

Canadian War Museum Finding Aid
Mariner Family Collection
Accession number 20010066-012

Dates: 1912-1958

Extent: Manuscripts and technical drawings: 44 folders in two boxes; 66 cm

Biographical Sketches:

William Wright Marriner was born at Silsden, Somerset, England in December 1868, and the eldest son of the Rev. John Stuart Marriner. He was educated at Bradford Grammar School, Leeds University and Yorkshire College, graduating in 1887 with a degree in engineering. He then joined Yarrow and Co. of Poplar (London) as an apprentice. The firm sent him to Turkey in 1889 and to Southern Africa the following year where he assisted in assembling two shallow draught stern-wheelers on the Zambezi River. He returned to England in 1891 and, after completing his apprenticeship, became a draughtsman at Yarrows. He became Assistant Manager and then, in 1893, Engineering Manager of the firm. Yarrows moved to the Clyde in 1906, by which time he was married. He and his wife, Jessie Mary, had four sons and a daughter: Kenneth William, Thomas Dyson, George Taylor, John Moir Stirling, and Mary Howard. William Marriner continued his employment with Yarrows until his death at Halifax, Nova Scotia in December 1941. He traveled extensively for the firm, which provided vessels for the Royal Navy and for the governments of Argentina, Chile, Austria, Japan, Sweden, Greece, Brazil, Denmark, Portugal, and Yugoslavia. Most of his papers related to his work.

John Moir Stirling Marriner was born in London in November 1901, the second son of William Wright and Jessie Mary Marriner. He was an apprentice at Yarrow in 1914 and 1915 and in the latter year, left to attend the Royal Naval Colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth until 1917. He became a midshipman in the Royal Navy (RN) in September 1917 and left the RN in November 1919. He was employed by Woodall-Duchham from 1920 to 1928. John Marriner married Doreen Neal Elevorthy in London in March 1929 and, in April 1929 they moved to Canada, settling in Toronto. Marriner was employed as a Sales Engineer with the John Inglis Co. from 1929 until 1935, when he became Vice-President of the Taylor Engineering and Construction Company of Toronto. He was an officer in charge of the training of engine room personnel and the maintenance of all Canadian Fairmiles. He retired in 1945, having attained the rank of Commander. Most of the papers of JMS Marriner relate to his work while a Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR) officer.

Language: textual material in the fond is in English.

Scope and Content: See detailed listing below.

Arrangement: This finding aid has been arranged numerically by file number.

Detailed Listing:

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Folder number	Contents
1	Contains papers relating chiefly to Fairmiles and engine room personnel, standing orders for Fairmile MLS.
2	Eastern Air Command Directive No-28.
3	1954, Engine room register, HMCS <u>Nomad</u> .
4	Landing craft.
5	Establishment of naval stores for HMC MLS.
6	Coastal Forces suppression of interference to radio equipment.
7	Maintenance instructions, suppression of interference to radio equipment, coastal forces.
8	Fourteen small notebooks and pocket diaries belonging to JMS Marriner while serving in the RCNVR. They contain diary entries, addresses and notes on personnel and engineering.
9	Papers relating to the estates of William Wright and Jessie Mary Marriner.
10	Sketches of German E-boats.
11	Notebooks containing engineering notes made by JMS Marriner at Dartmouth, Osborne, and aboard HMS <u>Centurion</u> .
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - November 1918, pocket diary. • 1918, sugar permit. • 1918, distriel (?) pass. • 1945, Naval messages.
13	Obituaries, notes on Mariner's life and work, his notes on vessels, his family, and his travels.
14	Deck profiles of destroyers: HMS <u>Haughty</u> , HMS <u>Havork</u> , HMS <u>Hereward</u> , and HMS <u>Hotspur</u> , 1912 (Yarrow drawings 461/12 and 462/12).
15	Deck profiles of HMS <u>Firedrake</u> , HMS <u>Lurcher</u> , and HMS <u>Oak</u> , 1911 (Yarrow drawings 247/11 and 248/11).
16	Deck profiles of HMS <u>Miranda</u> , HMS <u>Minos</u> , and HMS <u>Manly</u> , 1914 (Yarrow drawings 602/13 and 603/13).
17	File containing correspondence and other documents relating to the career of JMS Marriner, including leave or duty ration book, First World War.
18	Signal Log with naval messages.
19	1936-1938, correspondence with JE Burkhardt and SH Wakeman.
20	Drawings, high-speed ocean going destroyer (690/28, 691/28).

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1	Circular letters, examination questions for engine room personnel.
2	Notes on US PT boats.
3	List of diesel engine spare parts.
4	Lecture notes, diesel engines.
5	Specifications, 112 Fairmile motor launch.
6	Subhead list of naval stores.
7	Drawings, notes on Fairmiles.
8	Notes, lectures, Lieutenant R. Powell, RCNVR.
9	Notes for engineering training, <u>HMS Attack</u> .
10	Drawings, paravane gear.
11	Drawings, towing gear.
12	Notes on carbon monoxide.
13	Notes on, and drawings of, engines.
14	Memo on opening of USN training establishment at Roseneath training.
15	Notes on training.
16	1942, minutes of Engineer's meeting.
17	Notes on obtaining fuel and stores.
18	Rough organization chart.
19	Personnel.
20	Blank Forms, rough notes.
21	Card index for stores.
22	Specifications, 2400-ton flotilla leader.
23	ICE training course engine room personnel.
24	Misc. correspondence.

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