

C DIAB Records relating to Henry Lewis Hulbert 1837-2008

Accession Number: 10/62 and 11/54

Biographical Background: Henry Lewis Hulbert, the first born child of Henry Ernest Hulbert and his wife, Frances 'Fanny' (Gamble) Hulbert was born in Hull on the 12th January 1867. Educated in Hull and at Felstead School in Essex, he embarked upon a career in the Civil Service in the Malay State of Perak (a state in Malaysia today) when not quite eighteen years of age. His career terminated abruptly by a personal scandal, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at San Francisco, California on the 24th March 1898.

During the ensuing twenty years until his death in action in France on the 4th October 1918, Henry Hulbert would become a recipient of America's highest award for military valour, the medal of Honor, earned for heroic conduct during a combined British-American expedition in Samoa on the 1st April 1899. Additional awards for bravery in France would include the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, four Silver Star Citations and the Croix de Guerre, 1914-1918 with Palm.

He holds the distinction of being the first Marine appointed to the newly established rank of Marine Gunner in 1917. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and immediately promoted First Lieutenant in 1918, Henry Hulbert was personally recommended for promotion to Captain by General John J Pershing, Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces in France, a promotion subsequently approved by the Secretary of the Navy.

The destroyer, USS Henry L. Hulbert named in his honour, was launched in 1919 and continued in service until 1946. The name of Henry L. Hulbert is among these inscribed upon the Peace Cross in Bladensburg, Maryland, erected in 1919 to honour the memory of the men from Prince George's County (Hulbert's home of record in America) who lost their lives in The Great War. In 2008 the Commandant of the Marine Corps authorised the establishment of the Hulbert Trophy for Outstanding Leadership, awarded annually to the Marine Gunner who best exemplifies the leadership and personal qualities of Henry L. Hulbert.

Custodial History: Deposited by Major A.C. Bevilacqua in September 2010. Four items in the photographs at C DIAB/3/1 were deposited by Major A.C. Bevilacqua in June 2011.

Description: Includes copies of birth, baptismal, marriage, death and burial records, official Marine Corps personnel records, complete records of the examining board, census records, parish records, family group sheets, records of the State of Perak, personal correspondence of Henry Hulbert and contemporary secondary accounts. All of these records are copies apart from the Leatherneck magazines.

Major Bevilacqua has provided notes and explanations to the records in most of the files and these have been kept with the files.

Arrangement:

- C DIAB/1 Papers relating to Henry L. Hulbert's military career
- C DIAB/2 Publications
- C DIAB/3 Photographs
- C DIAB/4 Family and General Career Papers

The arrangement as deposited has been preserved and the titles of files retained.

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Extent: 1 box

Access Conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DIAB/1	Henry L. Hulbert's military career Includes record of proceedings a Marine Examining Board, enlisted service record and Papers relating to the ship USS Henry L. Hulbert DD342 3 files	1898-1951
C DIAB/1/1	Record of Examining Board Record of proceedings of a Marine Examining Board convened at Examining Board Room Marine Headquarters Washington D.C in the case of Sergeant Major Henry L. Hulbert U.S.Marine Corps selected to take the examination for appointment as a Marine Gunner (general duties) in the U.S Marine Corps 1 file	Jan 1917- Mar 1917
C DIAB/1/2	Henry L. Hulbert's Enlisted Service Record in the U.S Marine Corps 1 file	1898-1951
C DIAB/1/3	Papers relating to the USS Henry L. Hulbert Copy Information received from Naval Historical Centre Ships Histories Branch and Curator Branch July 1997. Papers relating to the ship USS Henry L. Hulbert DD342 1 file	1918-1946
C DIAB/2	Publications Articles written about or based on the life of Henry L. Hulbert 1 file/3 items	c.1999- 2008
C DIAB/2/1	Fix Bayonets and other Stories A marine officer, John W Thomason's extensive works depicting Marines included a character Edward Hawks who was based on Henry Hulbert. 1 item	n.d.
C DIAB/2/2	Leatherneck, Magazine of the Marines Leatherneck Magazine of the Marines. Page 28-31 article, "From Exile to Hero" relating how Henry Hulbert turned shame and disgrace into fame and honor 1 item	Jan 1999
C DIAB/2/3	Leatherneck. Magazine of the Marines Leatherneck Magazine of the Marines. Page 43-47 article 'Henry Lewis Hulbert Marine Gunner An Ending and a Beginning' 1 item	Dec 2008

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C DIAB/3	Photographs Copy photographs 1 file/11 items	1899-2008
C DIAB/3/1	Photographs of Sergeant Major Henry Lewis Hulbert , a photograph of the <i>USS Philadelphia</i> , three photographs of the originals that appeared in Leatherneck showing Henry Hulbert's personal awards along with the Hulbert Trophy, the ship's bell of <i>USS Hulbert</i> and his headstone at Arlington National Cemetery. Major Bevilacqua has provided information on each of the photographs. 1 file/11 items	1899-2008
C DIAB/4	Family and General Career Papers Includes copies of birth, baptismal, marriage, death and burial records, census records, parish records and family group sheets, 8 files	1837-2007
C DIAB4/1	Hulbert Family and Career Notes Includes Hulbert family notes and a Henry Lewis Hulbert chronology as compiled by Major Bevilacqua 1 file	1867-2007
C DIAB/4/2	Paperwork relating to the Disinterment and Reburial of 2nd.Lt Henry L Hulbert 1 file	1919-1922
C DIAB/4/3	Civil Records from the United States including Census returns 1 file	1900-1920
C DIAB4/4	Civil Records from India and Perak incuding Babtisms and Maraiges 1 file	1865-1889
C DIAB/4/5	Civil Records from the United Kingdom including Birth Certificate, Baptism and Census Returns 1 file	1841-1918
C DIAB/4/6	Family Group Sheets Papers showing Family Trees 1 file	1837-1918
C DIAB4/7	Background Information Photocopies of the Singapore and Straits Directory 1885, 1890-1893, 1895-1898, 1900 and Chronicle and Directory for China and other Eastern Countries for the years 1889-1890, 1895, 1900 Further Correspondence Respecting The Protected Malay State 1886, The	1885-1900

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Perak Annual Hand book and Civil Service List 1892-
1893, and the Straits Settlements Civil Service List
1888, 1890
1 file

C DIAB/4/8	SS Aden Incident Papers The SS Aden Incident Papers relating to the The P & O Steamer the Aden which was wrecked on a Reef off Socotra 1897 1 file	1897
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