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Summary Information

Repository: University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama

Title: B. P. Vosbury papers

ID: MSS.1598

Date: 1930-1932

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (4 letters,3 photo clippings)

Language of the Material: English

Abstract: Letters written by B.P. Vosbury to his mother, Katie Vosbury of Washington, DC, while he was serving aboard the U.S.S Tracy (214) in 1930 and 1931 and aboard the U.S.S. Avocet (AM19) in 1932. The letters describe his tours on the U.S. Asiatic Station and life in the Philippines and the South Seas in the years prior to World War II.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

B.P. Vosbury was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in 1917 and served in the U.S. Asiatic Fleet as a lieutenant on the U.S.S. Tracy (214) in 1930 and 1931, and then as lieutenant commander of the U.S.S. Avocet (AM19) in 1932.

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Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of four typewritten letters written by B.P. Vosbury to his mother, Katie Vosbury of Washington, DC, while he was serving aboard the U.S.S Tracy (214) in 1930 and 1931 and aboard the

U.S.S. Avocet (AM19) in 1932. The letters describe his tours on the U.S. Asiatic Station and life in the Philippines and the South Seas in the years prior to World War II. There is a newspaper clipping about a tiger and python fight in Jahore with the first letter (dated 1930 October 21) as well as three photographs (mentioned in the letter dated 1931 June 26) taken during a week's leave showing the Great Wall and the Forbidden City in Peiping (Beijing). There is also a clipping from the Malayan Saturday Post (1930 October 18) showing the U.S. 15th Destroyer Squadron with an arrow pointing to the Tracy. In the 1930 letter he mentions the Depression and that the "slump" is a main topic of conversation in Singapore.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Hall, Wade, 1934-
- Vosbury, B. P.
- Daily Life and Family
- War and Military

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Papers	Box SC0010	Folder 1598.01