

Record Group 181
Naval Districts and Shore Establishments
Sixth Naval District – Charleston, South Carolina

Confidential War Diaries, 1942-1946
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This series consists of daily operational journals (commonly referred to as war diaries) created by various naval commands, shore installations, ships and other activities throughout the Sixth Naval District, as well as some British ships. Most war diaries provided a day-to-day record of operational activities and sometimes administrative activities as well. War diaries were submitted by most units in the Navy. The quality of the diaries varied widely, with some providing detailed accounts, while other diaries contain only cursory information. Generally, higher level commands submitted the most detailed war diaries. War diaries of smaller units and ships often provide less information. For most of the 1942-1945 period, war diaries were typed on standard sized paper and varied considerably in the number of days and information that might appear on any one page. Most war diaries were discontinued by August 1946.

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Charleston Personnel Separation Center Diary 1946