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With thanks and appreciation to Maxine Reneker and Greta Marlatt who allowed me to begin investigating the fascinating literature of the United States Navy in China.

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“Like Chimneys in Summer”

The thousands of men who served on the China Station before World War II have been all but forgotten, except in the mythology of the military.

In the sea stories and barracks tales of soldiers, leathernocks, and old salts, China hands have been depicted as swaggering, larger-than-life men.

China hands gained repute as the best professional military men and also the best at drinking and womanizing.

Why have these men been overlooked?

Part of the reason is that most of the troops served in the peacetime military.

Most Americans would probably agree with the British statesman, William Cecil, who wrote:

‘Soldiers in peace are like chimneys in summer.’

From Dennis Noble’s preface to his 1990 scholarly monograph on American military men in the Far East, The Eagle and the Dragon: The United States Military in China, 1901-1937.
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The Yangtze Patrol

Introduction

Yangtze Patrol!!

Merely hearing the words conjures images of exotic places, intriguing people, exciting adventures – and danger.

The Yangtze, Asia’s largest river, originates in the mountains of Tibet and flows eastward through the heart of China before entering the Pacific Ocean at Shanghai. For nearly a hundred years, from the middle of the nineteenth century to the middle of the twentieth, the United States Navy patrolled the river, protecting American citizens and interests. Few people know the history of those times. The Yangtze River Patrol Memorial Foundation, successor to the Yangtse River Patrol Association, was created to memorialize the ships and men of the Patrol and to foster scholarship into the role played by the United States Navy in the Far East.

Now, the Yangtze River Patrol Memorial Foundation has honored the Naval Postgraduate School’s Knox Library by selecting it as a repository for their book collection, records, and memorabilia. This is particularly appropriate given that the library’s namesake, Commodore Dudley Knox, commanded the gunboat *U.S.S. Iris* during China’s Boxer Rebellion of a century ago. The honor, we acknowledge, brings with it the Great Responsibility to care for the collection, to augment and improve it, to document it, and to make it available for scholarly researchers. The compilation of this modest bibliography is the first public step toward that goal. We hope this initial attempt will serve as a bedrock for greatly expanded and/or improved future versions.

The first issue we confronted was defining the breadth and scope of the material that would be included in this bibliography. For example, should it encompass material pertaining only to the Yangtze River Patrol or should it include the co-existing South China Patrol which operated further south along the coast at Canton? Should our purview expand to include the full Asiatic Fleet, of which the Yangtze Patrol was a part; or perhaps to the business and religious activities which provided the Patrol’s stated raison d’être, or maybe even to the diplomatic negotiations and political decisions which made its establishment possible? And what about the fascinating magazine articles and books from that time period which, while not mentioning the Patrol, vividly and evocatively described the people and the scenes that the sailors would have encountered?
Then there was the problem of defining just how long the Yangtze Patrol existed. The U.S. Navy created an organization with the official name ‘Yangtze Patrol’ on 5 August 1921 with the stated purpose of “protecting U.S. interests, lives and property and to maintain and improve friendly relations with the Chinese People.” [Cable, p. 160]. However, the term is applied by some to include all U.S. Navy activities on the river dating back to the 1850’s. Kemp Tolley in the preface to his book, *Yangtze Patrol*, confidently states that “the Patrol carried out the longest single uninterrupted military operation in U.S. history, enduring without significant break for only twelve years short of a century.” [Tolley, preface]

A perusal of this “selected” bibliography will reveal, for now, a rather unfocused response to the above questions. Perhaps the eventual direction and scope of this work, as in the case of the Yangtze Patrol itself, will be an evolutionary process driven by public demands, official responses, and the aggregate human and financial resources available for the task.

Those who hunger for a definitive description of the Yangtze Patrol may appreciate a few selections from Robert W. Love’s *History of the U.S. Navy* which will help to put the Patrol in historical and political context while illustrating the difficulty in characterizing its composition and nature:

“…Most Americans who preached and traded in China lived in the Yangtze River basin, or in or around one of South China’s great treaty ports. For nearly a century their activities had been periodically threatened by pirates, bandits, antiforeign rioters, warlords, and anti-Peking rebels. As a result, in the 1858 Treaty of Tsiensin the United States demanded that China give U.S. navy warships the right to navigate the rivers of China “in pursuit of pirates” and the freedom to “visit all ports.” The first patrol on the Yangtze River was conducted in 1854 [emphasis added], and over the years these operations increased in frequency as Peking’s ability to keep order declined under pressure from the warlords, Japan, and Europe’s interventionists.

“The Navy provided the principal means for achieving these objectives.” [Love, page 566]

A few other explicative paragraphs from Love may serve to illustrate the ebb and flow in the Patrol’s history:

“After the Boxer Rebellion was crushed in 1900, American gunboats routinely patrolled the Yangtze and policed the South China coast. The Boxer Treaty also led to the posting of a large marine legation guard in Peking and an Army regiment at Tsiensin forty miles to the east. Nonetheless, the China station was always an isolated outpost.
In 1902, the Asiatic Squadron was ungraded [sic] [upgraded?] to fleet status, but two years later Theodore Roosevelt withdrew all battleships from the Far East.

“Admiral Coontz had abolished the Atlantic fleet and consolidated all the battleships into the U.S. Fleet on the Pacific coast in 1922, but he did not disestablish the Asiatic Fleet. It was charged with defending the Philippines and Guam and with upholding the Open Door Policy in China

“Over the years the Asiatic Fleet’s Yangtze Patrol and South China Patrol remained fairly weak, despite the increasing danger to American interests that came hard on the heels of the Manchu dynasty’s collapse in 1911, the subsequent outbreak of civil war, and Japan’s adoption of a policy of muscular expansionism. When a real crisis appeared on the horizon in 1924, the entire Asiatic Fleet consisted of only one cruiser, twenty-four-stack destroyers, twelve submarines, and eleven gunboats. Rear Admiral Charles B. McVay’s Yangtze Patrol maintained a supply depot at Hankow, the midpoint of its area of gunboat operations on the river; a smaller three-vessel South China patrol was stationed at Canton. The navy’s establishment in China was clearly not up to defending American interests in the far East. The Yangtze Patrol was ‘small and weak, merely a police force against banditry,’ admitted rear Admiral Yates Stirling …

“American nationals in China were sharply divided over the value of the patrols, many claiming that the gunboats stimulated Chinese agitation, others insisting that only the presence of Western naval forces prevented the Chinese from violating the treaties and slaughtering all foreigners.” [Love, pages 566 – 568]

Stanley Hornbeck, writing in the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* in 1928, described an incident in which the civilian participants presumably would not have equivocated in their feelings about the Patrol’s gunboats:

“When the premises were about to be rushed, the American Consul asked by signal that the gunboats in the river fire. American and British gunboats laid with mathematical precision a barrage which dispersed the attackers and covered the escape of the besieged party over the city wall. The patience of the Consul all that day, his resolution at four o’clock, and the prompt response of the gunboats appear to have been all that saved this party – men, women and children – from death.” [Hornbeck, pages 30-31]

Dr. Esson M. Gale’s 1955 *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings* article on the Yangtze Patrol makes interesting reading for someone who has time for only an essay-length overview. A unique feature of Gale’s article is the insight it provides into the family and leisure/recreational life of the naval officers:

“As a peace-time assignment, service on the Yangtze river was highly regarded by all navy men who knew. Welcomed by the civilian element in the international treaty ports naval officers and their families shared in the luxurious scale of living enjoyed by occidentals in China. Elaborately furnished apartments, with battalions of houseboys, cooks, and amahs for the children, could frequently be leased from the local European residents going on leave to their homelands.Rentals were phenomenally low, as were all other expenses. Curio and silk shops bulged with the choicest products of Chinese artistry at irresistible prices. Attractive clubs provided special recreational facilities for the foreign communities. The Shanghai Club and the spacious American Club were downtown institutions where local businessmen and officials, including the transient naval officers, gathered before tiffin for the customary gin-and-bitters. Navy wives were popular both at the clubs and in the drawing rooms. They introduced a refreshing note in styles and costumes to their sisters in exile.” [Gale, p. 307]
In contrast, enlisted personnel experienced a vastly different lifestyle:

“For the sailors, however, the sprawling International Settlement at Shanghai provided nothing in the way of entertainment but the sort of temptations one would expect to find in a city referred to by the British as a ‘sink of iniquity.’ Sordid and degrading conditions existed until the American communities of central China, particularly the American women’s organizations, became aroused and set out to provide clubs and respectable social contacts …” [Gale, p. 307]

References to this aspect of the American presence in China are relatively rare in the literature and it is to Gale’s credit that he at least made sanitized allusions to conditions for the bluejacket sailors, including a list of several communicable diseases that plagued them such as malaria, cholera, smallpox and, circumspectly, “many others not necessary to mention here.” [Gale, p. 309]

For those who crave more information than Gale’s article imparts, Kemp Tolley’s *Yangtze Patrol* delivers a fascinating book-length treatment of the subject. Thomas Buckley’s review of Tolley’s monograph in the *Journal of American History* manages, in a couple of paragraphs, to evaluate the book, encapsulate the history and function of the Patrol, and inculcate some introspection regarding the existence and objectives of the riverine unit:

“… From the Susquehanna through the intrepid Monocacy to the ill-fated Paney [sic], American gunboats plied their way up and down the treacherous Yangtze in times of peace as well as war. Their officers and crewmen, performing what was obviously one of the most difficult and unrewarding tasks ever undertaken by the United States Navy, attempting to protect, and at times expand, American interests in China that were often as vague as they were vacillating. Dangers were faced with skill and courage; all were not strictly military, as noted by one crewman when asked what he did with his wages. He replied, “The most of it goes for likker and wimmen. The rest I spend foolishly.

“The book is a useful, well-written, and interesting account of an exotic chapter in American naval and diplomatic history; it is a most skillful and entertaining re-creation of days long past. Based largely on published reminiscences, official records, and articles from the United States Naval Institute Proceedings, the volume has great substance in its descriptive aspects. It is, however, lacking in analysis. The author clearly accepts the presence and function of the gunboats as necessary and justified; alternatives to “gunboat diplomacy” are not discussed, and seldom does the Chinese viewpoint appear in the narrative. With the rise of Chinese nationalism in the 1920s, the task of the gunboats became even more difficult and finally impossible although it was not the Chinese who pushed the gunboats out but the Japanese. American policies in the interwar period, despite outraged cries from those like American ambassador John van Antwerp MacMurray who admired gunboat diplomacy, relegated force to a secondary position. Useful in an earlier era, the gunboats had outlasted their time…” [Buckley, page 454]

Another book-length work worthy of special mention because of its unique perspective is Dennis L. Noble’s *The Eagle and the Lion: The United States Military in China, 1901-1937*. Noble, eschewing the more common discussion or description of events, opted instead for an in-depth study and evaluation of the individual sailors, marines and soldiers who served in China; his book is an attempt to not only evaluate them as military men but to actually examine how they lived and how they thought.
For a hundred years American sailors in China followed the ever-changing and sometimes conflicting orders of their government. Fully appreciating the Yangtze Patrol requires understanding many decades of American/Chinese relations placed in context with the rest of world history. The Yangtze Patrol can’t be summarized adequately in just a few pages, but it is hoped that those whose imaginations and interest are fired by the brief descriptions above will find this still-incomplete bibliography a profitable place to begin their exploration into the Yangtze Patrol and the “interesting time” of which it was a part.

In creating this partially-annotated bibliography, the intent was that it should be an ‘entertaining’ as well as an ‘informative’ work. An attempt was made to select cogent snippets from the comments and works of others that would, when taken together, provide a sort of broad overview of the times, the issues, and the events. In other words, a reader who knew nothing about the Yangtze Patrol could peruse this bibliography and come away not only enlightened and intrigued but also motivated to delve into some of the works cited herein. The current product is only a poor approximation of the original concept but it is hoped that time and funding will be available in the future for an enhanced version, involving an expanded number of pertinent citations, additional annotations and comments, and either a broadened or a narrowed scope depending on the opinions and advice of those who care about this period in the history of American/Chinese affairs.

One final note, books held by the Naval Postgraduate School’s Dudley Knox Library are identified by the letters “NPS/DKL” followed by location and call number information. Many of the journal articles and other items are also accessible in Knox Library. Consult with the reference or interlibrary loan departments in your local library for advice on obtaining any materials that interest you.

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A short chapter on “gunboat diplomacy” briefly mentions the service of those vessels in China prior to 1909. An ‘appendix’ displays line drawings and a brief written description of gunboats from the 1900 era.


“Barber’s history of the ‘splendor and squalor’ of Shanghai from 1948 to 1953 is a fascinating story written in fine vivid scenes with first-hand descriptions from characters in the drama. … His focus is on Shanghai which, before the Red Army’s quiet conquest, was an almost independent social and economic British outpost in which Americans, White Russians, Jews, and Chinese played their parts. … This is a good adventure/history for the lay reader.” Terry Farish in *Library Journal*, 1 November 1979, v. 104, page 2344.


“ … a highly valuable study of the social and economic history of the Lower Yangtze through the tumultuous times: the Taiping rebellion, the collapse of the Qing, and the Republican period. … the author provides a highly readable narrative of the economic and social history of this period and place …” Daniel Little in *The American Historical Review*, April 1993, v. 98, n. 2, page 543.

This scholarly book is of little interest to those seeking information specifically about the Yangtze Patrol but it explains the social and economic conditions in China that directly impacted on the American naval activities which co-existed in China at nearly the exact time frame covered by this book.

Isabella Bird was a remarkable women adventurer. This book, one of several that she wrote, is her last great travel book and documents the Yangtze Valley at the beginning of the twentieth century.


“Men-at-Arms Series; number 95.”


“No one has ever described the exotic atmosphere of Shanghai in the 1920’s more vividly or more accurately than Miss Booker; her husband contributes a significant section on Japanese policies in Shanghai after Pearl Harbor and on his experiences in a Japanese concentration camp. It is not a sensational book; neither of the authors went through or witnessed any of the cruelties which others have suffered. Nor does it contribute to an understanding of Chinese politics or culture. The China one sees is that of the treaty ports, which were more Western than Chinese…” M.S. Stewart in *The Nation*, 29 September 1945, v. 161, page 320.

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Primarily a diplomatic history but some chapters, such as chapter 13, “The Protection of Nationals,” and chapter 14, “The Nanking Incident,” document, explain, and interpret the activities of American naval forces in protecting American citizens and business interests.

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“…discusses the development of our Far Eastern policy in the mid-1930’s … the book explores … U.S. naval policy, American attitudes toward developments inside China, Roosevelt and Hull’s over-all approach to the international situation, and certain controversial aspects of American public opinion.” From the publishers note.

“This craftsman-like, fair-minded, even-tempered book makes a valuable contribution to our understanding of what surely is one of the most exasperating periods in the history of American foreign policy.” W.H. Heinrichs in *American Historical Review*, January 1965, v. 70, page 427.

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“…This book [attempts] … to evaluate the navy’s influence on American foreign policy during these formative years. … The inter-relationship of naval and diplomatic policies is kept central to the major events of the period, such as … the Boxer Rebellion and the Open Door Policy in China …” From *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 1959

“This work begins by chiding scholars for neglecting the Navy Department records and ignoring the influence of sea power on American objectives in the Far East. … It is an interesting study of the detailed operations of the Navy in relation to the problems that confronted the country in the Far East.” S.W. Livermore in *American Historical Review*, January 1959, v. 64, page 406.

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Look in the index under “Yangtze River,” “ Asiatic Fleet” and “China” for pages pertaining to naval operations on the Yangtze, including citations to pertinent government treaties and documents.

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This famous, fabulously-selling Pulitzer Prize novel, which has been both lavishly praised and harshly criticized, will serve to represent all of Nobelist Buck’s copious writings on China, both fiction and non-fiction. Pearl Buck, born in 1892, was the child of American missionaries in China and lived there until she was seventeen, though she returned in 1927 at the time of the Nanking Affair and escaped death only ten minutes ahead of the invading Nationalist army. During her childhood, her family lived among the Chinese, not in a foreign compound, and Chinese was Buck’s first spoken language.

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Cited by Myron J. Smith in The American Navy, 1918-1941. In this paper General Butler describes his command activities in protecting American citizens during China’s civil war.

_____. War is a Racket. New York: Round Table Press, Inc., 1935. 52 pages.

A retired marine general’s condemnation of war and its profiteers. In this controversial book Butler compares himself and fellow Marines with racketeers; but the best Al Capone could do, Butler wrote, was “operate a racket in three city districts. The Marines operated on three continents.” Butler called himself an unwitting “gangster for capitalism.”


“The book contains a long appendix, an illustrative chronology covering the years 1919 to 1969, in which Mr. Cable lists in detail the year-by-year uses of limited naval force for diplomatic purposes, each incident grouped into its appropriate category and the success or failure, from the ‘assailants’ point of view, noted.” Times Literary Supplement, 21 January 1972, page 71.

The chronologically arranged appendix lists selective instances in the application of limited naval force from 1919 to 1991 but the incidents in China during the 1920s were far more numerous than represented here.


These fascinating photographs of the land, people, and aftermath of battles provide a sampling of what American naval forces would have encountered in China.

Kenneth Hagan’s chapter entitled “William S. Sims: Naval Insurgent, Coalition Warrior” summarizes the life of Sims, an iconoclastic outsider who rose to four-star admiral, highest rank in the U.S. Navy prior to WWII. He served in China during 1895-1896 and 1901-1902.


“This book places the Opium War of 1840-1842 in its historical perspective and also details the day-to-day crises that led up to the hostilities … Mr. Chang examines the development of the Canton trading system and the British trade in China …” *Book Review Digest*, 1965, page 221.


This bestselling book may earn Iris Chang a nomination for the Pulitzer prize.


A typical entry reads as follows: “1927 … 4 Mar. A detachment of Marines and seamen from the *USS Pittsburgh* recaptured an American vessel, the *Meijoo XIV*, from the Chinese off Shanghai.” There is no subject index so the reader will find information pertaining to China interspersed among other Marine activities from around the world.


Because this volume encompasses World War II, there is less information on China than in volume 1 above. Here is a sample entry: “1937 … 12 Aug. The 4th Marines at Shanghai, China was augmented by a landing force from the USS Augusta of 50 Marines and 57 bluejackets.”
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Note this entry from 13 February 1948: “The Chinese Communists confirmed they had captured five U.S. Marines who had disappeared on Christmas day near Tsingtao while on a hunting trip. PFC Charles J. Brayton, Jr., 19, of New York, was fatally wounded, and the four survivors would be held until the U.S. navy apologized. The five were accused of participating in the civil war.”

Clark, George B.  Treading Softly, the U.S. Marines in China, from the 1840’s to the 1940’s. Pike, New Hampshire: Brass Hat, 1996.

“From the Opium War of 1842 until their withdrawal in November 1940, United States Marines were actively involved in China. Until now there has been no single source that covered all the disparate episodes and escapades of the China Marines.

“… the reader not only learns the official history of various units and engagements, but also develops an understanding and appreciation of life on the China Station. Under most circumstances it was hardly the most taxing of assignments. … Officers lived in the lap of luxury, far beyond what their meager salaries would have provided at home. Of course, there were periods of intense activity, if not sheer terror. The famed 35–day siege of the Legation at Peking and the defense of the International Settlement at Tientsin (1900), as well as repeated threats by war lords to Shanghai’s famed International Settlement in the 1920s and 1930s made the reputations of Marine heroes such as Dan Daly, “Handsome Jack” Myers, and Smedley Butler.” Anne Cipriano Venzon in Marine Corps Gazette, August 1996, v. 80, n. 8, page 77.


“Reprint of the 1915 edition published by Columbia University, New York, which was issued as v. 66, no. 3 of Studies in History, Economics, and Public Law.” from LC Notes.

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“Cole examines the role of the United States Navy and Marine Corps in China during the most turbulent years of the Nationalist Revolution, 1925-1928. [He argues that] having defended American rights in China under the so-called unequal treaties for more than
eighty years, the navy, along with American diplomacy in the mid 1920’s, confronted the fact that extraterritoriality, conventional tariff, most-favored-nation treatment, foreign settlements and concessions, and traditional gunboat diplomacy faced eventual extinction.” Journal of American History, 1984.

“Cole has provided a thorough and thoughtful portrait of the pattern of US gunboat diplomacy in the Yangtze River Valley and along the Chinese coast during the troubled years of the Kuomintang’s ‘united front’ with the Chinese communists. … He has made excellent use of a wide range of sources, including archival materials and the collected papers of a number of major figures he deals with, to recreate the naval milieu of China.” Choice, July/August 1983, v. 20, page 1644.


“The first sight of China was a disappointment. There were no pagodas, no temple bells, no spice-laden breezes. Instead, there was a large billboard stuck in a mud bank advertising, in English, a well-known brand of American chewing gum.” Condit and Turnbladh, page 120.

“The American stake in Shanghai was a modest one. Only 1800 Americans resided there in 1926, and they handled only 12 per cent of the tonnage passing through the port. This was representative of the total United States stake in China, where our commerce amounted to less than four per cent of our foreign trade during the decade 1921-1930.” Condit and Turnbladh, page 123.

“In his desire to avoid a clash with organized Chinese armies, [President] Coolidge handicapped our forces in carrying out their mission of protecting American lives and property. Even before additional Marines were ordered to Shanghai, Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg cabled MacMurray that ‘it must be definitely understood that this force is present for the purpose of protecting American life and property at Shanghai. This government is not prepared to use its naval force at Shanghai for the purpose of protecting the integrity of the Settlement.” Condit and Turnbladh, page 127.

“The landing of the 4th Regiment in Shanghai was also delayed by political considerations. Fearing that the appearance of the Marines on the streets would be used as a pretext for anti-foreign propaganda, the State Department instructed Clarence Gauss, the consul general in Shanghai, not to request military aid until danger to American life and property was imminent. As a result the Marines remained in their cramped quarters aboard the Chaumont.” Condit and Turnbladh, page 129.

“The International Settlement was a Western enclave in a hostile city of three million inhabitants. About half of its boundary rested on natural barriers - Soochow Creek on the northwest, and the Whangpoo river on the southeast. On the west, the defense perimeter was pushed out beyond the political boundary to the tracks of the Shanghai-Hangchow-
Ningpo Railroad, the embankment of which made a natural defensive position. On the
south the French Concession offered a measure of protection, but, in the absence of any
agreement with the French or any knowledge of their plans, this boundary also had to be
fortified and manned. To the northeast was the densely populated Chinese quarter of
Chapel.” Condit and Turnbladh, page 130.

Cooney, David M. **A Chronology of the U.S. Navy: 1775-1965.** New York: Franklin

Craig, Berry. **Patrol Craft Sailors Association: “Too Good to be Forgotten.”**

Daggett, A. S. **America in the China Relief Expedition.** Kansas City, Missouri:
Hudson-Kimberly, 1903. 267 pages.

Contains numerous references to the Navy and Marine Corps with reproductions of some
orders and reports.

Dartige du Fournet, Louis. **Journal d’un Commandant de la Comete: China-Siam-

In French. Account of life aboard a French gunboat in China and other Asian locations
late in the nineteenth century.

Deane, Hugh. **Good Deeds and Gunboats: Two Centuries of American-Chinese

“There are a number of vignettes memorializing such relatively unknown friends of
China as botanist Frank Meyer, drowned in the Yangtze in 1918 after thirteen years of
difficult, devoted, productive work there. There are also sketches of such newsworthy
figures as Major Stilwell, Agnes Smedley, and Edgar Snow whom the author knew
personally. … Perhaps the best way to give an idea of this episodic survey of the second
and third quarters of our century is to list a few of the section subheads. These include:
"Herbert Hoover and the Kaiping Mines Swindle," "Gunboats on the Yangtze," "Agnes
Smedley and Lu Xun - Friends in a Dark Time," "China Crisis - American Journals,""

“Contrast between Americans who sought to intervene in and control China and those
who came to assist pose the dialectic of this book. The author was a Chinese exchange
student in 1936 and a wartime journalist in the 1940s.” E.A. Teo in *Library Journal*, 1

Dennett, Tyler. **Americans in Eastern Asia: A Critical Study of the Policy of the
United States with References to China, Japan, and Korea in the 19th
Century.** New York: Barnes and Noble, 1941.

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Dick, H.W. and S.A. Kentwell. **Beancaker to Boxboat: Steamship Companies in

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Excellent source of historical information about individual vessels in the American fleet from any period of the nation’s history.


The author traveled aboard a United States gunboat, the Asheville.

Donnelly, Ralph W.  See **Chronology of the United States Marine Corps, 1947 – 1964.**

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Chapter five describes the China Relief Expedition of 1900 that saved the foreign legations in Peking from the rage of the so-called Boxers.

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“A narrative of a year’s travel and residence in China. A most enthusiastic traveler, and often under the experienced guidance of a Chinese friend, Mrs. Enders seems to have penetrated to an unusual degree the life and ways of the people, observing them in the streets and byways. With Peking as headquarters and place of residence she visited Soochow, the ancient walled city, the cosmopolitan Shanghai ….. The book is well illustrated and there is an index.” Book Review Digest, 1923, page 149.


“… [Ms. Enders] describes a trip on the Ch’ien Tang [Yangtze] river to the Dragon gorge, wanderings about Shanghai, a night on the Great Wall of China, a journey by chair thru the Nankow pass, and one to the grave of Confucius. Her big adventure was a trip of fifteen hundred miles up the Yangtze River thru the land of the bandits, and the terrible gorges of the upper river, to Chungking. This adventure ended in shipwreck in which the author narrowly escaped death.” Book Review Digest, 1926, page 215.


“The author argues persuasively that the Boxers were loyalists, not rebels, whose antiforeign rampage can only be understood by examining a nexus of socioeconomic ‘preconditions’ and popular cultural customs. At the same time, joining a contentious debate on Western imperialism in China, [the book] stresses to role of factors exogenous to the Boxers’ traditional world, notably the forced entry into China of Christianity and foreign consumer goods, and the impact of China’s devastating loss in the Sino-Japanese war of 1895.’ H.R. Chauncey in Choice, November 1987, v. 25, page 530.


A Marine officer’s account of observing the Chinese military scene including service with the Communist Eighth Route Army in 1937 and 1938.


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[NPS/DKL Location: **HF 3776 F2**]

[NPS/DKL Location: **DS 735 F222**]

“This edition like the earlier ones, contains a history of China, an analysis of Chinese society, and an account of Sino-American relations.” Book Review Digest, 1979, page 393.

“No one is more knowledgeable about China … than Fairbank, the dean of American China scholars … He offers excellent descriptions of Chinese society and history, in addition to a solid discussion of Sino-American relations.” D. D. Buck in Library Journal, 1 March 1979, v. 104, page 615.

Fay, Peter W. **The Opium War, 1840-1842: Barbarians in the Celestial Empire in the Early Part of the Nineteenth Century and the War by which They Forced Her Gates Ajar.** Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina, 1975.

[NPS/DKL Location: **HD 865 F2**]

“A minutely detailed study of life in a small Chinese village (1500 population). The village chosen for study is located in a rice growing and silk raising district near Shanghai. The author’s main interest is in the details of agriculture and industry but he devotes several chapters to family organization, inheritance of property, kinship, and other matters. Index.” Cornelius Osgood in *American Anthropologist*, January 1940, v. 42, page 154.


[NPS/DKL Location: REFERENCE V 833 F75 1987]


“Briefly describes the development, weapons, and use of river patrol boats from the Revolutionary War days through the Vietnam War. Juvenile literature.” from LC Notes.

(DKL/NPS Location: HE 698 Z7 Y364 1992)

“This book focuses on American mariners in China between the two world wars. It illuminates the lives of individual crew members, the organizations of which they were a part, and the turbulent environment in which they worked.

“The American merchant fleet was as much a product of government policy as of private initiative….These ships operated with credentials provided by the Department of State and were entitled to protection by Navy gunboats and U.S. Marines. Their presence on the Yangtze proved less a source of private profit than a source of public policy dilemmas; they deepened American involvement in China at a time when political turmoil suggested that withdrawal from the river trade was the wiser course of action.

“Grover presents detailed and colorful descriptions of the three principal American firms’ operations. Standard Oil … had the largest fleet, stayed longest, and derived the biggest profits ….. The Dollar Line ships were originally sent to provide reliable and comfortable passenger service on the river. They never made money, however, and their eccentric owner soon lost interest. Those who ran the Yangtze Rapid Steamship Company resembled business buccaneers. They ran opium and guns for Chinese customers …[and] generally embarrassed the more staid diplomats, naval officers, and missionaries by their conduct.

“ … There was friction between merchant captains and senior naval officers that grew out of different mind-sets, the lack of clear guidance from Washington, rapid turnover of naval commanders, and excessive concern for “not losing face” before the Chinese. Grover suggest that this tension, far more than a paucity of naval resources, made naval protection for American Yangtze mariners a sometime thing and, more importantly, rendered the often stated naval mission of “protecting American lives and property” in China a platitude rather than an “operative policy” on the Yangtze.
“… [An] important aspect is the book’s unorthodox treatment of the Panay incident of December 1937. Grover argues that the Japanese bombing of the American gunboat, often termed a “prelude to war,” was the consequence of error, just as Tokyo claimed …”


Four short pieces: “A Short History of the Armed Guard on the Yangtze River” by the editor; “Merchant Ship Convoyos on the Yangtze River” by E.G. Grosskopf; “Action on the Yangtze” by Cameron Winslow; and “The Declining Days of the Armed Guard” by J.F Moriarty.


Short profiles of five famed Yangzte skippers plus a short essay entitled “The World of the Yangtze River Captain” and a reprinted article from a circa 1930 Navy publication printed in China.


The President Harrison, an American passenger liner, rescued a Marine regiment from Shanghai but was captured by the Japanese while trying to save yet another Marine detachment in northern China. She was converted into a troop ship by the Japanese and finally – and sadly - sunk by an American submarine while transporting Allied prisoners.


[HPS/DKL Location: E 182 H15]

“Hagan … has succeeded notably in relating the growth of American mercantilism in the 1870s and 1880s to the corresponding development of naval strategy and power in that period. The U.S. was started on the road to empire in those times, and the author tells us how.” R.T. Redden in Library Journal, August 1973, v. 98, page 2282.


[HPS/DKL Location: VA 55 134]


[HPS/DKL Location: D 27 H2]
“Only about 75 pages are devoted to the period from 1898 – 1919, which included three naval wars. …The accompanying text is riddled with minor errors.” R.N. Sheridan in Library Journal, 1 January 1965, v. 90, page 118.


A British perspective.


Henson, Curtis T. **Commissioners and Commodores: The East India Squadron and American Diplomacy in China.** University, Alabama: University of Alabama Press, 1982. 231 pages, ill.

“This is a study of the role of the East India Squadron of the United States Navy in the conduct of American foreign policy in China and in the promotion of the interests of American merchants engaged in trade with China. The Squadron, which was created in 1835, was recalled in 1861 to participate in the Civil War …” in American Historical Review, 1983.


Though a work of fiction, this book offers an interpretation of the complicated history of China from 1900 to post-WWII from the perspective of an American missionary who has pledged his life to help the struggling masses of Chinese humanity. John Hersey, winner of the 1945 Pulitzer Prize for *A Bell for Adano*, is uniquely qualified to elucidate on this topic because he was born in Tientsin of American missionary parents in 1914 and lived and studied there until 1925. In notes at the end of the book, Hersey lists primary and secondary sources of information about social/political conditions in China and American missionary work there during the first half of the twentieth century.


[In Process]
“A young sensitive American engineer, with one goal in mind, the harnessing of the Yangtse River, ships up river by Junk to see for himself where a dam could be placed. This is the story of that journey in time.”  *Kirkus Reviews*, 1956.

“In a deceptively simple story, [Hersey] has captured all the magic, the terror and the drama of that extraordinary stretch of water … the American’s discoveries of his own mind and of the Chinese people are dwarfed by the laws, the demands and the ageless vitality of the Yangtze.”  S.R. Rau in *New York Times*, 10 June 1956, page 5.

This novel contrasts Western and Eastern ways of life through the experiences of an American engineer in China. As noted above, Hersey was born in China and received his early education there.

**Hobart, Alice Tisdale. Oil for the Lamps of China.** New York: Bobbs Merrill, 1933. 403 pages.

A novel about a mining engineer working for an American oil company and his struggle to learn Chinese ways early in the twentieth century.

“Mrs. Hobart, who has lived in China since 1910, is able to view Western civilization with the eyes of a detached observer. In China she has seen the end of the Manchu Empire, the coming of the republic, the rise of the war lords, and the advance of communism. She is thus peculiarly well equipped to set one civilization against the other for the illumination of both.”  Margaret Wallace in *New York Times* 8 October 1933, page 6.

“This is the most humanly vivid book on China since Pearl Buck gave us her Good Earth.”  Lady Dorothea Hosie in *Saturday Review of Literature*, 21 October 1933, v. 10, page 201.

**_____. Within the Walls of Nanking.** New York: Macmillan, 1928. 243 pages.

“Mrs. Hobart tells a vivid story of events before and during the siege of Nanking in March 1927, when fifty-two Americans and British were attacked in the Hobart home by Nationalist soldiers until rescued by bombardment from the American and British ships on the Yangtze.”  *Book Review Digest*, 1928, page 374.

[NPS/DKL Location: DS 757.5 H7]

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Personal narrative of World War II U.S. Navy commando operations in China and the Pacific.

[NPS/DKL Location: E 181 H78 1987]

Chapter thirty-three, “Trouble on the Yangtze,” reviews American military history relations with China dating back to 1820.
“The American position regarding China was always somewhat different from that of the
Europeans, which ought to be a matter for self-congratulation. We never did sink to the
level of the Europeans in sawing off pieces of Chinese territory … As time went on,
however, we did yield to the general call for extraterritorial concessions, and began to
regard China as an international marketplace, with ourselves as most favored buyers and
sellers. We began to lose sight, in the 1920s, of the reality of Chinese nationalism.”
From Hoyt, page 368.

[NPS/DKL Location: VA 63 A7 H8]

“This history of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet from the 1850’s to its demise in 1942, concentrates
on the U.S. naval presence in China and East Asia on the eve of World War II.” Book

“There is a heavy emphasis on battle action throughout the book, which is clearly
intended for popular appeal to a general audience.” In Choice, May 1977, v. 14, page
441.

“The book is filled with nostalgia of navy men and of lost causes consigned to history’s
page 2572.

Icenhower, Joseph Bryan. The Panay Incident, December 12, 1937; The Sinking of

“This account, the only title presently available for young readers on the Panay incident,
clearly and concisely describes the attack and its aftermath. The black-and-white
photographs, many taken by correspondents who were present on board the ship during
the attack, add greatly to the interest of the book.” S.M. Thrash in Library Journal, July
1972, v. 97, page 2489.

“…offers … new insight into why the U.S. was in China in 1937; why the Japanese sank
the Panay; and why the forthcoming apologies and reassurances did little to shore up an

Jane’s Fighting Ships. Various editions.

The annual issues can be used to trace the gunboats in the U.S. fleet. Each edition
includes pictures, statistics, and design characteristics.

Johnson, Robert Erwin. Far China Station: The U.S. Navy in Asian Waters, 1800-
[NPS/DKL Location: ON ORDER]

“ … Johnson has carefully examined the voluminous [U.S.] naval records to complete the
first full account of American naval activities in the eastern seas from the appearance of
the frigate Congress at the approaches to Canton in 1819 to George Dewey’s victory at
manila bay in 1898.
“ …[The book] details … the comings and goings of individual ships, the idiosyncracies of the squadron commanders, the problems of personnel and supply, the calls for assistance from ministers, consuls, and ordinary Americans, and the navy’s encounters with east Asians, friendly and otherwise. Whereas initially the American government dispatched its ships to Asia primarily to protect American merchants and to transport American diplomats, after 1860 the navy responded increasingly to appeals from missionaries as these agents of the lord moved farther & farther from the secure treaty ports.” W.R. Braisted in *Journal of American History*, June 1982, v. 69, n. 1, page 167.

[NPS/DKL Location: DS 793 S8 K2]


“This is a well-written history of an American Presbyterian mission station in Jiangyin, a city about a hundred miles up the Yangtze (Chang) River from the more populous and prosperous Shanghai. … Kessler tracks this station and its inhabitants through the anti-Christian riots of the late 1890s, the collapse of the Qing (Ch’ing) dynasty in 1911, the warlord and revolutionary movements of the mid-1920s, Japanese incursions in the 1930s, and the Communist triumph of the late 1940s.” Eileen P. Scully in *Journal of American History*, September 1997, pages 694-695.

[NPS/DKL Location: E 182 K7]

Knox Library at the Naval Postgraduate School is named in honor of Dudley Wright Knox who, for many years, guided the development of the Navy Department’s historical archives. Knox captained the *USS Iris* gunboat during China’s Boxer Rebellion in 1900.

[NPS/DKL Location: E 183.8 J3 K7]

“…[Koginos’] reliance on American diplomatic records prevents him from probing very deeply into the critical question of Japanese motivation and leaves his final conclusion that ‘an elite inner group of Japanese military extremists’ arranged the assault on the Panay to force the United States out of China, completely unsupported..” R.A. Divine in *American Historical Review*, June 1968, v. 73, page 1673.

A detailed study of the Boxer Rebellion.

“When the military dominates a society, as it did in warlord China, it is ... ordinary soldiers who become the direct agents of oppression and terror. Asking the question who these men were, and why they turned on their own society, this book looks at the origins, training, and behavior of the soldiers of warlord China.” *Book Review Digest*, 1987, page 1075.


Lei, K.N. *Information and Opinion Concerning the Japanese Invasion of Manchuria and Shanghai, from Sources Other than Chinese*. Shanghai: Shanghai Bar Association, 1932. 445 pages. [NPS/DKL Location: DS 777.5 L4]


Title of the first chapter: “An Adventure on the Yang-tse-Kiang [Yangtze]: A Perilous Exploit in China”


“In this original work a Chinese scholar writes sympathetically of the early stages of the Western steamship business on the Yangtze River and along the China coast ...” Grace Fox in *American Historical Review*, October 1962, v. 68, page 173.

“ ...[Liu] concludes with some shrewd reflections on the benefits that the western shipping ventures brought to the Chinese, not only in developing their commerce, but also in stimulating their own enterprise.” G.C. Allen in *Pacific Affairs*, Fall 1962, v. 35, page 286.

The book was originally a thesis at Harvard University.
[NPS/DKL Location: **VA 55 L68 1991 v.1**]  
In this large work an excellent index guides readers to pages which give a thorough treatment of U.S. naval activities in China including those involving the Yangtze Patrol.


[NPS/DKL Location: **HF 3120 M2**]

“Because of a Congressional cutback in appropriations in 1894, commissions were not available for several Annapolis graduates. This is the biography of one graduate who offered his services to China and performed several missions for them prior to the Boxer rebellion.” LC Notes.  

[NPS/DKL Location: **Buckley PS 3563 A3155 S26 1984**]  
“Accurate in both the small details and the larger phenomena of the cultural milieu with which it deals, *The Sand Pebbles* gives the reader a feel for the very texture of the times, for what it was like to be a crewman on the eve of the Chinese revolution in a gunboat of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet.” From Robert Shenk’s introduction to the Naval Institute Press’ 1984 edition of *The Sand Pebbles.*  
“ … [This novel is] about a Navy ship and its crew, patrolling the rivers and lakes deep in mainland China as that nation totters into the revolution that eventually brought Chiang Kai-shek to power in the mid-twenties. …Jake Holman [is] a simple enlisted man with one great obsession: his love of engines. … He hates everything military—the drills, the formalities, the shooting – and seeks to avoid them.” H.S. Hayward in *Christian Science Monitor*, 3 January 1963, page 15.  
Winner of the 1963 Harper Prize for best novel of the year, *The Sand Pebbles* was also made into a popular movie starring Steve McQueen and Candace Bergen.

Yangtze Patrol - Bibliography

[NPS/DKL Location: D 769.64 M6]


[NPS/DKL Location: VA 55 M64]

A special two-page sidebar on the Panay Incident includes 12 dramatic photos taken from Norman Alley’s newreel footage of the entire incident.

Miller, William. See **Chronology of the United States Marine Corps, 1775-1934.**

[NPS/DKL Location: In process]

Morrell, Henry C. **The Naval Brigade of the Monocacy and Enterprise at Foochow.** Washington, 1885. Unpaged manuscript.  
Cited by Myron J. Smith in **The American Navy, 1865-1918.**

[NPS/DKL Location: In Process]

(NPS call number: DS 712 J68 1982)

“With chapters organized by region of China and contributed by several writers, [this book] … covers both familiar areas and regions seldom visited by Westerners. The focus is on the diverse landscape and the people, with unusual attention to China’s ethnic minorities.” E.A. Teo in Library Journal, 15 February 1983, v. 108, page 396.

[NPS/DKL Location: BUCKLEY VA 55 N4]  
[NPS/DKL Location: FOLIO VA 55 N4]

Volume 1 is a bibliography of over 9,000 items; volume 2 is a brief summary of naval events arranged chronologically. Very little on China.

[NPS/DKL Location: UA 26 C58 N63 1990].

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“This is a study of American marines, sailors and soldiers who served in China from the end of the Boxer Rebellion to the Marco Polo Bridge incident of 1937. [The author’s] examination of their activities ranges from an analysis of the type of enlisted men and officers who applied for China duty, to their daily military regimen and extracurricular activities.

‘Relatively few books have focused on the US armed services during peacetime. Noble makes a significant contribution to knowledge of the peacetime military … diaries and newspapers, published by units in China, have provided Noble with a wealth of information.” R.H. Detrick in Choice, February 1991, volume 28, page 993.

Dennis Noble supplies an admirably comprehensive bibliography at the conclusion of his book. He lists relevant primary sources from the National Archives and personal manuscript collections in the holdings of the U.S. Army Military Institute at Carlisle Barracks, in the China Repository of the Naval Historical Center in Washington, and at other sites. He also includes oral histories housed at the Marine Corps Historical Center in Washington as well as Carlisle Barracks and the U.S. Naval Institute in Annapolis.


“The author attempts to tell this narrative history of the Boxer Rebellion from the Chinese point of view as well as from that of the West.” From Book Review Digest, 1973, page 974.

“After briefly delineating the confusing historical setting, O’Connor traces the anti-foreign outburst from its initial explosions, through the siege of the Legation Quarter in Peking, to the suppression of the Boxers by an international rescue force.” Hyman Kublin in Library Journal, July 1973, v. 98, page 2096.

“… an interesting narrative of the turmoil which engulfed Peking, Tientsin, and many other places in China in 1900.” Elbridge Colby in Best Sellers, 1 October 1973, v. 33, page 295.


Reprint of the 1934 edition.


[NPS/DKL Location:  VA 59 P2]

“Two hundred and seventy-five pictures illustrating the history of the United States Navy, in all its phases, from early days to 1935.” From *Book Review Digest,* 1935, page 775.

[NPS/DKL Location:  E 183.8 J3 P4]

President Roosevelt ordered the censoring of photographs showing the low-flying Japanese planes sinking the American Navy’s gunboat *USS Panay* on the Yangtze in 1937; they were published for the first time in this book. Also included is a picture of Chief Boatswain’s Mate Ernest Mahlmann manning a machine gun against the Japanese, without his trousers. Mahlmann also appeared in newsreels throughout America in his trouserless condition and inspired a poem entitled “The Pantless Gunner of the Panay.”

“[This book] gives a clear portrait of China in the 1930s and of American naval service life in the Yangtze Patrol. Each character associated with the Panay, American, Italian, and Japanese is fully discussed. The actual bombing in December 1937 is viewed from both American and Japanese angles. … An appendix outlines the general background and the personalities associated with the incident.” Alex Birkos in *Library Journal,* 1 May 1969, v. 94, page 1873.

“[Perry’s book] is an excellent foil for *The Panay Incident: Prelude to War* by Manny T. Koginos which is a scholarly study of diplomatic affairs, public opinion, and the impact of the event on naval policy with only a brief account of the events surrounding the attack itself.” J.H. Kemble in *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science,* November 1969, v. 386, page 186.

**Pioneers and Pacesetters: 100 Years of Mobil in China.** Hong Kong: Mobil Oil Hong Kong Ltd., 1994.  
[NPS/DKL Location:  In Process]

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[NPS/DKL Location:  In Process]


A collection of letters and journals by an Iowa missionary couple who were killed in China during the Boxer Rebellion. With a Foreword by Harrison E. Salisbury.

“The letters and journals … provide a unique perspective of missionary life. They reveal the human trials of foreign missionaries with a candor usually missing in official versions. This is an ‘inside’ look through unofficial sources; it shows a missionary community fascinated by the exotic culture and land, but repulsed by cultural practices and customs foreign to its experience and seemingly impervious to its influence.” J. Andrew in *Choice*, September 1989, v. 27, page 209.


“A biography of the woman who, in addition to serving for four years as First Lady in the White House, accompanied her husband all over the world, nursed the wounded on the battlefront of China’s Boxer Rebellion, participated in many World War I relief movements, and served as President of the Girl Scouts of America.” from LC Notes.

[NPS/DKL Location: **DS 761 P9**]

[NPS/DKL Location: **DS 775 P9**]

Covers the years from 1916 to 1928.


[NPS/DKL Location: **In Process**]

Rand’s subjects lived and worked in China between 1900 and 1950; included are Edgar Snow, Theodore White, Rayna Prohme, Harold Isaacs and Christopher Rand, the author’s father.

[NPS/DKL Location: **D 805 J3 R4**]
“On December 8, 1941, Commander [Columbus Darwin] Smith, Yangtze River captain and Shanghai harbor pilot, was in command of the gunboat Wake, which was captured that day by the Japanese. For the next three years he was busy breaking out of various prisons, until he finally made his escape, by dint of walking seven hundred miles into Chinese held territory.” Book Review Digest, 1945, page 656.


“… this volume contain[s] Ronning’s memories of his life in China … his childhood in Fancheng, his return to China as a teacher with his own young family during the … 1920s, and his first years as a Canadian diplomat …” D.D. Buck in Library Journal, 15 June 1974, v. 99, page 1699.


A vivid account of the siege of the Peking legations with many references to the operations of the American Marines.


Gunboat duty in the Philippines and China after the Spanish-American War.


“Schaller provides many novel insights, particularly in revealing the extent of the U.S. involvement in the Chinese Nationalist-Communist power struggle. He also discloses American plans for a contemplated assassination of Chiang Kai-shek, covert military operations, the training of Kuomintang secret police units …” from Choice, June 1979, v. 16, page 582.


“These are the memoirs of Grace Boggs Service, who went to China in 1905 with her husband, Robert R. Service, a YMCA missionary. The Services remained in China until 1934 and raised their three sons there ..” *Book Review Digest*, 1990, page 1655.

**Shanghai Under Fire.** Shanghai, China: Post-Mercury Co., [1937?]. ill. [NPS/DKL Location: RARE BOOKS DS 777.5316 S52 1937 v.2]

“A pictorial record of Shanghai’s undeclared war, as photographed by Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury staff photographers.” From the cover of the item.


Richard McKenna is author of *The Sand Pebbles*, the novel about an American gunboat crew in China which was also made into a movie starring Steve McQueen, Richard Attenborough, Richard Crenna, and Candace Bergen.


Smith, Columbus Darwin. See Reynolds, Quentin.

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[NPS/DKL Location: DS 771 S7]


[NPS/DKL Location:  D 769.64 S8]

Contains many references to the U.S. Naval Group – China that served with the Sino-American Cooperative Organization in forging Chinese guerrilla forces into an effective weapon against the Japanese occupation forces.


“The author, an English general and soldier of fortune, lost his right hand at Gallipoli, whence his nickname One-Arm Sutton.  He here describes briefly his early life and more fully his later adventures in Siberia and China, where he was chief adviser to Chang-Tso-Lin, war-lord of Mukden.  It is said he informed his publishers that the tales in this book were ‘ninety-five percent true’.”  Book Review Digest, 1933, page 920.

[NPS/DKL Location: VA 58.4 S94 1991]

A chronological listing of battles and other major events in Navy and Marine Corps history, including many actions and activities in China; unfortunately an inadequate index makes those descriptions difficult to access.

[NPS/DKL Location: DS 740.5 U5 S96]

[NPS/DKL Location: DS 771 T2]

Cited by Myron J. Smith in  *The American Navy, 1918-1941*.  The paper is housed in the Operational Archives of the Naval History Division.


Thomas, Charles W.  **The United States Army Troops in China, 1912-1937.**  History term paper.  Stanford University, June 1937.  
Cited by Dennis L. Noble in  *The Eagle and the Dragon: The United States Military in China, 1901-1937*.

[NPS/DKL Location: CT 2 U984 T4]

Marine General Smedley Butler was awarded two Medals of Honor.  He later disavowed his worldwide activities as a Marine.  See entry under Butler, Smedley.


“By turns witty, melancholic, lyrical and cynical, ‘Behind the Wall’ is an off-the-beaten-track account of China…. Although most of the places Colin Thubron visited over the course of his yearlong travels can be found on standard tourist itineraries, his literary gift is so formidable that some scenes are more compelling through his eyes than they are in reality. Even the most conventional and oft-depicted sites … are so vividly observed that those who have already visited may wish to return.” Judith Shapiro in New York Times Book Review, 27 November 1988, page 10.


Toland explores the USS Panay sinking and other incidents in this book about U.S./Japanese relations and World War II.


A book of Vietnamese poetry translated by Nina McPherson. Includes a poem entitled “Gunboat on the Yangtze.”

“[Stilwell’s service in China] was a prism of the times – as language officer from 1920 to 1923 in the time of the warlords, as officer of the 15th infantry in Tientsin from 1926 to 1929 at the time of the rise to power of Chiang Kai-shek, as Military Attache from 1935 to 1939 at the time of the Japanese invasion, lastly as theater commander in World War II.” Book Review Digest, 1971, page 1384.


Turnbladh, Edwin T. See Condit, Kenneth W.


United States. Hydrographic Office. *Sailing Directions for the Coast of China; the Yalu River to the Approach to Hong Kong, the Yangtze River, Taiwan (Formosa) and the Pescadores Islands.* 5th edition. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1951-. Loose-leaf charts. (NPS call number: **VK 798 U4 no.124**)


“[Van Slyke’s] book is most readable when it cites eyewitness accounts of early Chinese and Western travellers …. He also brings alive the perilous navigating techniques known as tracking, in which onshore gangs of coolies straining against heavy bamboo hawser slowly hauled the river junks upstream against the surging white water of the gorges.” Christopher S. Wren in *New York Times Book Review*, 28 August 1988, page 19.


Waite, Carlton F. *Some Elements of International Military Co-operation in the Suppression of the 1900 Antiforeign Rising in China, with Special Reference*


The Opium War lasted from 1840 to 1842.


A British perspective. About the gunboat, Peterel.


“Williams was a junior officer in Shanghai during the 1930s, the book contains many personal accounts of life in the garrisons and the social activities of marines in Shanghai.” from the Fourth Marines web page at the following URL: http://ac.acusd.edu/History/projects/moss/chinamarines.html.

“An autobiographical account of Winchester’s 6,276 kilometre journey along the Yangtze, which was inspired by an ancient scroll mapping the entire river. Accompanied by his Manchurian guide, Lily, he travels up what the Chinese fondly call the “river at the centre of the world” … from its mouth in the east China Sea off Shanghai to its disputed source in Tibet. … By following the course of the river, Winchester is able to relay the story of the Yangtze, and since it is essentially China’s heart and soul … he uses it as a time tunnel to unravel the history of the country.

“The contrast between his companion’s romantic view of her country – especially in Shanghai where she sees the destruction British and foreign occupancy had on the city – and his own reflections and attitudes is, at times, quite amusing.” Melanie Train in The Geographical Magazine, April 1997, page 63.


His experiences from the Boxer Rebellion in China through World War I.


“This is a National geographic-style presentation of the travels of photographer and explorer Wong, who led several expeditions through China in the 1980s to trace the Yangtze River to its sources, which had not yet been fully mapped. The impressionistic text recounts a selection of incidents from Wong’s travels, while three-quarters of the book is given over to photos with brief captions. Over-all the effect is somewhat insubstantial, with only a sketchy account of the region or the expeditions emerging. Nevertheless, the striking photographs, many exotic to Western eyes, will appeal to general readers …” Kathryn Finkelstein in Library Journal, 1 April 1990, v. 115, n. 6, page 114.


“It would be hard to say, when reading the book, whether one prefers its reports of native mobs, of white society out there, its pictures of the immense river, its asides about history, its portraits of the ship’s company and of chance missionaries, consuls, and Chinese soldiers, its peeps into Chinese markets and interiors, the stories Toby overheard wondrously, or the absurd and dangerous adventures …” H.M. Tomlinson in Manchester Guardian, 9 October 1936, page 6.

Fictional account of a British gunboat on river patrol in China during the 1920s. Said to be more sympathetic to China than Richard McKenna’s Sand Pebbles.


[NPS/DKL Location:  VM 101 W9]

“This volume has been compiled from a four-volume limited edition, originally printed in Shanghai, 1940-1948. The text has been revised, and new material added. There are four sections: The Yangtze River – its Craft and People; Craft of the Estuary and Shanghai Area; the Lower and Middle River and Tributaries; and Craft of the Upper Yangtze and Tributaries. An Appendix contains material on junk models. Nautical chronological table. Table of Chinese dynasties. Glossary. Index.”  Book Review Digest, 1972, page 1418.

“Just when I had decided that I am beyond surprise as far as books go, [this astonishing book] landed on my desk. It is massive, technical, and romantic. Its author … a Briton, spent 30 years a River Inspector on the Yangtze for the Chines Customs Service. Mr. Worcester describes how junks vary according to cargo and the part of the river they ply. He discusses history and anchors, shipbuilding, tolls, fishing methods, and the maneuvers of oars. … He weaves in segments of ancient myths, and is full of stray information.” Christian Science Monitor, 10 February 1972, page 10.

“There is an excellent index. Over 900 illustrations, of which 174 are scaled drawings of craft, have been included … The illustrations are the text, with the printed portions so carefully keyed as to become an integral part of and supplement to the graphics. There are other refinements, as the inclusion of author’s notes in black and those of the editors in brown ink in the margins. … The result is beautiful, authoritative and satisfying. As to content, how does one describe a treasure chest of information for anyone interested in maritime subjects, in China or in people? For me, the book has been a fascinating and rewarding experience. … Moreover, I intend to try the recipe for Nanking duck.”  V.D. Tate in New York Times Book Review, 12 March 1972, page 18.

[NPS/DKL Location:  VM 101 W9]


“Well documented, graphic photos, survivor accounts.” From the “Amazon.com” review.


Describes “chaotic, lawless” conditions on the Yangtze ameliorated only by “continuous” patrolling of foreign gunboats, including the five ships of the Yangtze Patrol which had been fired upon thirty times in seven months.


Summarizes various pieces of business discussed at a meeting of the American Chambers of Commerce in China including a call for the “improvement” of the Yangtze Patrol.


Discusses 140 years of riverine warfare conducted by United States forces including those along the Yangtze from 1927 to 1932.


A profile of Kemp Tolley, “one of the most colorful men in the history of the U.S. Navy,” by a former editor of the *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings*. Tolley wrote *Yangtze Patrol*, *Cruise of the Lanikai*, *Caviar and Commissars* and dozens of published articles.


The U.S. Marines in the Battle of Tientsin, the march to Peking, and occupation duties.


Also describes the battle for Peking.


Philo McGiffin, a Naval Academy graduate, joined the Chinese navy and fought the Japanese.


Eight pages of photographs and drawings follow the article.


Written by a Chinese-American who joined the Chinese navy in 1936 and fought the Japanese.

This short piece refers to 16 pages of interesting photographs and drawings of Chinese scenes inserted between pages 382 and 383 of the same issue.


Describes the dangerous situation on the Yangtze and recounts an incident which resulted in the deaths of British sailors.


Short contemporary account of bandits derailing a train from Shanghai and taking Americans prisoner. Release of the captives was noted in the August 1923 issue of the Proceedings, volume 49, page 1388.


Reports the landing of 1,000 marines from American and other nation’s ships at Shanghai during the Chinese battle for control of the city.


At the time of the Boxer Rebellion in 1900.


Eyewitness report by a U.S. Navy lieutenant of the bombing of Japanese-held cities along the Yangtze.


Written from an Army perspective, this article nevertheless offers good insights into the lives of all American military officers and men in China up to World War II. It unabashedly addresses the twin problems of alcoholism and venereal disease. The footnotes reveal valuable sources of primary information.


  One paragraph reporting the wounding of an American sailor in fighting between Nationalists and warlords.


  Memoirs of an American naval lieutenant who served during the Boxer Rebellion.

  Illustrated.

Dietrich, Robert. “Yangtze River Patrol was no Country Club; U.S. Sailors Reunite to Recall Horrors of 1930s China.” San Diego Union-Tribune, May 14, 1990, Monday, Local; Ed. 1,2,3,4,5; page B-3.


  An illustrated account from an unexpected source.

At the time of the Boxer Rebellion.

Flynn, John T. “The Brainbuster and His Son: Why We are to Have a Large Army and Navy.” New Republic, 23 November 1938, v. 97, pages 74-75.

Concerns the USS Panay sinking by the Japanese on the Yangtze.


An anecdotal account of the life and times of American naval personnel stationed in China, mainly during the first quarter of the twentieth century.


Includes maps and illustrations.


Growald, R.H. “When Japan Sank the Panay in '37, La Mesa's Anders was Aboard.” San Diego Union-Tribune, January 12, 1989, Thursday, LOCAL; Ed. 1,4,5,6, page B-3; Ed. 2,3, page II-3.


Explores the question of missions in China and cultural imperialism.

Marines in the Boxer Rebellion, 1900.


Hornbeck was Chief of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs for the Department of State at the time he wrote this article. His “interpretation” of America’s China policy is important and interesting but his perspective must always be remembered while reading the article.


Human interest story about the Yangtze gorges and a beloved British member of the Chinese Customs Service on the River. Story is followed by 16 pages of photographs depicting the river, the gorges, towns and other scenery.


Note that dramatic and rare photographs of the river, gorges and gunboats accompany this article on pages 1381 to 1388.


Tales about the gunboat USS Palos in China.

Hudson, M.O. “International Problems at Shanghai.” Foreign Affairs, October 1927, v. 6, pages 75-88.

A map accompanies the article.


Biographical sketch of Admiral Kemp Tolley, author of Yangtze Patrol, who served in China and many other adventurous places.


An officer’s impressions of duty in the Far East and his advice to others assigned there.


Added comment on the career of Philo McGiffin as told by Richard Patterson in an article in the December 1954 Proceedings.


A report on the *USS Panay* incident.


Contemporaneous article reprinted from August 1926 *National Review* describing the military situation in China.


The story of the *USS Tutuila*, at the time, the last American gunboat remaining on the Yangtze. It was turned over to the Chinese government in March 1942. The story is followed by eight pages of photographs.


Map and description of Chinese place names including the location of a few American gunboats.


Article about the *USS Mindanao*, commanded by the author, a US Navy gunboat that patrolled the waters of the Pearl River, below the Yangtze in South China. Page 368 shows a photograph of the ship.


Describes the two historical periods, 7 July 1937 to 7 September 1939 and 2 September 1945 to 1 April 1957 for which participating navy and marine veterans are eligible to receive the China Service Medal.


A narrative of Marine activities in China 1900-1901, 1911-1912, 1924-1925, 1927-1929, and 1931-1938, including some discussion of tactics employed against bandits and guerrillas.


A report of the operations of the Sino-American Cooperative Organization, a guerrilla-type organization of some 2,500 U.S. Navy, Army, and Marine personnel training guerrilla forces in China, 1953-1945, and conducting guerrilla raids on Japanese forces throughout China.


This description of the struggle to install and control wireless communication in China is somehow evocative of the present day situation with the Internet.

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Report on the sinking of the **USS Panay** by the Japanese.


Myers was commander of the Marines guarding the Peking legations during the 1900 Boxer Rebellion.


Report on an emotional appeal to U.S. Secretary of State Stimson to save the lives of kidnapped missionaries.


The first account of the USS Panay attack given to Americans by an actual Japanese participant. The article supports the Japanese contention that it was a mistake. Page 586 shows a photograph of the sinking ship and another of the survivors attending to their wounded among the rushes on the river bank. Two diagrams illustrating the positioning of ships and the route of the air attack accompany the article on page 591.


“Panay Incident Closed?.” Literary Digest, 8 January 1938, v. 125, pages 7-8.


Illustrated.


Biographical sketch of Philo McGiffin, 1884 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. The Navy, at a nadir, commissioned only the top dozen graduates that year so McGiffin traveled to China because he heard it was building a modern marine fighting force. He joined the Chinese navy and commanded the battleship Chen Yuen at the battle of Yalu against the Japanese in 1894. McGiffin, suffering from severe ill-health took his own life in 1897 at 37 years of age. Article includes photographs.


This is a response to Evans Carlson’s article of the same title in the November 1936 issue of the Proceedings.


Personal account of the Japanese attack from the perspective of an American naval officer. Preceded by eight pages of photographs.


Map and two paragraphs reporting the plundering of the city of Changsha by Communists and the rescue of foreigners by American, British, and Japanese gunboats.

Rentfrow, Frank H. “In Many a Strife, We’ve Fought for Life.” Leatherneck, July 1931, v. 14, pages 10-11 and 47-49

The Marines in the Boxer Rebellion.

Claims massacre of 30,00 Chinese Christians by Chinese Muslims in December 1930 and the killing of 200,000 in 1928.

“Remember the Panay.” Time, 2 October 1939, v. 34, page 25.


A review of Kemp Tolley’s book on the Yangtze Patrol.


Pertains to the sinking of the USS Panay on the Yangtze by the Japanese.


The Marine defense of the Peking legations during the Boxer uprising.


A man tells of his time aboard the U.S. navy destroyer Noa in 1927 at Shanghai at the time of the Chinese civil war. Only 13 years old, he transported gunpowder on the ship during the the bombardment of Nanking.


Includes first publication of “Outline Scheme of Action in the Event of Interference with Foreigners at Nanking.” The article is preceded by several pages of photographs depicting U.S. gunboats, the gorges of the Yangtze, and other scenes along the river.


A general summary of Marine participation in China, Nicaragua, Haiti, and the development of amphibious doctrine.


The author was president of the American Bar Association and a United States delegate to the Chinese Customs Tariff Conference. He was Chairman of the Commission on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in China from 1925-1926.


“… Ambassador Johnson received a phone call from Dr. Taylor, an American medical missionary doctor at Anking, who reported that he had received a phone call from George Atcheson, Jr., Second Secretary of the Embassy in China, who had been on board the *Panay*, that the gunboat had been bombed and sunk … the Standard Oil ships anchored nearby also had been sunk and … some of the survivors were seriously wounded.” From the source document.


This article emphasizes United States gunboat operations during the years 1937 to 1941.


Two paragraph account describing “violent bandit outrages” and an attack on USS Luzon by Chinese shore batteries.


A U.S. Navy lieutenant describes how geography in China influences military actions, tactics and strategies. Includes a map.


Illustrated.


An illustrated account from an unexpected source.


Action during China’s Boxer Rebellion.
PRIVATE PAPERS / MANUSCRIPTS


“…Papers of Alvey Augustus Adee include … special references to the Boxer Rebellion …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: MMC-2898]

Bailey, H. A. Papers. Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“Naval officer. Correspondence, articles, memoranda, and miscellaneous papers relating to Belknap’s naval career. Topics include his duty in Canton, China, Hawaii, and … his command of the Asiatic Fleet, …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0535F]

Berkeley, R. C. Papers. Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Bingham, William T. Papers. China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Bingham, William T.. Papers. Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Blake, Robert. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Bolte, Charles L. **Papers.** Archives, U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.


Breckenridge, James C. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“Correspondence, diaries, speeches, reports, memoranda, official dispatches, appointment sheets, press releases, and scrapbooks, pertaining to Bristol’s naval career. … documents his … command of the U.S. Asiatic fleet (1927-1929). Includes Bristol’s observations on … political events in China (1927-1929).” From LC Notes. [LC Location: 0635V]

Brown, V. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Burt, Reynolds J. **Papers.** Archives, U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.


Butler, Smedley D. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Caha, Ernest. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.

**Calhoun, Edmund Ross, 1821-1897.** **Papers, 1839-1888.** 1200 items, 9 containers, 3 linear feet. Library of Congress Manuscript Collection.

“Naval officer. Correspondence, journals, and notebooks, relating to service aboard the U.S.S. Hartford as **commander of the Asiatic fleet** and including a few observations on American diplomacy and naval strength in East Asia.” From LC Notes. [LC Location: 0535G]

**Caraway, Paul W.** **Papers.** Archives, U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.


**Chapel, Helen H.** **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“Naval officer. Correspondence, memoranda, writings, orders, reports, biographical and genealogical materials relating primarily to Craven’s World War I convoy duty … his **command of a gunboat flotilla on the Yangtze River, China (1929-1931) …**” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0536D NHF-125]

Internet URL: gopher://marvel.loc.gov/00/.ftppub/mss/msspub/fa/c/craven.txt


“Naval officer. Correspondence, subject files, speeches, and writings documenting Deyo’s career in the U.S. navy particularly as a naval task force commander during World War II in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. … Other topics include Deyo’s **service in the Asiatic Fleet off the coast of Shanghai, China, during the Sino-Japanese conflict (1937) …**” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0535S]

**Dillen, Roscoe Franklin, 1881-1946.** **Papers, 1925-1927.** 45 items, 1 container. Library of Congress Manuscript Collection.

“Naval officer. Reports on military and political conditions in China prepared by Dillen while **commander of the U.S.S. Asheville, part of the Asiatic Fleet stationed in Tientsin, China …**” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0536D NHF-068]

**Dunn, Lucius Claude.** **Papers, 1902-1957.** 5600 items, 16 containers, 6.4 linear feet. Library of Congress Manuscript Collection.
“Naval officer. Correspondence, memoranda, articles, lectures, short stories, unpublished journal and memoirs, research notes, musical compositions, official orders, reports, schedules, clippings, printed materials, scrapbooks, prints, slides, photographs, and other papers pertaining to Dunn's career in the U.S. navy and to his writings and research projects particularly in the field of naval history.

“Documents his … command (1931-1932, 1933-1934) of the Pillsbury (destroyer) and Mindanao (river gunboat) of the Asiatic Fleet's South China Patrol Force … Includes Dunn’s observations on … the Japanese occupation of Shanghai in 1932, and the activities of the Chinese Communist party (Chung-kuo kung ch’an tang) and the general political and economic situation in China in the early 1930s.”

Emerson, T. **Collection, 1900.** 6 v. Library of Congress Manuscript Collection.

“Newspaperman. A compilation of biographical references concerning various westerners involved in the siege of Peking (1900) during the Boxer uprising in China, gathered by Emerson, a newspaperman (?).” from LC Notes. [LC Location: Not given.]


“Missionary. Scrapbook (1900-1906, 1937) of letters, photos, clippings, and memorabilia mainly concerning Gamewell’s work as a missionary in China and his service in Peking during the Boxer rebellion.” From LC Notes. [LC Location: Not Given.]

Giffen, Robert C. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“Naval officer and historian. Correspondence, diaries, journals, speeches, articles, books, scrapbooks, reports of the Asiatic Fleet, notebooks, photos, newspaper clippings, biographical material, poetry file, printed matter, and miscellaneous papers relating to Gleaves’ naval career, torpedo ordnance, his publications, … and his command of the Asiatic Fleet during which he showed a talent for diplomacy in dealing with the representatives of the Soviet, Chinese and Japanese governments. …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0535D]

Hampton, Mrs. Forest. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“U.S. Navy officer and scientist. … Papers of Edward Hayden’s children document Reynolds Hayden’s service with American military forces in the Boxer Rebellion; …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0815S]

Hogaboom, Robert E. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Howell, Glen F. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.

Cited in The Eagle and the Dragon: The United States Military in China, 1901-1937, by Dennis L. Noble. In an unpublished brochure, David Grover reports that 15 of Howell’s 50 volumes of diaries pertain to his China service. Howell captained the USS Palos and served on the staff of the Commander of the Yangtze River Patrol. Grover calls him “a keen, albeit opinionated, observer of the geopolitical situation in China.”

Kase, George William. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Kinkaid, Earl H. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Koch, Herman W. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Lavine, C. W. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.

Leonard, Henry. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Little, Louis McCarty. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“Naval officer. Relates to McCalla’s … service during the Philippine Insurrection and Boxer rebellion, …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: Not given.]

McLaughlin, Frederick W. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“Naval officer. Official and general correspondence relating to McVay’s duties as **commander-in-chief of the Asiatic Fleet (1929-1930)**, newspaper clippings, photos, and printed matter. The bulk of the papers is dated 1927-1930. From LC Notes. [LC Location: 0536D NHF-046]

Meyers, Leslie. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Miller, Adolph B. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.

Molten, Robert P. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Moore, Granville A. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Moriarty, James F. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


_____. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Poirer, Albert A. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Poy, Henry J. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Price, Charles R. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Prosser, Albert L. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Reed, Archie B. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.

“Access restricted. … Correspondence, diaries, journals, genealogical papers, photographs, and other papers of Remey and Mason family members. …includes papers of George Collier Remy (1841-1928) pertaining to his service with the U.S. Navy during … the Boxer Rebellion; …” LC Notes. [LC Location: 0628A]


“Typescript copy … of diary … recounting Rhodes’ experiences as a … member of the China Relief Expedition during the Boxer rebellion; …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: not given]

Ridgway, Mathew B. **Papers**. Archives, U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.


Scheyer, William J. **Papers**. Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Schmidt, Carl S. **Papers**. Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Schrader, Albert E. **Papers**. China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Seeman, Thomas H. **Papers**. China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Smith, A. S. Papers. China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Smith, Cephas A. Papers. China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Smith, Roy C II. Papers. China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Sokobin, Sam. Papers. China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Stevenson, Charles S. Papers. Special Collections, Nimitz Library, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.


“U.S. Naval officer and inventor. Correspondence, memoranda, writings, speeches, patents, logbooks, reports, orders for duty, notebooks, scrapbooks, and printed material pertaining primarily to Strauss’s naval career. Subjects include his years as ... commander-in-chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet (1921-1922) ...” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0536D NHF-132]

Sutton, Clarence E. Papers, 1900. 4 items, 1 container. Library of Congress Manuscript Collection.

“U.S. marine. Four unsigned manuscripts, totalling about 20 pages, the pencilled drafts of reports on the participation of a Marine regiment in the Battle of Tientsin, China, during the Boxer Rebellion.” from LC Notes. [LC Location: Not given.]

“Official correspondence, personal letters (1931-1933) reflecting life in the Orient, orders, financial papers, reports entitled Outline of Action documenting Taylor's activities during the dispute (1932) between China and Japan over control of Shanghai, …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0536D NHF-023]

Tolley, Kemp. Papers. China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“Nautical officer. Photocopies of Train’s journals (1898-1952) … scrapbook (1900-1904) … Train’s journals and scrapbook contain daily entries, letters, clippings, and photographs documenting Train’s naval career and personal life including his participation in the around-the-world cruise of the great White Fleet (1907); command … of … ships in the Atlantic and Asiatic fleets; …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0536D NHF-119]


Vandergrift, Alexander A. Papers. Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Vogel, Clayton B. Papers. Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“Correspondence, journals, orders to duty, article and speech file, diary of Welles’ wife, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and miscellaneous materials relating to Welles’ duties … as director of naval intelligence, and as commander of the Asiatic and Atlantic Fleets …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: 0535N]

“…Papers of Edwin Wildman deal mainly with the Boxer Rebellion and …” from LC Notes. [LC Location: Not given.]

Williams, Thomas E. **Papers.** Personal Papers Collection, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Wilson, John D. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


Woods, Searle. **Papers.** China Repository, Naval Operational Archives, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.


“Naval officer. Personal and official correspondence, reports, MSS. Of writings, notes, printed matter, and other papers, relating to conditions in the Far east before and during the renewal of hostilities between China and Japan (1937-1938), including evacuation of U.S. citizens from China, military operations of Japanese and Chinese troops, the Japanese blockade, and the situation at Kiukiang. Includes pamphlets and articles concerning the Far East in the 1930’s, copies of the North China Daily News (1937 Aug. – Nov.), and an unpublished article by William A. Angwin entitled “The China Incident” (1938) containing an account of the sinking of the *U.S.S. Panay.*” From LC Notes. [LC Location: not given.]

Yeaton, Ivan D. **Papers.** Archives, U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

INTERNET / WWW SITES


Rear Admiral Kemp Tolley, U.S.N. retired, is the author of Yangtze Patrol, to-date the most comprehensive publication on the history and activities of that unit. This web page details a short biographical sketch of Tolley, a man who spent twenty-five years abroad or at sea and experienced a widely varied and unique naval career including missions in China and Russia.


Ambitious description of the historical and legal circumstances which developed into the principle of extraterritoriality that the Yangtze Patrol helped enforce and protect. Includes an extract from the Treaty of Wangxia, 1844, which established extraterritoriality for American citizens. Contains a complete list of all treaty ports, their location and date of opening.


The Asheville had extensive service in China and was one of the few surface ships to be sunk with all hands lost during World War II.


“… Isabel sailed for the Far East 21 August 1921 to join the famous Yangtze Patrol (YANGPAT). … During the tumultuous 5 years that followed in China, Isabel served as a member of the Patrol and as its flagship (COMYANG) based in Hankow, charged with protecting American commerce from pirates and American nationals from the danger of constant civil war. Based at Shanghai, Isabel spent the high water period on the river at Hankow, returning to the coast in summer.” From the source document.

The information at this site is based on information from the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships.


“In 1937, the complexion of life for the Yangtze gunboats changed. The undeclared Sino-Japanese War began in July and spread to the Yangtze valley in August and September. Japanese river operations effectively bottled up the river for neutral gunboats and their proximity to war zones produced incidents such as the sinking of the Panay
(PR-6) by Japanese aircraft on 12 December 1937. On 3 August 1938, Tutuila followed Luzon (PR-7) up the river to Chunking, as the YangPat flagship carried the American Ambassador, Nelson T. Johnson, to that river port.” From the source document.

The information at this site is based on information from the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships.


“In 1900, the so-called Boxer rebellion hit northern China. Several hundred foreigners, mostly missionaries living in small towns, and approximately 50,000 Chinese Christians were murdered …

“Following this incident the United States Navy organized the South China Patrol, based at Hong Kong, and the Yangtze Patrol, based at Shanghai and later Hankow.” From the source document.


Short history of the events precipitating China’s Boxer Rebellion in 1900 and the resulting expansion of the “Open Door” policy in which the Yangtze Patrol became intimately involved.


“Prior to World War II, the Marines were stationed in North China on numerous occasions to protect American business interests and missionaries. They were first sent in while Admiral Perry was in Japan watching over American interests. The Marines moved into Shanghai in 1854 following occupation of foreign trading settlements in and around Shanghai. The American Mission grounds were threatened by the Imperial Chinese Army which was engaged in fighting the Revolutionary forces of T’ien Wang. The mission of the Marines was to protect American personnel and property. In 1856 the Marines were sent into Canton and again into Shanghai. Over the next 40 years they were periodically sent into China for the purpose of protecting American interests.

"The Boxer Rebellion in 1900 set the stage for the Marines to be in North China for the next forty years. In 1905, the Marines returned to Peking after the Boxer Rebellion had been brought under control. The Marines were sent to Shanghai in 1911, 1912, 1913, 1922, 1925, and remained during the period 1927 to 1934. Their mission was again to protect American business and missionary interests. On November 10, 1941 the Marines were ordered out of China for left for the Philippines.” From the site page.

Includes a list of river gunboats with commissioning dates and dates of loss or final disposition. Also includes specifications of their design including displacement, speed and armament.


The sinking of the Panay by the Japanese represents the end of the Yangtze Patrol and the beginning of World War II. This web site is taken from pages 16-18 of The Rising Sun in the Pacific, volume three of Samuel Eliot Morison’s History of United States Naval Operations in World War II.


This is the electronic version of the foremost reference to US naval vessels. The print version consists of eight volumes and provides histories of virtually every US naval vessel. This online version, as of August 1998 contained approximately 2,500 ship histories, but volunteers add more records on a continuous basis. Several vessels assigned to the Yangtze Patrol are already included.


Activities and involvements of the Fourth Marine Regiment between the World Wars, including China.


“On 16 August 1900 most of the regiment was in Tientsin, China, for service against the Boxer Rebellion. .... In September 1902, the regiment sailed for Monterey, California, where it built the current Presidio. … In November 1911 … the 2nd Battalion returned to Tientsin, China, as part of the international peace-keeping mission designed to protect civilians during the Chinese Revolution. The remainder of the regiment followed in 1912. Much of the 15th Infantry’s tradition comes from the 26 years in China. The dragon on the regimental crest and pidgin English motto "Can Do" symbolize the China service. During World War I, the regiment was often close to combat in China.” From the source.


“[Describes] the role the Fourth marines played while assigned to duty in China during the unstable years leading up to World War II. The unit was assigned to duty in Shanghai from 1927 to 1941 and was involved in the security of Americans there … small
detachments from the units were used as guards aboard ships of the Yangtze Rapid Steamship Company.” From the source.


A site dedicated to fans of the “Sand Pebbles” motion picture which portrayed a fictional Yangtze Patrol gunboat, the *San Pablo*, and its crew in China circa 1926.


“At the end of the nineteenth century anti-foreign feeling in China was strong and stemmed from two main causes. One was the conduct of the foreigners, which was often deplorable and always open to misconstruction; the other was the policy of the Manchu Dynasty, which was deluded and out of date. The Dowager Empress, Tzu Hsi, encouraged anti-foreign sentiment which was fully shared by her subjects; hatred for the West was widespread throughout China. …

“… Thus as 1900 dawned, China was swept by a movement known as "Yao rebels" who believed that they had been made invulnerable by sorcery and incantation. Screaming mobs, determined to kill every Westerner, were egged on by the Yao society whose title, "The Fist of Righteous Amity" was translated by Americans and English into 'Boxers.'

“... Consequently, the foreign legations in Peking telegraphed for help, and the Asiatic squadrons of the great powers raised steam and set course for North China. …The first United States ship to reach Taku Bar, the Yellow Sea roadstead 40 miles down-river from Tientsin, was the USS Newark, a cruiser which anchored on 27 May. The Newark carried a double strength complement of Marines.

“… the American column, traveling in junks towed by a commandeered steam tug, finally reached Tientsin at 2300 that night where the foreign colony had been waiting for them with a brass band. Among the welcomers was a 25 year old American mining engineer, Mr. Herbert Hoover, …

“ …The first foreign troops to arrive, the Marines and sailors were billeted in Temperance Hall, dedicated to a cause the futility of which has never been more often underscored than on the China station.” From the source document.


Chronologically documents Navy and Marine Corps casualties (KIA and WIA) in even minor military incidents from 1775 to the present. Many actions in China are included.

Brief description of Navy and Marine activities during the Boxer Rebellion.

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Picture and brief description of the medal awarded to participants in the naval actions and shore activities of 1900 during the Boxer Rebellion.

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Short description of circumstances resulting in American military activity in China immediately preceding and after World War II.

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Displays a color picture of China Service Medal and states the conditions under which it was awarded to Marine and Navy personnel who served in China from 7 July 1937 to 7 September 1939.

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Chronological list of 234 instances in which United States forces functioned abroad in “other than normal peacetime purposes.” Includes China actions.

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Shows color pictures of the Medals and states the conditions under which they were awarded to Marine and Navy personnel. Includes a list of “Authorized Expeditions” including thirteen in China between 1894 and 1925.

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Names and ranks of Navy Medal of Honor recipients during Boxer Rebellion, including date of the action and the vessel or unit involved.

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At viewing date had digital images only of the Spanish-American War but other actions as well as other categories including “ships” and “people” are in the planning stages.


Alphabetic list of names, postal addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of organizations for naval veterans including the Patrol Craft Sailors Association, Tin Can Sailors and US Asiatic Fleet Four-Stack Destroyers.


Brief description of Yangtze Service activities during the turbulence of the twenties and the floods of the early thirties.


Includes a synopsis of the movie that is based on Richard McKenna’s novel of the same name. “The main element … to this story, about an American gunboat patrolling the Yangtze River in China in 1926, was a theme that reflected the political climate of the mid-1960s.”


“This site attempts to give a feel for the world of Old Shanghai….  Old Shanghai was a very special time and place.  The city was run by foreigners but was not a colony, most residents were Chinese but it was not ruled by China.  It was the greatest city of Asia, completely eclipsing Hong Kong and Tokyo.  It was one of the most cosmopolitan places that ever existed, full of growth and speculation, of rogues and adventurers, of color and life, and of poverty and death.

“Old Shanghai was the worst and the best of everything.  It was the "Whore of Asia" and also the "Paris of the East".  It was a "paradise for adventurers".  Over the decades, it was a haven to millions of people, both Chinese and non-Chinese, who sought refuge there from the wars and the poverty that surrounded it.

“The city had a such a bad reputation in certain quarters that it gave rise to the verb "to be Shanghai-ed", which meant to be drugged and shipped off to sea as a sailor, a reflection of the problem ship's captains often had when they arrived in Shanghai in putting together enough of a crew to set sail again.” From the source document.

This fascinating web site also includes selections from newspapers and magazines, mostly from the 1930s and 1940s, such as the “China Journal,” “North-China Daily News,” and “Fortune.”
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Brief description of the 450,000 images in the USNI Photo Archives and directions on how to purchase copies.


“On November 9th, 1933, … [Augusta] dropped her hook in Whangpoo, off the Bund in Shanghai, China, and in colorful ceremonies, proudly hoisted the four star flag of Admiral F.B. Uptam, Commander in Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet.

“The year 1937 brought the "Augie Maru" - now six years old - her baptism of fire. August of that year found her back in China station, with the "China Incident" in full swing and the inter-national situation tense. On "Bloody Saturday", the 14th of August, she moored off the Bund of Shanghai after bucking a typhoon at high speed enroute from Tsingtao. She was hardly secured to her mooring buoy in the Whangpoo when two bombs fell close alongside. Fortunately, no one was killed. During the following hectic week the air was full of screaming Jap shells falling in Shanghai until, on the afternoon of August 20th, a stray shell exploded on the Augusta, killing one seaman and wounding 17 others.

“ … But all was not work. While swinging at her mooring off the Bund, her crew competed in the vast sports program of the Asiatic Fleet, which the Navy encouraged to keep it's [sic] men fit. Competition was keen and the standards high. In 1935, 1936, and 1937 she had won the coveted "Iron Man" - the trophy for all around excellence in Athletics. In 1940, at gala ceremonies held on the Quarter Deck, she was presented with the Admiral Anderson Swimming Trophy, the Admiral Washington Wrestling Cup - for the fourth straight year - and as a finale, Admiral Hart, then in Command of the Asiatic Fleet, presented the famous "Iron Man" to Captain Magruder for the "Augie's" fourth win in seven years.” From the source document.

The Augusta witnessed and participated in many historic events. Churchill and President Roosevelt met aboard her and President Truman sailed on her to the Potsdam Conference. Admirals King and Nimitz both commanded her at various stages in their careers.


Exceptionally thorough chronology of American naval presence in China from 1784 to post World War II with an emphasis on the Yangtze/South China Patrol period. Also includes description and characteristics of the ships involved, plus photos and maps.
[All oral history citations below, unless otherwise noted, have been selected from an exemplary bibliography assembled by Dennis L. Noble in The Eagle and the Dragon: The United States Military in China, 1901-1937, a scholarly examination of the individuals who served in America’s armed forces in the Far East.]


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MAPS / ATLASES


Depicts the Yangtze River Watershed in 1898. [LC Location: G 7822 Y3 B7 MLC]

Ch’ang-Chiang Shu Shih Kua-chou Chen Piao Chung Ying Chiang Hsun Ch’uan T’u. [18--]. Col. map, 60 x 82 cm. Scale not given.

“Shows the location of forts on the Yangtze River from Chiukiang-Yangchow to the borders of the Nanking district.” LC Note. [LC Location: G 7822 Y3 R4 18-- C5]

Ch’ang-Chiang T’u. [18--]. Col. map, 74 x 140 cm. Scale ca. 1:400,000. [Chinese]

“Pictorial map showing flood control on the Yangtze and Han Rivers in Hopei Province.”
LC Note. [LC Location: G 7822 Y3 N22 18-- C4]

[NPS Location: REF G 2301 S1 H5]

Includes a map of the Ch’ing (Manchu) Dynasty ca 1900 showing the location and opening dates of the “treaty ports.”

[NPS Location: Atlas Case G 2305 H8]

Includes hydrography, stream networks, land use of the Yangtze valley.

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Meng-ho-ying Hsun Ching Chiang Cheng Li Shu Chieh Chih T’u. [18--]. Col. map, 50 x 85 cm. Scale not given.

“Shows the location of forts on the Yangtze River from Kiang Yin to the vicinity of Chiukiang.” LC Note. [LC location: G 7822 Y3 R4 18--M4]


[NPS Location: Atlas G 2306 G1 K813 1994]

Exceptionally comprehensive graphic depictions of Chinese economic statistics and information including navigable rivers.


Includes a good representation of the riverine drainage systems. Yangtze River usually prominently delineated in each map.


[NPS Location: Atlas Case G 2306 P1 R2]

Descriptive text by the staff of Asia magazine. Introduction by H.E. Yarnell, a retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral. Based on information roughly contemporaneous with Yangtze Patrol activities. Includes rivers accessible via steam navigation.


This web page features reproductions of nine maps ranging in production date from 1817 to 1945, mostly emphasizing Shanghai and environs, but including one which shows the 1918 treaty ports.

Tuan, Pi-k’uei. *Ch’uan Ts’ao Yun Tao T’u*. 1884. Col. map, 20 x 66 cm. Scale 1:750,000. [Chinese]

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[NPS Location: Atlas Case G 2306 F7 U3]
PHOTOGRAPHS / ICONOGRAPHS

[Chinese Junk Tied to Yang-tze River Bank]. 1918. 1 photoprint.

[LC location: Item in FOREIGN GEOG FILE – China -- Yang-tze]


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