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## William R. Bricker Papers, 1992-2001

### Overview/Collection Description

- **Title:** William R. Bricker Papers
- **Dates:** 1992-2001 [bulk 1997-2001]
- **Creator:** William R. Bricker, NAWCC Chapter 143
- **Call Number:** MG 311
- **Language:** English, Japanese
- **Extent:** 1 linear foot in 1 box

### Conditions of Access

- **Restrictions:** These records are open to researchers for personal or scholarly research. Most of the records in the collection are available for photocopy, depending on the preservation needs of the material as well as other variables not specified here. Researchers, however, are responsible for obtaining copyright permission to use materials and documents. These records are part of the permanent collection in the archives of the Library & Research Center of the National Watch and Clock Museum and researchers are required to comply with the Archive Rules when using the collection.

### Administrative Information

- **Preferred Citation:** *William R. Bricker Papers, 1997-2001*. Library & Research Center, National Watch & Clock Museum, NAWCC.
- **Variant Title Information:** William R. Bricker "Military Timepieces"
- **Processing Information:** This collection was processed and partially described before May 2016. During the summer of 2016, the collection was revisited and the archival description was expanded. It is unclear if the order of the collection present at the time

of the revision accurately reflected the original order. The order in which the collection was found in 2016 has been maintained as it is presented here, and the collection was divided into series and subseries to better reflect the arrangement of the collection.

- **Archivist and Date Processed.** Finding aid compiled by Kate Van Riper, Archivist at the Library and Research Center, National Watch and Clock Museum, Summer 2016

### Subjects & Related Materials

- Military timepieces
- Catalogs, exhibit
- Society of the Military Horologists, NAWCC Chapter 143

### Content & Structure

- **Scope & Content:** This collection includes articles and research on military horology, compiled by the founder of the Military Horology Chapter. The information in this collection is the basis for the book, *Military Timepieces*, by William Bricker, that was put together as a catalog for the Military Timepiece special exhibit at the National Watch and Clock Museum from July 2001-March 2002. This collection includes photographs of the watches featured in the book, newsletters from NAWCC Chapter 143, Society of Military Horologists, as well as information leading up to the publication of the book and setting up the exhibit. This publication information includes correspondence regarding permission to use certain images, rough draft versions of the book, and loan information for the watches used in the special exhibit.
- **System of Arrangement:** The collection is divided into two series, with the first series being further divided into two subseries. The first series focuses on the creation of the book, *Military Timepieces*, and the bulk of the collection is located in this series. The first subseries, *Book Research and Layout*, corresponds with the arrangement of information as it is presented in the book. Each chapter corresponds with a chapter in the book, in the order in which the chapters appear.

**Container List**

Series I: Military Timepieces Booklet

Subseries A: Book Research and Layout

Box	Folder	
1	1	Military Timepieces: Introduction, circa 2001
	2	Captain Blackwood, His Watch, and the Great Sea Battle, circa 2001
	3	A Splendid Little War, circa 2001
	4	The Evolution of the Early Military Wristwatch, circa 2001
	5	Taking Flight – The Story of the First Naval Aviator, circa 2001
	6	Commander Richard E. Byrd Reaches the North Pole by Air, circa 2001
	7	Finding the South Pole – Admiral Richard E. Byrd, circa 2001
	8	The Epic Flight of the Tingmissartoq, circa 2001
	9	War in a Stringbag, circa 2001
	10	Military Chronographs, circa 2001

Subseries B: Publication

Box	Folder	
1	11	Correspondence, 2001
	12	Rough Draft – Information Gathering, not dated
	13	Rough Draft, Print Quotes, Watches on Loan, 2001
	14	Edited Draft, circa 2001
	15	Slides, 1992-2001
	16	Additional Photographs, circa 2001
	17	Early Watches, circa 2001

Series II: Chapter 143, The Society of Military Horologists

Box	Folder	
1	18	Military Horologist Newsletter, 1997-1999