

**The Inventory**  
**of the**  
**Richard Tregaskis**  
**Collection**  
**#210**

**Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center**



TREGASKIS, RICHARD

1965

- Box 1 "Vietnam Diary," 1963  
a. Typescript (pub's copy) with extensive holograph corr.
- Box 2 B. Proof Sheets

Addenda  
November, 1965

- Box 3 LAST PLANE TO SHANGHAI, 1961  
a. Early draft entitled "China Farewell," typescript with holo. corr. (some carbon pages), incomplete, 133p.
- X-15 DIARY, 1961  
a. Carbon typescript with holo. corr., incomplete, 395 p. Also some printed background material included with ms. in loose leaf binder. Bound in two binders.

Addenda  
December, 1966

- 2 notebooks. Holograph. Original notes used in GUADALCANAL DIARY.  
July 26 - Aug 11, 1942 *1 labelled "First Four Days"*
- TLS to Howard Gottlieb, Dec 7, 1966. 3p. re: notebooks  
(in correspondence file)

Addenda  
October, 1967

- X-15 DIARY: THE STORY OF OUR FIRST SPACE SHIP. Dutton, 1961
- Box 4 a. Typescript with holo. corr., 483p.
- Box 5 b. Galley proofs, 2 sets.

Addenda

December, 1967

I. NOVELS

- Box 5           A. CHINA BOMB
1. First Outline. July 1964. Typescript with holo. corr., 13p.
  - Box 6           2. First Manuscript. Spring, 1965, 682p. 59 p. holo; 623p. typescript with holo corr.
  3. First manuscript, submitted October, 1965.
    - a. 100 p. xerox copy; carbon typescript with slight holo. corr., 500p.
    - b. Cuts and corrections for 1st ms., carbon typescript, 67p. August, 1965
  - Box 7           4. Draft 1. August, 1964. Typescript with many holo. corr., 252 p.
  - Box 6           5. Draft 2. Typescript with slight holo. corr., 263 p.
  6. Draft 2. 285 p. (xerox copy 11 p., carbon typescript 274 p.)
  - Box 9           7. Draft 3. Typescript with slight holo. corr., 433 p.
  - Box 8           8. Draft 4. Typescript, 30 p.
  9. Drafts of some chapters (7, 8, 32-29), 213p. Carbon typescript 26, p.; typescript 197 p.
  10. List of characters, 5 copies. Typescript 6 p., carbon typescript, 10 p.
  11. New Version, Spring 1965. Carbon typescript, 548 p.
  - Box 9           12. First version, 2nd draft. June 1966. Carbon typescript with slight holo. corr., 183 p.
  13. First person version, 22 p. holograph; typescript with holo corr. 60 p.
  - Box 10          14. Redraft, June 1966. Carbon typescript 482 p.; xerox copy 219 p., holograph 61 p.
  - Box 11          15. Final and full manuscript. November 1966. Carbon typescript 616 p. with slight holo. corr.; xerox copy, 2 p.

16. Rejected pages for final manuscript. 274 p. carbon typescript, 116 p. typescript, all with slight holo. corr.

Box 12 & 14

- B. LAST PLANE TO SHANGHAI [final title] (note: first title was CHINA FAREWELL; interim title SHANGHAI DIARY)
1. Carbon typescript 80 p., typescript with slight holo. corr., 60 p.
  2. Typescript with slight holo. corr. 123 p.
  3. Various pages entitled CHINA FAREWELL. Carbon typescript with slight holo. corr. 392 p.
  4. Outline for rest of story. Carbon typescript with slight holo. corr. 15 p.
  5. Partial first draft. Typescript with slight holo. corr., 245 p.
  6. Outline from trainwreck to end. Typescript with slight holo. corr., 4 p.
  7. "Early experiment with stream of consciousness" Typescript with slight holo. corr., 13 p.

Addenda

November 1968

Box 13

- CHINA BOMB. A novel. Doubleday, 1967.  
Typescript with profuse holo. corr. and printer's marks.  
616 p. Final edited manuscript.

Addenda

December 1969

Box 14

1. Guadalcanal notebook kept by RT during the Tasimboko raid with the Marine First Raider battalion, including a minute-by-minute account of the battle. Utilized by RT in his book GUADALCANAL DIARY. Holograph, 86 p., 1942.
2. Notebook containing research and source material for RT's INVASION DIARY. The entries recount the day by day war in the Pacific, 1942-43. Holograph, 134 p.

Addenda

December 1970

JOURNALS in ledger books:

- Box 15 1. May 30-November 13, 1962. Holograph, 500 p. incl:  
Conniff, Frank. Telegram to RT July 3, 1962.  
(laid in on p. 44)
- Box 16 2. November 1962-January 1963. Holograph, 500 p. incl:  
Burnette, Lt. George W. (USAAGC). Typescript mimeo travel  
orders to RT, Dec 21, 1962 (2 copies). Laid in on  
p. 124.  
"John" TL to RT, n.d. Laid in on p. 278  
RT to Admiral Harold B. Miller (USN-ret., Public Relations  
Chief, Pan Am). CT draft of telegram, n.d. Laid in  
on p. 486.

Addenda

October-December 1974  
From Mrs. Richard Tregaskis

I. MANUSCRIPTS

A. Novels

- Box 17 1. CHINA BOMB. Doubleday, 1967. Page proofs with holo.  
notations. (#1)  
2. THE WARRIOR KING. Macmillan, 1974. Page proofs.  
(#2)

B. Non-Fiction

1. VIETNAM DIARY II: THE MIRACLE OF BUILDING IN THE WAR  
ca. 1975. Revised final draft. Photocopy of  
typescript with holo. corr., 871 p.  
a. Chapters 1-10, p. 1-266 (#3)  
Box 18 b. Chapters 11-16, p. 267-490 (#1)  
c. Chapter 17 to conclusion, p. 491-871 (#2)

C. Works by Other Authors

Box 19

1. Walt, Lewis W. AMERICAN FACES DEFEAT. Apollo, 1972.  
Photocopy typescript, 189 p. (#1)

incl:

RT, Photocopy of TLS, Feb 5, 1972 giving RT's  
review of book.

Walt, Lewis W. TLS Feb 4, 1972

II. PRINTED MATERIAL

Box 19

A. Article by RT

Tenaru Front," Infantry Journal, Jan 1943, p. 28  
(#2)

B. Research Material

COMCBPAC Reports, 1966, 55 p., incl. RT's holo.  
notations.

III. PHOTOGRAPHS

- A. Photographs used in X-15 DIARY. 27, 8x11", black & white.  
RT appears in several. (#3)

includes:

Brown, Charles A. (Colonel, USAF) TLS, 9/12/60  
Gottschall, R.K. (Convair, Inc.) TLS 4/11/60

ca. 25 p. of printed research material with holo.  
notations

IV. TAPES: Research materials for book to be published in 1975

7 tapes: 6 cassettes and 1 reel-to-reel. Interview with Naval  
personnel and civilians concerned with the construction  
effort in SE Asia during the Indochina War.

V. FILMS

Box 20, 21

7 films concerning the development of the Boeing 707 airplane.

Addenda

July 1975  
Gift of Mrs. Tregaskis

Box 22 I. MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL

A. THE WARRIOR KING: HAWAII'S KAMEHAMEHA THE GREAT,  
Macmillan, 1974.

1. Research material

- a. Notes taken on Kathleen Mellen's THE LONELY WARRIOR, Hastings House, 1949. Holograph, 23 p. (#1)
- b. Genealogical charts; and notes taken on S.M. Kamakua's RULING CHIEFS OF HAWAII. In two scrapbooks, 35 p.
- c. Notes taken on unidentified edition of Captain Cook's VOYAGES. Holograph 3 p. (#2)

Box 21

2. Index cards:

- a. Notes on persons, places and objects. ca 225 cards.
- b. Index for final draft. ca. 250 cards

Box 22

B. Memorabilia

Document expressing appreciation to RT for his JOHN F. KENNEDY AND PT-109, the Young Reader's Choice for 1965. Pacific Northwest Library Association. September 3, 1965. 8.5" x 11".

TREGASKIS, RICHARD

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Addenda, June 1989

Outline of Inventory

- I. WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGN FILES
  - A. Guadalcanal
  - B. Battle of Midway
  - C. Russell Islands
- II. BOOK MANUSCRIPT
- III. NOTEBOOKS
- IV. NOTES
- V. PRINTED
- VI. NEWS STORIES
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. MEMORABILIA

Tregaskis, Richard

I. WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGN FILES

Box 23

A. Guadalcanal

1. Dispatches (#1)

- a. Pursuit pilot Wallace Dinn. Parts 3 and 4, carbon typescript, 8p.
- b. Bombing of Munda Bay. Carbon typescript, 1p. with CTLS to Chief of Intelligence, Comgensopac, December 23, 1942
- c. INS stories. December 19, 20, 21, 26, 1942; Carbon typescript 21 p.
- d. Letter of John Marine. September 5, 1942; typescript photocopy, 2 p.; typescript with holograph corrections, 2 p.
- e. Cables, December 20, 23, Carbon typescript with holograph corrections, 3 p.

2. Short Story (#1)

Untitled: "I guess I am what the newspapers..." typescript with holograph coorections and holograph, 41 p.

TLS, RT to "Sirs" April 27, 1943

3. "Scenario for Guadalcanal Diary" Humor piece. Typescript, 4 p. with 2 carbon copies (#2)

4. Article (#3)

"A Name To Remember: Guadalcanal"

- a. Typescript and carbon typescript with holograph corrections, 10 p.
- b. Typescript with holograph corrections, p. 1, 3, 6, 11.

5. Screenplay by Lamar Trotti, May 1943 (#4)  
Typescript mimeo, 143 p.

6. GUADALCANAL DIARY. Landmark Books, Random House. 1955. (#5)
  - a. Chapter One. Typescript with holograph corrections, 6 p. with carbon copy.
  - b. Chapters Seven to Ten. Carbon typescript, 45 p.
  - c. Chapter Eleven. Typescript with holo. corrections, 7 p.
7. Printed (#6)
  - a. GUADALCANAL DIARY. Abridgement in Omnibook, March 1943. With incomplete tearsheets.
  - b. GUADALCANAL DIARY. Picture book version.
  - c. "Return to Guadacanal" by Thomas D. Geary. Leatherneck. August 1967
  - d. "A Name to Remember: Guadacanal" By RT. Parade August 6, 1967
8. Military Documents (#7)
  - a. "Operations Announced By Communiques: August 7-December 31, 1942" Carbon typescript, 3 p.
  - b. Orders to Commanding Officer Combat Team A, 2nd marines. August 5, 1942. Carbon typescript, 1 p. [2 copies]
  - c. Press review. November 1942. Carbon typescript, p. 7-9
  - d. "USS Hornet News Digest" May 11, 1942. Typescript mimeo, 2 p. on 1 leaf.
  - e. "Memorandum On Japanese Tactics." Typescript mimeo, 4 p. on 2 leaves.
  - f. "Monograph on the South Pacific Island Area." Typescript mimeo, 10 p. on 6 leaves.
  - g. "Pidgin-English Vocabulary" Typescript mimeo, 5 p. on 3 leaves.
  - h. "Jungle Warfare: Medical and Hygienic Considerations" Typescript mimeo, 16 p. on 8 leaves
  - i. "Pacific Time Diagram"
  - j. "Status of War Correspondents... Pacific Fleet." May 28, 1945. Typescript mimeo, 6 p.

Box 24

9. Photographs (#1)

Movie Stills from GUADALCANAL DIARY. 8x10, 140 items, 4x5, 1 item;

B. Battle of Midway (#2)

1. Radio logs of pilots. Typescript, carbon typescript, and holograph, 18 p. on 15 leaves
2. Cable Reports. Typescript and carbon typescript, with holo. corrections, 46 p.
3. News article.
  - a. Typescript with holo. corrections, p. 1-6
  - b. Carbon typescript, 7 p. (2 copies)
4. Diary narratives. Typescript with holo. corrections and holograph, 39 p.
5. Air combat articles. Typescript and carbon typescript, 7 p.
6. Holograph notes, 3 p.
7. List of Army personnel. Typescript 1 p., carbon typescript, 1 p.
8. "Tactical Dispatch" Commander Task Force 16. June 8, 1942. Carbon typescript, 2 p.

C. Russell Islands (#3)

1. Cable reports. Carbon typescript, 7 p.
2. News articles. February 12-26, 1943. 6 articles. Carbon typescript, 56 p.

D. Ironbottom Sound. November 12, 1942 (#4)

Cable story. Award of decorating for crew of San Francisco  
Carbon typescript, with holo. correction, 4 p.

E. Italy. November 22, 1943 (#5)

Account of action in which RT was wounded. [Prominent mention of Col. William P. Yarborough] Typescript with holo. corrections and holograph, p. 2-10

Box 24

II. BOOK MANUSCRIPT

JOHN F. KENNEDY AND PT-109. Random House 1962

- a. Typescript with holo. corrections and holograph, 197 p. (#6)
- b. Suggested dust-jacket copy. Holograph, 3 p. (#6)
- Box 25 c. Carbon typescript with holo. corrections and holograph,  
ca. 200 p. (#1)
- d. Research copies of Navy Department files ca. 110 p. (#2)
- e. Letters to RT. Levy, David M. (former commander of PT-59) TLS,  
July 27, 1961  
Facto, Homer (machinist mate on PT-59) ALS, July 29, 1961  
Guerny, Gore (Major, USAF) TLS, July 31, 1961

III. NOTEBOOKS

- 1. "A" September 2, 1942
- 2. "B" August 25, 29, September 3, 4, 1942
- 3. "4" Includes account of sinking aircraft carrier WASP,  
September 15, 1942
- 4. December 1944
- 5. North Africa. June 26-July 17, 1943
- 6. United States. 1942

IV. NOTES

- 1. Air-sea battle, Solomon Islands. Holograph, 1 p. (#3)
- 2. "Notes for stories" September 14, [1943]. Holograph, 9 p. on  
5 leaves. (#3)

V. PRINTED

1. RT's newspaper stories. Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands. August 7 - October 22, 1942. Various newspapers (#1-21)
2. RT's newspaper stories Italy. November 1-6, 1943. Various newspapers. (#22-#29)

VI. NEWS-STORIES

ca. 1940

1. "William Faversham" carbon typescript, 9 p. (#30)
2. "Hall-Mills Murder Case" carbon typescript, 8 p. (#31)
3. "Airpower" carbon typescript, 13 p. (#32)
4. "East Caicos Island Utopia" Carbon typescript, 2 p. (#33)
5. "Welfare In Lowell" carbon typescript, 3 p. (#33)

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 1941-1946 (#34)  
12 letters
2. 1941-1944 (#35)  
To RT's parents and Barry Faris (editor, International News Service) 22 letters
3. Guadalcanal: 15th anniversary article for REAL. 1957 (#36)  
13 letters  
"Guadalcanal From Here" Article
  - a. Typescript with holo. correction, 14 p.
  - b. Typescript with holo. correction, 13 p.
  - c. Carbon typescript, 13 p.
  - d. Two newsclippings

Box 26

4. Guadalcanal Memorials. 1954-1973 (#37)

11 letters

11 printed items

1 photograph

5. Guadalcanal 25th Anniversary.

1966-1968 (#38)

37 letters

5 printed items

Including:

Carl, General Marion E. (USMC), TLS, May 18, 1967

Cogswell, General C. L. (USMC), TLS, July 7, 1967

Krulak, General Victor H. (USMC) TLS, July 17, 1967

Walt, General Lewis W. (USMC) ALS to Moana Tregakis,  
August 12, 1967

VIII. MEMORABILIA (#39)

1. Correspondent's Identification Card. War Department 1942
2. "Regulations for Correspondents Accompanying U.S. Army Forces in the Field." War Department January 21, 1942
3. "Notes re: Guadalcanal Diary" November 14, 1965. Typescript, 6 p.
4. Who's Who In America. Biographical data card
5. Announcement of wedding of Lt. Commander Robert B. Kelly. May 1944
6. Business card of Jack B. Tenney, California State Senator.

Tregaskis, Richard  
Preliminary Listing  
6/20/97

I. Photographs

- A. 7 b/w photographs of RT in his U.S. war correspondent's uniform, done by Fabian Bachrach

II. Art Work

- A. Charcoal sketch of RT and wife, "producing a Tregaskis," by Lisa Forbes, in Honolulu, ca. 1967
- B. Charcoal portrait of RT in his correspondent's uniform, b/w

Tregaskis, Richard  
Preliminary Listing  
12/16/97

I. Photographs

- A. Photographs of the helmet worn by RT in Italy during WWII. The photographs were on exhibit at the Freedom Forum's NEWSEUM in Arlington, VA

BOSTON  
UNIVERSITY

Tregaskis, Richard  
07/20/00  
Preliminary Listing

Box 27  
(09/28/76)

- I. Visual material.
  - A. 1 VHS video cassette tape of interview with Major William Pitts re: a surgery he performed on RT during WW II. Video made from an exhibit at the Museum of the New South (Charlotte, S.C.).

Tregaskis, Richard  
12/17/01  
Preliminary Listing

Added to Box 27

- I. Film and Video.
  - A. 1 VHS videocassette labeled "Van Ness Films / Documentary, History vs. Hollywood, History Channel / Nov. 2001; Guadalcanal Diary, A Call to Arms."

Tregaskis, Richard  
6/24/02  
Preliminary Listing

Added to Box 27

I. Printed Material.

- A. Book jackets for works by RT.
1. LAST PLANE TO SHANGHAI [F. 9]
  2. GUADALCANAL DIARY (2 photocopies).
  - 3.. STRANGER THAN FEAR.
  4. VIETNAM DAY, includes 3 text p. (photocopy).
  5. X-15 DIARY.
  6. CHINA BOMB.
  7. GUADALCANAL, includes legal material- Guadalcanal Publication Report, miscellaneous newspaper clippings. [F. 10]
- B. Magazines.
1. Western's World, April- June 1970. [F. 11]
  2. The Continental Magazine, volume 2, number 2.
  3. "The Pacific Will Surprise Your Senses," copyright 1996.
  4. Los Angeles Times.
    - a. August 25, 1968.
    - b. October 12, 1969.
    - c. August 9, 1970.
- C. "Typewriter Battalion," book review. includes RT reports. Horizons, Fall 1996.
- D. "Guadalcanal Diary," by RT, Sortbook, approx. 35 p. [F. 12]
- E. Listing of inscribed books, RT and other publications, articles June 2002. [F. 14]

II Correspondence.

- A. ALS, 4 Bookflap notes for "Moana Tregaskis," by RT. [F. 13]

Tregaskis, Richard  
10/20/03  
Preliminary Listing

Package 2

- I. Artwork.
  - A. Sketch of General RT in combat, signed by artist.

Tregaskis, Richard  
#210  
12/14/10  
Preliminary Listing

Added to Box 27

I. Correspondence.

A. Re: award of Purple Heart to RT. [F. 15]

1. Dubois, John M. (Enrollment Coordinator – National Purple Heart Hall of Honor). TLS (photocopy) to Moana McGlaughlin-Tregaskis, 11/17/10; includes:

a. Army Services Forces General Orders from J. W. Mollaun (Maj. M.A.C., Adjutant – Army Services Forces) conferring Purple Heart to RT, “by command of Major General Marietta,” TS (photocopy), 1 p., 6/9/44.