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

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Collection Overview

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

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Silas W. Thompson, 1987.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 98-32, Silas William Thompson photograph collection of 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.

Biographical Note

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

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

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

Geographic Names:

Angaur Island (Palau)
Peleliu Island (Palau)