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Silas William Thompson photograph  
collection relating to Peleliu during  
World War II, circa 1944-1945

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Silas William Thompson photograph collection relating to Peleliu during World War II
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1944-1945
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.98-32
<b>Creator:</b>	Thompson, Silas William (collector and probable photographer)
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Prints (halftone) 86 Prints (silver gelatin)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Donated by Silas W. Thompson, 1987.

### Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 98-32, Silas William Thompson photograph collection relating to Peleliu during World War II, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Biographical Note

Silas William Thompson was a US Navy medic during the invasions of Angaur and Peleliu during World War II.

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## Scope and Contents

Unbound pages from an album documenting Silas William Thompson's participation in the United States Navy during World War II, with particular focus on the Battles of Peleliu and Angaur and his time at Base 20 Hospital. The collection includes a group portrait of Company B-8 of the Naval Hospital Corps School, views of Base 20, the invasion of Peleliu and its aftermath, prisoners of war, Palauans on Peleliu and Angaur, and one image of Yap men dancing. Two issues of the Los Angeles Examiner newspaper declaring the Allies' victories in Europe and the Pacific, Navy certificates from the training station and hospital school, and letters from Naval administrators, are also available with the collection.

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NAA Photo Lot 98-32

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Palauans
- World War, 1939-1945
- Yapese (Micronesian people)

### Cultures:

- Palauans
- Yapese (Micronesian people)

### Types of Materials:

- Photographs

### Names:

- United States. Navy

### Places:

- Angaur Island (Palau)
- Peleliu Island (Palau)