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Biographical Note

Lt. Albert C. Eldridge was born on January 23, 1920 in Somerville, Massachusetts. He was the son of the Somerville mayor, Charles W. Eldridge. He attended Massachusetts State College and received his bachelors in Political Science. Eldridge was a student and teacher assistant at Massachusetts State when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

He enlisted on April 29, 1942 and was commissioned to the Navy on October 21, 1942. During the war Eldridge served on USS LCI (L) 338 and USS LCS (L) (3) 10, and commanded the flagship unit which supplied arms and ammunition to Filipino guerrillas. These supplies were brought upon shore by native canoes from the Navy gunboats, and it was these efforts which aided MacArthur's forces in the Pacific.

He was honorably discharged on January 11, 1945, and joined the reserves while he was doing graduate work at University of Chicago in 1946 to 1947. He is the author of the booklet "The Mighty 10: A Ship, Her Crew, Their Deeds."

Lt. Albert C. Eldridge died on July 31, 2008.

Eldridge received:

Legion of Merit
American Theatre Ribbon
Asiatic Pacific Ribbon (2 stars)
Philippine Liberation (1 star)
Victory Ribbon (1 star)

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Lt. Albert C. Eldridge collection consists of official military documents from his service in WWII, and Eldridge's correspondence with his fellow shipmates and veterans later on in his life. The collection also includes personal narratives, family papers, miscellaneous materials, and his research on Land Craft Support during the war. The collection includes Eldridge's research for his booklet "The Mighty 10: A Ship, Her Crew, Their Deeds." The majority of the collection fall under the dates 1942-1945, the years during his service, and 1987-1990, the years he was active in the National Associations of USS LCS.

Arrangement

The collection arrived with no discernable arrangement and was rearranged chronologically into series by PMML staff. The collection is contained within 1 legal box. The collection is arranged according to military documents, correspondence, veterans associations, personal papers and research, and photographs.

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80002703	Chart: San Pedro Bay (Philippines), soundings, November 1944, 7th Fleet	FF 3-5
80002704	Chart: Hydrographic Sketc, Dampier Strait (New Guinea), December 2, 1943, Intelligence Section, 7th Amphibious Force	FF 3-5
80002705	Map: Town of Noumea (New Caledonia), ca. 1943	FF 3-5
80002706	Chart: Normanby Island (New Guinea), Chart No. 002, ca. 1943, Amphibious Force 7th Fleet	FF 3-5
80002707	Map: "Sketch of Japs Cagayan-Tagolan Defenses," March 1945 [faded]	FF 3-5
80002708	Map: Theater of War in the Pacific, National Geographic, 1942	FF 3-5
80002709	Map: Green Beach (Sag Sag, New Guinea), Appendix 1 to Annex C	FF 3-5
80002710	Map: Negros (Philippines), Map 48, Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1935	FF 3-5
80002711	Map: Central Visayan Islands (Philippines), Map 47, ca. 1940	FF 3-5
80002712	Chart: Landing Beaches--Milne Bay (New Guinea), Chart No. 001, ca. 1943, Amphibious Force 7th Fleet	FF 3-5
80002713	Map: New Caledonia, ca. 1943	FF 3-5
80002714	Map: Approach Plan and Gun Fire Support	FF 3-5

and Target Areas, Michaelmas Operation,
Wilwilan area (New Guinea), ca. 1943

80002715 Map: Beaches Red, White and Blue,
Wilwilan area (New Guinea), ca. 1943,
Intelligence Section, 7th Amphibious Force FF 3-5

80002716 Map: Defenses, C-Gloucester Area (New
Guinea), Intelligence Section, 7th
Amphibious Force, December 4, 1943 FF 3-5

80002717 Map: Operation Map, Tagolan area
(Philippines), prepared by C.T. Aleman,
110th Infantry, April 25, 1945 FF 3-5

80002718 Chart: Normanby Island, Bunama Bay and
area, Chart No. 004, ca. 1943, Amphibious
Force, 7th Fleet FF 3-5

80002719 Map: Beach Green, Cape Gloucester area
(New Guinea), ca. 1943, Intelligence
Section, 7th Amphibious Force FF 3-5

80002720 Map: Operation Map Approach and
Gunfire Support Area Plan, Cape
Gloucester (New Guinea), ca. 1943 FF 3-5

ID Number	Call Number	Description	Location
800027047	00715	Model: Landing Craft Support LCS-10 gunboat on stand in display case	ARCHIVES
800027048	00716	Model: Landing Craft Infantry LCI-338 amphibious assault vessel on stand in display case	ARCHIVES
800027049	00717	Hat: "Retired US Navy" with 4 pins	ARCHIVES
800027050	00718	Wallet, hand painted	ARCHIVES
800027051	00719	Epaulette: rank of Lieutenant, U.S. Navy	ARCHIVES

800027052	00720	Patch: 108th Division, 120th Infantry, hand painted	ARCHIVES
800027053	00721	Small star pins, silver	ARCHIVES
800027054	00722	Large star pins, silver	ARCHIVES
800027055	00723	World War II Victory Medal	ARCHIVES
800027056	00724	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	ARCHIVES
800027057	00725	Philippine Liberation Medal (Republic of the Philippines)	ARCHIVES
800027058	00726	Legion of Merit with bronze valor device	ARCHIVES
800027059	00277	Legion of Merit, miniature, with bronze valor device	ARCHIVES
800027060	00278	Legion of Merit ribbon with small valor device	ARCHIVES
800027061	00279	Legion of Merit ribbon with large valor device	ARCHIVES
800027062		Legion of Merit ribbon with large valor device	ARCHIVES
800027063	00780	World War II Victory ribbon	ARCHIVES
800027064		World War II Victory ribbon	ARCHIVES
800027065		World War II Victory ribbon	ARCHIVES
800027066	00781	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	ARCHIVES
800027067	00782	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 star devices	ARCHIVES
800027068	00783	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 star devices	ARCHIVES
800027069	00784	Philippine Liberation ribbon	ARCHIVES
800027070	00785	Philippine Liberation ribbon	ARCHIVES

		with star device	
800027071		Philippine Liberation ribbon with star device	ARCHIVES
800027072	00786	American Campaign ribbon	ARCHIVES
800027073		American Campaign ribbon with star device	ARCHIVES
800027074	00787	Presidential Unit Citation, Navy	ARCHIVES
800027075	00788	Combat Action ribbon	ARCHIVES
800027076	00789	Bronze star medal devices	ARCHIVES
800027077	00790	Gold eagle pin	ARCHIVES
800027078	00791	Surface Warfare Officer breast insignia badge	ARCHIVES
800027079		Surface Warfare Officer breast insignia badge	ARCHIVES
800027080	00792	Command at Sea breast insignia badge	ARCHIVES
800027081	00793	Empty ribbon rows	ARCHIVES

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

Eldridge, Albert C.

Subjects

Amphibious warfare
 Guerrilla warfare
 Insurgency
 Landing craft
 United States History, Naval--20th century

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Pacific
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Papua New Guinea
World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Philippines

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1	1		Original WW2 Documents	1942-1945, n.d.
		800027041	Request from Eldridge to Disbursing Office at the Amphibios Training Base	December 19, 1942
		800027032	Official Communication	January 23 1943
		800027042	Radio Tokyo report on an American attack on Lae	September 5, 1943
		800027040	Report on supply shipment	April 7, 1945
		800027043	Letter from Rosauro Dongallo to Eldridge about an operation at Talisayan, Mindanao	April 16, 1945
		800027031	Operation Hogan's Goat	April 18, 1945
		800027027	Report on events	March 9-10, n.d.
		800027044	Report on operations	May 6-7
		800027029	Orders CTG 70.4	May 18-27, n.d.
		800027033	Orders	May 21-May 26, n.d.
		800027021	Legion of Merit Citation for Albert Coolidge	n.d.
		800027022	Orders to Alter Operation	n.d.
		800027023	Report of a Raid on Japanese	n.d.
		800027024	Request to signal rescue plane	n.d.
		800027025	Report of a Raid on Japanese (duplicate)	n.d.

800027026	Report of Planes (2 F-4 US) over Dimasalang	n.d.
800027028	Report on information received from Davao Units	n.d.
800027030	Orders to deliver supplies	n.d.
800027034	Order	n.d.
800027035	Orders	n.d.
800027036	Corrected orders regarding redistribution of food stores	n.d.
800027037	Shortened orders regarding redistribution of food stores	n.d.
800027038	Request for a sea plane to pick up injured	n.d.
800027039	Orders to cancel patrols in Macajalar Bay and North coast of Mindonao	n.d.
800027045	Shore leave Card	n.d.
800027046	Communication about location of buoys	n.d.

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Correspondence

**1989-1990, 2008,
n.d.**

800027082	letter regarding tape from JV Donohue	May 8, 1989
800027083	letter regarding donation to The Nimitz Library	May 12, 1989
800027084	letter to friends and shipmates	July 20, 1989
800027085	LCSL #10 Crew Mailing List	July 24, 1989
800027086	letter from JV Donohue	July 24, 1989
800027087	letter from Jim Donohue regarding DR Ellis service	August 22, 1989
800027088	envelope addressed to Joseph M.	August 29, 1989

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800027089	letter from Ernie Edwards (veteran)	September 1, 1989
800027090	letter from William O. Braxton	September 2, 1989
800027091	letter from Dale Quigley regarding DR Ellis	September 9, 1989
800027092	Letter from Barbara	September 21, 1989
800027093	letter to Bill Reid	October 1, 1989
800027094	letter to Ernie	October 2, 1989
800027095	Christmas letter from Moss Back	December 5, 1989
800027096	letter regarding LCS Sailor Chicago address	January 17, 1990
800027097	List of LCS (L) Sailors with old address in the City of Chicago (2 copies)	February 15, 1990
800027098	letter to Jeff regarding WW2 stories	March 24, 1990
800027099	Letter from Richard Rhame at National Association of USS LCS (L) 1-130	April 3, 1990
800027100	letter to Richard Rhame from Al Eldridge	April 6, 1990
800027101	letter from Dale Quigley	May 5, 1990
800027102	letter from Richar Rhame at National Association of USS LCS (L) 1-130	May 7, 1990
800027103	letter from Robert Scates	May 28, 1990
800027104	Letter from "Jeff" at the National Association of USS LCS (L) 1-130	June 5, 1990
800027105	letter from J. Rooney regarding LCS WWII story	October 18, 1990

800027106	letter from James V. Donohue	June 6, n.d.
800027107	note from J.V. Donohue	n.d.
800027108	letter to Bill Reid regarding National Association of USS LCS	n.d.
800027109	roster of LCS men	n.d.
800027110	envelope addressed to William O. Braxton	n.d.
800027111	Letter from Naval Historica Center regarding donation	May 8, 2008

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Family

**1935, 1943,
1945, 1972, n.d.**

800027112	Envelope to Albert C. Elridge from Antarctica	January 30, 1935
800027113	Newspaper clipping from <i>The Courier-Mail</i>	September 7, 1943
800027114	Envelope to Mr. Shan Chio to Manila	April 16, 1945
800027115	letter regarding property	March 23, 1972
800027116	Elaine Eldritch resume	n.d.
800027117	Personal Reminiscences of Joshua H. Eldridge	n.d.
800027118	scanned image of campaign poster: Charles W. Eldridge for Mayor	n.d.

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Miscellaneous Materials

**1988, 1989,
2004, n.d.**

800027119	photocopy of article from <i>INSIGHT</i>	5-Dec-88
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800027120	Photocopy from Month by Month Atlas of WWII; Pift, Barry, and Frances	1989
800027121	NARA Special Media Archives Services form	2-Mar-04
800027122	Paul Bond military artist	n.d.
800027123	Generalizations about the Thinking of WWII Military Generation	n.d.
800027124	Veterans History Project: Helping Guidelines for Conducting and Preserving Interviews and Other Project Materials	n.d.
800027125	Map of Mindanao Sea	n.d.
800027126	Map of Mindanao	n.d.
800027127	photocopy from unidentified book	n.d.
800027128	photocopy of John Swinton's speech on independent press	n.d.
800027129	"Anybody Remember:"	n.d.

5	Models	2002, 2005, n.d.
800027130	Invoice for Motion Performance Parts, INC.	January 9, 2002
800027131	Plans and Photographic Sources for Shipmodelers	April 16, 2005
800027132	How to Contact the Naval Historical Center	April 18, 2005
800027133	contact names	n.d.
800027134	John's Hobbies	n.d.

6	National Association of USS LCS(L) 1-130	1987-1990, n.d.
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800027135	Official Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 1	1987
800027136	letter from Ronald Reagan to veterans	31-Jul-87
800027137	Official Newsletter Vol. II No.1	Fall 1988
800027138	Official Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 2	Jan-88
800027139	Official Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 3	1988
800027140	Official Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 4	1988
800027141	Letter regarding dues paid	1-Dec-88
800027142	Letter regarding back issues of newsletters	30-Jan-89
800027143	Letter regarding membership-Acceptant Notification	25-May-89
800027144	San Diego Reunion News	1989
800027145	Reunion Committee newsletter Questions and Answers 3rd Annual Association Reunion San Diego, CA (2 copies)	1989
800027146	Reunion Committee newsletter reunion news	1989
800027147	Reunion Committee newsletter, Last Note	1989
800027148	Official Newsletter Vol II No. 2	Winter 1989
800027149	Official Newsletter Vol. II No. 3	Spring-Summer 1989
800027150	Official Newsletter Vol. 2 No. 4	Fall-Winter 1989
800027151	Reunion Committee newsletter	1990
800027152	Reunion Committee newsletter	1990
800027153	Reunion Committee newsletter	1990
800027154	Welcome letter	n.d.
800027155	Membership application forms (3	n.d.

copies)

800027156 Business card- Henry "Jeff" Jeffers n.d.

7 Newspaper articles (Photocopies) 1945, n.d.

800027157 Somerville Man Runs Guerrilla-Supply Unit June 2, 1945

800027158 Lieut. Eldridge's Unit Keeps Filipino Guerrillas Supplied/Son of Somerville Ex-Mayor in Pacific/images 4-Jun-45

800027159 Servicemen's Corner/Somerville Journal and Somerville Press n.d.

800027160 Servicemen's Corner n.d.

8 Online Research 2003-2008

800027161 NavSource Online: Amphibious Photo Archive Task Group 70.4 October 13, 2003

800027162 NavSource Online: Amphibious Photo Archive LCI(L)-338/LCI(R)-338 December 24, 2003

800027163 NavSource Online: Amphibious Photo Archive LCI(L)-363 December 24, 2003

800027164 Legion of Merit February 24, 2005

800027165 NavSource Online: Amphibious Photo Archive LCS(L)(3) October 11, 2005

800027166 Heroes of the Pacific May 21, 2006

800027167 NavSource Online: Amphibious Photo Archive LCS (L)(3)-10/LSSL-10 (2 copies) January 20, 2008

800027168 NavSource Online: Amphibious Photo Archives LCI (L)-337/LCI (R)-337 (2 copies) January 20, 2008

	800027169	NavSoure Online: Amphibious Photo Archive LCI(L)-338/LCI(R)-338	January 20, 2008
	800027170	NavSource Online: Amphibious Photo Archive LCI(L)-339	January 20, 2008
9		Personal narratives	1986, 2004, n.d.
	800027171	Partial List of Guerrilla Contact Points, Supply Runs and Japanese Position Attacks (2 copies)-	10-Nov-86
	800027172	Navy Experiences	25-May-04
	800027173	<i>Airborne</i> World War II Odyssey by Carl D. Dalke	18-Mar
	800027174	LCS Fueling Incident, First Rough Draft	n.d.
	800027175	JHE Commands at Sea (6 copies)	n.d.
	800027176	handwritten notes with names and chronology	n.d.
10	800027177	Photocopies from <i>American PT Boats of WWII</i> by Victor Chun	published in 1997
11	800027178	Photocopies from unidentified book about PT boats	n.d.
12		Scanned/Photocopy Images	n.d.
	800027179	Ribbons and medal	n.d.
	800027180	ribbons	n.d.
	800027181	Eldridge receiving the Legion of Merit from Thomas C. Kincaid, Commander 7th Fleet	n.d.
	800027182	Landing Craft (2 copies)	n.d.

800027183	Eldridge portrait in dress uniform	n.d.
800027184	Soldiers on Landing craft	n.d.

13	Photographs	1988
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800027185	Color photo: Groups of veterans	1988
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14	800027186	Serials	1985
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	The Big War of the Little Ships Volume 2	1985
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