
Admiral H.K. Hewitt.

Folder 5. Contains the June 1943 Western Task Force operation plan
no. 2-43 (BIGOT-HUSKY). Includes correspondence between John Lesslie
Hall, Jr. and Vice Admiral H.K. Hewitt.

Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and Vice
Admiral H.K. Hewitt.

Folder 7. Contains U.S. Army shoulder insignia.
Box XI.


Folder 2. Contains information concerning Salerno operations, OP order K-43, operation Avalanche.

Folder 3. Contains information on Salerno plan, Operation [?] AVice Admiral LANCHE, OP-plan #7-43 of the Western Task Force. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and Vice Admiral H.K. Hewitt.

Folder 4. Contains ComPhib Grp 12, attack order no A1202-45.


Box XII.

Folder 1. Contains information on plans for Olympic-Subic Bay.

Folder 2. Contains training orders of May 1951 for Subic Bay.

Folder 3. Contains information on training for Bunic Bay. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and Brigadier General B.M. Fitch.


Folder 6. 26 April 1943-July 1944, 1945. Contains amphibious messages. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Vice Admiral H.K. Hewlitt, Frank Knox (Secretary of the Navy), James Forrestal (Secretary of the Navy), Admiral J.H. D. Cunningham, Major General G.S. Patton, Jr. and Admiral of the Fleet Andrew Cunningham.

Folder 7. Contains a critique on the landing exercises of Amphibious Group Twelve in 1945.

Folder 8. 15 May 1944. Contains information on Operation OVERLOAD.


Folder 10. Contains Army-Navy joint agreement on Normandy.
Box XIII.

Folder 1. Contains miscellaneous fleet informations.

Folder 2. Contains an action report on the Sicilian Campaign, Operation HUSKY, July-August 1943.

Folder 3. Contains information on the organization of U.S. Amphibious forces.

Folder 4. Contains information on Operation NEPTUNE, order no. BB-44.
Box XIV.

Folder 1. Contains NCWTF: Operation NEPTUNE, operation plan 2-44, 21 April 1944.


Folder 3. Contains travel orders for John Lesslie Hall, Jr. from 22 May 1913-22 November 1929. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Franklin D. Roosevelt (Secretary of the Navy).


Box XV.


Folder 3. Contains Ruritan Club speech and correspondence from 1948.

Folder 4. Contains miscellaneous speeches, articles and quotations.

Folder 5. Contains Vice Admiral Hall’s speech at the Presidio Officer’s Club on Tuesday, 22 April 1952.

Folder 6. Contains Vice Admiral Hall’s address before San Diego Lion’s Club on 4 December 1952.

Folder 7. Contains an address given by Vice Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr. at the West Coast Research Reserve Seminar, Rawlings Theatre, San Francisco Naval Shipyard 1400, 25 August 1952.

Folder 8. Contains an address given by Vice Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr. at Supply Corps School Branch, Oakland, California for the graduating ceremonies of 19 September 1952.

Folder 9. Contains a welcoming address given by Vice Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr. before reserve officers of the Medical Department attending a course in Special Weapons, Isotopes and Military Medicine, 2 March 1953.

Folder 10. Contains an address given by Vice Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr. before the Army, Navy and Air Force at the Training Area theatre of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington. The speech was entitled "The Role of the Navy in Future Global Warfare" and was given on 11 June 1952.
Box XVI.

Folder 1. Contains an address given by John Lesslie Hall, Jr. at the College of William and Mary in 1949. Includes correspondence between Admiral Hall and John E. Pomfret (President of the College of William and Mary).


Folder 4. Contains extra copies of Admiral Hall’s address made at the College of William and Mary’s commencement on 12 June 1949.


Folder 6. Contains an address given by Vice Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr. at Friant Dam Ceremonies, Friant, California on Tuesday, 7 August 1951.

Folder 7. Contains a speech made by Vice Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr. at the Society of American Military Engineers, Presidio Officer’s Club, Presidio of San Francisco on 13 November 1952.

Folder 8. Contains an address given by Vice Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr. before the College of Medical Evangelists at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on 9 March 1953.

Folder 9. Contains numerous honorary memberships and citations presented to John Lesslie Hall, Jr. during the years 1935-1952. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and Brigadier General R. McC. Pate.

Folder 10. Contains information on numerous clubs associated with John Lesslie Hall, Jr. in 1951. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and Major General A.H. Noble.

Folder 11. Contains information on numerous clubs associated with John Lesslie Hall, Jr. in 1952.
Box XVII.

Folder 1. Contains miscellaneous information from various clubs associated with John Lesslie Hall, Jr. in 1953.

Folder 2. Contains information concerning the Kappa Sigma fraternity from 1963.

Folder 3. Contains miscellaneous newspaper clippings and cartoons.


Folder 7. Contains information pertaining to the 1953 annual Yorktown Day. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Rear Admiral J. McN. Taylor and Vice Admiral James L. Holloway.

Folder 8. Contains information pertaining to the annual Yorktown Day, 1960 [?].
Box XVIII.

Folder 1. Contains several naval pamphlets from 1932-1940.

Folder 2. Contains several naval pamphlets from 1940-1975.


Folder 4. Contains information pertaining to Operation Remember on 1-3 May 1957.


Folder 6. Contains Now Hear This!, volume VIII, no. 4 (summer issue), 1957.
Box XIX.

Folder 1. Contains information pertaining to the 1959 annual dinners for officers of the First Division. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and Major General S.B. Mason.


Folder 3. Contains information concerning the U.S.O. in 1956. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Emil Schram (President of the U.S.O.), Vice Admiral A. Stanton Merrill, Lieutenant General Floyd L. Parks, Rear Admiral I.N. Kiland, Admiral Felix B. Stump, Luis Munoz-Marton (Governor of Puerto Rico) and Lieutenant General J.H. Atkinson.

Folder 4. Contains information concerning the U.S.O. in 1957. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Roberto Sanchez-Villa (Secretary of State for Puerto Rico) and Emil Scram (President of the U.S.O.).

Folder 5. Contains information pertaining to U.S. Naval Policy.

Folder 6. Contains information pertaining to Augusta Cruises from Orient to Oceania on 24 September to 22 December 1934.

Folder 7. Contains miscellaneous papers of John Lesslie Hall, Jr. from 15 April 1935-1942.

Folder 8. Contains congratulation letters to John Lesslie Hall, Jr. on his promotion to Captain. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Rear Admiral E.M. Eller and Rear Admiral F[rank] H. Sadler.


Folder 11. Contains information pertaining to the biography of Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr.
Box XX.


Folder 2. Contains a report entitled *A History of the United States Naval Bases in the United Kingdom*, 1 November 1944.

Folder 3. Contains *U.S.S. Arkansas*, a pictorial review from 1944.

Folder 4. Contains *Naval Directives and the Order Form* of 1944.

Folder 5. Contains the 1945-1946 fitness reports from PHIBSPAC completed by Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr. after reporting to COM14.

Folder 6. Contains an Officer's Qualification Record Jacket.


Folder 8. Contains "Logistic Information for Prospective Navy Witnesses in Hearings on 'National Security Act of 1947, s. 758.'"


Folder 10. Contains a number of new duty assignments of AFSC students.

Folder 11. Contains information pertaining to the Kangeter Case of 16 March 1948. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Rear Admiral O.S. Colclough and Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

Folder 12. Contains a report on the principles of the naval staff organization, presented by the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I., 1948 [?].

Folder 13. Contains information pertaining to the payment of French men-of-war personnel in the U.S.


Folder 15. Contains "Staff Officer Responsibility and Staff Procedures," for the Armed Forces Staff College in 1951.

Folder 16. Contains the Commander Western Sea Frontier transfer of command inventory and audit of RPS from 1 May 1953. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and Francis P. Matthews (Secretary of the Navy).
Folder 17. Contains fitness reports and other miscellaneous data.

Folder 18. Contains John Lesslie Hall, Jr.'s 1923 South Carolina driver's license, a propaganda advertisement and notebooks of Admiral Hall.
Box XXI.


Folder 3. Contains information pertaining to the Society of the Cincinnati in Richmond, Virginia. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and Rear Admiral John B. Heffernan.


Folder 7. Contains information pertaining to commemorative events involving John Lesslie Hall, Jr. during the years 1953-1974. Includes correspondence between John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and: Frank Knox (Secretary of the Navy), Vice Admiral R. Fenard and General of the Army Omar N. Bradley.

Folder 8. Contains information pertaining to Vice Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr.'s Los Angeles trip of 9-10 March 1953. Includes correspondence between Vice Admiral Hall and A.D. Chandler (President of the College of William and Mary).

Folder 9. Contains information on the family matters of John Lesslie Hall, Jr. between the years 1953-1968.
Box XXII.

Folder 1. Contains official naval photographs.

Folder 2. Contains naval photographs from World War II.

Folder 3. Contains official naval photographs.

Folder 4. Contains 1962 naval photographs dealing with World War II.

Folder 5. Contains official naval photographs.

Folder 6. Contains 1952 naval photographs dealing with World War II.
Box XXIII. Contains personal scrapbooks and photographs of John Lesslie Hall, Jr.. Also includes one personal tape.

ARTIFACTS INCLUDE: 2 WWII JAPANESE ARISAKA CARBINES WITH BAYONETS, SEE (BIBL. #30 AND); 2 NAVAL OFFICER SWORDS, 1 SAMURAI SWORD (SOSS).
Five miscellaneous items, 1934-1938, relating to the naval career of Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr.

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Folders 3-4. Undated material relating to the christening of the U.S.S. John L. Hall.

Folder 5. Newspaper clippings relating to the christening of the U.S.S. John L. Hall.

Folder 6. Seven photographs of an exhibit in Swem Library of the papers and memorabilia of John Lesslie Hall, Jr.

Folder 7. TLS by Admiral T. B. Hayward to Susan Hall Godson and photograph of the John L. Hall in presentation folder.
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Folder 1. Business correspondence of John Lesslie Hall, Jr., 1914-1917.


Folder 4-6. Receipts of John Lesslie Hall, Jr., 1914-1917.

Folder 7. Accounts of John Lesslie Hall, Jr., 1915.


Photographs

1893. Illustration, 12 ½” x 17 ¾”, black and white, showing a poor young girl and boy. 1 item. Ph. (P1) (In medium oversize file)

1893. Illustration, 15 ¼” x 17 ¾”, black and white, showing a scene of military men at a meeting. 1 item. Ph. (P2) (In medium oversize file)

1893. Illustration, 15 ½” x 17 ¼”, black and white, showing a battle scene [the French Revolution?]. 1 item. Ph. (P3) (In medium oversize file)

1893. Illustration, 15 ⅝” x 17 ¾”, black and white, showing a farm scene of a soldier, an old woman, and two servants, by Louis Edouard Fournier. 1 item. Ph. (P4) (In medium oversize file)

1893. Illustration, 15 ⅝” x 17 ¾”, black and white, showing two gentlemen and a lady [at home?]. 1 item. Ph. (P5) (In medium oversize file)

1893. Illustration, 15 ⅝” x 17 ¾”, black and white, showing four religious men in a kitchen. 1 item. Ph. (P6) (In medium oversize file)

1894. Illustration, 15 ⅝” x 17 ¾”, black and white, showing three men on horses, and hounds on a chase. 1 item. Ph. (P7) (In medium oversize file)

1894. Illustration, 15 ⅝” x 17 ¾”, color, showing three men at the seashore [recovering supplies from a sinking boat?]. 1 item. Ph. (P8) (In medium oversize file)

1913. Photographic print, 11” x 14”, black and white, side view of an unidentified ship at sea [the U.S.S. Utah?]. 1 item. Ph. (P9)

[ca. 1913]. Photographic print, 12” x 14”, black and white, showing John Lesslie Hall, Jr. [front row, center] and nine other members of his baseball team. 1 item. Ph. (P10)

1913. Photographic print, 11” x 14”, black and white, portrait of John Lesslie Hall, Jr., while attending U.S. Naval Academy, taken by McAboy Studios, Annapolis, MD. 1 item. Ph. (P11)
[ca. 1913]. Photographic print, 3" x 6", black and white, front view of John Lesslie Hall, Jr., standing in football uniform. 1 item. Ph. (P12)

[ca. 1913]. Photographic print, 2 ½" x 5 ½", black and white, front view of John Lesslie Hall, Jr., standing in football uniform, “left tackle Navy team”. 1 item. Ph. (P13)

[ca. 1913]. Photographic postcard, 3 ½" x 5 ½", black and white, showing eight men [members of a football team?], including John Lesslie Hall, Jr. (far right). 1 item. Ph. (P14)

[ca. 1913]. Photographic print, 8 ¼" x 13 ¼", black and white, showing the Navy basketball team (12 members, including John Lesslie Hall, Jr., back row, center). 1 item. Ph. (P15)

n.d. Photographic print, 6 ½" x 10 ¼", black and white, portrait of “Jim” Reilly, signed “Yours for a successful Navy”. 1 item. Ph. (P16)

n.d. Photographic print, 4 ¼" x 6 ¼", black and white, portrait of an unidentified military officer. 1 item. Ph. (P17)

n.d. Photographic print, 4 ¼" x 6 ¼", black and white, portrait of an unidentified military officer. 1 item. Ph. (P18)

n.d. Photographic print, 7 ¼" x 10 ¾", black and white, side view portrait of John Lesslie Hall, Jr.’s wife, Beall. 1 item. Ph. (P19)

n.d. Photographic print, 6 ¼" x 8 1/8", black and white, showing John Lesslie Hall, Jr. and his wife, Beall, in their dining room, during the holidays. 1 item. Ph. (P20)

n.d. Photographic print, 6 ¼" x 8 1/8", black and white, showing [John Lesslie Hall, Jr.’s] “amah”, in his living room. 1 item. Ph. (P21)

n.d. Photographic print, 6 ¼" x 8 1/8", black and white, showing “two...servants” [ of John Lesslie Hall, Jr.] in the dining room, during the holidays. 1 item. Ph. (P22)

Artifacts

n.d. Medallion from “The Great War for Civilization”, a United States medal naming the countries “France, Italy, Serbia, Japan, Montenegro, Russia, Greece, Great Britain, Belgium, Brazil, Portugal, Rumania, China”. 1 item. (A1)

n.d. Carrying case, labeled “J.L. Hall”, containing various drafting equipment and instruments. 1 item. (A2) (In artifact file)