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MARK LAMBERT BRISTOL

**A REGISTER OF HIS PAPERS
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Administrative Information

The papers of Mark Lambert Bristol (1868-1939), Navy admiral and U.S. High Commissioner to Turkey, were given to the Library of Congress in 1946 the estate of his wife, Helen Moore Bristol.

In 1947 Katherine F. Brand processed the Bristol Papers and prepared a preliminary guide. In 1978, the collection was reorganized and a new register prepared by Michael J. Sullivan and Sherralyn McCoy.

The Library has no information on the status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Mark Lambert Bristol in these papers and in other collections of papers in the Library's custody.

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Linear feet of shelf space occupied:	39.2	
Approximate number of items:		33,000

Biographical Note

1868, Apr. 17 Born, Glassboro, N.J.

1887 Graduated, United States Naval Academy
Married Helen Beverly Moore

1908 Inspector of ordnance, Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.

1911 Inspector of ordnance, Whitehead Torpedo Co., England
Commander, USS *Monterey*

1913 Promoted to captain

1913-16 Director of Naval Aeronautics

1917-18 Commander, USS *North Carolina* and USS *Oklahoma*

1918-19 Commanding officer, United States Naval Base, Plymouth,
England

1919-27 Commander, United States Naval Detachment in Turkish Waters
and United States High Commissioner to Turkey

1922-23 Attended the Lausanne Conference

1927-29 Command of U.S. Asiatic Fleet with rank of admiral

1930-32 Chairman of Executive Committee, General Board, Washington,
D.C.

1932 Retired, United States Navy

1939, May 13 Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Mark Lambert Bristol span the years 1882-1939, although the major part of the collection is concentrated in the period from 1919 to 1939. Consisting of diaries, correspondence, memoranda, reports, official dispatches, telegrams, speeches, press releases, appointment sheets, and scrapbooks, the collection reflects Admiral Bristol's naval career, his eight years as a diplomat, and an active retired life.

Although the material from the early years is sparse, the collection documents Bristol's early interests in naval personnel and gunnery, and it provides insights into his growing responsibilities as Director of Naval Aeronautics. The collection is particularly rich in its coverage of his duties as Commander of the U.S. Detachment in Turkish Waters and his concurrent service as U.S. High Commissioner to Turkey in the years 1919-27. The papers reveal the character of political, military, social, and economic conditions in the Near East in the years following World War I, covering racial and religious conflicts; Allied activities in pursuit of special interests, mandates, and empire; the decline of the Ottoman Empire; and the rise of Mustafa Kemal and the Nationalist Movement that led to the founding of modern Turkey. The collection also contains information on the military and political actions underway in Southern Russia-Bolshevik activities and the advance of the Red Army, the resistance of the White Russians under General Denikin and Wrangle, and related Allied activities. The destabilizing effect of these political and military developments in Russia and the Near East produced a large population of refugees. The papers document the relief efforts to mitigate the effects of the war, postwar revolution, and the Russian famine. As the top representative of the U.S. Government in Turkey, Bristol became involved in matters of trade and commerce and worked with philanthropic and educational organizations active in the area.

When the Admiral assumed command of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet in September 1927, his duties were almost exclusively naval in character and required constant travel. During this period the collection is largely professional and personal in scope, lacking the broad overview available during the years in the Near East. Although the coverage is not extensive, the collection does reflect the activities of the Nationalist Chinese, the Communist movement, and foreign governments involved in the Far East. During his retirement years, Bristol continued to pursue many of the interests he had developed during his naval years, maintaining contacts in Turkey and the Far East. He also inaugurated some new activities, working with the Democratic League of the District of Columbia, pursuing an active involvement in the politics of peace and control of illicit drugs, and attempting to establish a shipbuilding operation in Florida.

The family papers include Bristol's correspondence with his wife, Hele Moore Bristol, their correspondence with their respective families, and Mrs

Bristol's general correspondence. The Admiral's correspondence with his wife is predominantly personal in nature. While his correspondence with his family is also largely personal, it does reflect some of the business and economic realities of the thirties. Mrs. Bristol's correspondence constitutes the bulk of the family papers.

The diaries document the Admiral's daily activities in the Near East, including meetings with local officials and representatives of foreign governments as well as with Americans engaged in business affairs, missionary activities, or affiliated with relief or educational organizations. The diaries also provide information on such matters as his unofficial attendance from November 1922 to February 1923, at the Lausanne Conference and his 1923 travels through Anatolia en route to visit Angora (Ankara). The diaries track the Admiral's affairs with varying degrees of detail, sometimes offering only a list of callers, sometimes a concise statement of a discussion, and sometimes a detailed account of specific encounters. Included in the diaries are weekly reports of operations which provide data on the location and operation of naval forces, information bearing on local conditions (usually taken from ships' diaries), and often a general summary of conditions in the area. The diaries of his wife, Helen Moore Bristol are included in this series.

The correspondence series represents the largest part of the collection and reflects Bristol's personal and professional activities. The series is divided into two parts, general correspondence and official correspondence. The former covers the years 1900-39 and documents almost all aspects of Bristol's affairs. During his tour of duty in Turkey, Bristol communicated with officials at all levels of the Departments of State and Navy. His dual role made his office a focal point for information and intelligence, and his correspondence contains much on conditions and activities in the Near East. His tours of duty in the Far East and on the General Board in Washington, D.C., are reflected by correspondence which relates more to personal and professional activities than to political and social matters. The official correspondence consists largely of dispatches sent and received. This material relates chiefly to the miscellaneous operations, activities, and personnel of the mission in Turkey. A substantial amount of official correspondence relating to specific topics is in the subject file. Also included in the official correspondence is the orders to duty file dated 18 February 1928.

The subject file consists largely of official dispatches from the Admiral's years in Turkey and personal correspondence from the period of his retirement. Information on conditions and activities which Bristol transmitted to the State Department are arranged under the name of the geographic area, the organization, or individual involved. Material from his retirement years includes documentation of Bristol's association with the Near East Foundation, the New Orient Society, the World Narcotic Defense Association, his political activities with the Democratic Party, and his efforts to organize the Southern Shipbuilding Corporation. While the greater part of the series deals with his years in Turkey and in retirement, the file includes information dealing with his service as censor of news releases during the Navy's 1914 operations in the Vera Cruz area, the development of

naval aeronautics, and his involvement in disarmament during his service on the General Board in Washington. While the subject file constitutes a convenient concentration of material on specific issues, the coverage is not exhaustive.

The miscellany file contains records of Bristol's daily appointments, invitations, printed material, scrapbooks, and an index to the original order of the Admiral's correspondence for the years 1919-29.

In addition to the Bristol papers described here, the Manuscript Division also holds the Bristol papers that form part of the Library's Naval Historical Foundation collection. Those papers, which consist of about 100 items, relate to Bristol's participation in the naval aeronautics program, 1913-18.

Description of Series

Container Nos. Series

- 1-8 Diaries, 1882-1931.
Diaries kept while on duty as Commander, U.S. Fleet in Turkish Waters, 1919-27; diary of fleet manuevers, 1931; and diaries of Helen Moore Bristol, 1882-1929. Arranged chronologically.
- 8-29 Family papers, 1882-1939, n.d.
Letters sent and received between family members and Helen Moore Bristol's general correspondence. Arranged chronologically.
- 29-64 Correspondence, 1884-1939, n.d.
Letters received and copies of letters sent, including memoranda, telegrams, postcards, and related material, arranged in two categories:
- 29-61 A. General, 1900-39.
Letters concerning Bristol's personal, naval, and diplomatic activities. Arranged chronologically.
- 61-64 B. Official, 1884-1928.
Dispatches sent and received while on duty as High Commissioner to Turkey, 1919-27, and orders to duty, 1884-1928. Arranged chronologically.
- 64-80 Subject file, 1906-39, n.d.
Correspondence, dispatches sent and received, memoranda, trial transcripts, reports, press releases, and drafts of speeches. Arranged alphabetically by subject.
- 81-98 Miscellany, 1915-39, n.d.
Appointment sheets, invitations, printed matter, index to the original numerical file, and other material. The printed matter is arranged by subject; other material is chiefly arranged chronologically.

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| 1 | 1919
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| | 1920
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| 2 | June-Dec. (7 folders) |
| | 1921
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| 3 | June-Dec. (7 folders) |
| | 1922
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| 4 | June-Dec. (7 folders) |
| | 1923
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| 5 | Mar.-Dec. (10 folders) |
| | 1924
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| 6 | Mar.-Dec. (10 folders) |
| | 1925
Jan.-June (6 folders) |
| 7 | July-Oct. (5 folders) |
| | 1926
Jan.-Dec. (12 folders) |
| | 1927
Jan. |
| 8 | Feb.-May (4 folders) |
| | 1931
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Dec. 1882
1884, 1907, 1911
1916, 1928
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9	17-31 Aug. Sept. 1 Oct.-27 Dec. Letters in diary form 5 Dec. 1907-6 Feb. 1908 6 Feb.-3 Apr. 3 Apr.-9 May 1908 21 Feb.-14 May 1909 19 Apr.-27 Nov.
10	1910 25 Jan.-20 Oct. 1911 31 Jan.-20 Dec. 1912 11 Jan.-7 May 3 June-7 Nov. 1913 2 Jan.-19 Mar. 18 Apr.-31 Aug. 2 Sept.-31 Dec.
11	1914 7 Jan.-4 Mar. 18 Sept.-4 Nov. 1915 8 Feb.-26 Oct. 1916 9 Mar.-20 Apr. 1 May-28 June July 1 Aug.-29 Sept. 17 Oct.-28 Dec. 1917 16 Apr.-15 May
12	16 May-15 June 9 July-27 Dec.

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13	1919 Jan. 1 Feb.-30 Mar. 1 Apr.-9 Sept. 1922 5-20 Dec. 1923 8 Sept.-19 Oct. 25 Oct.-26 Nov. 1924 4 Aug.-20 July 1926 1927 22 Jan.-30 June 1928 7 Jan.-31 July
14	1 Aug.-27 Nov. 1929 17 Feb.-30 July 1 Aug.-21 Oct. 1931 2 Sept.-12 Jan. 1939 Undated Other family members Charles L. Bristol Dec. 1932-Mar. 1937 John B. Bristol July 1931-Dec. 1933 Jan. 1934-Dec. 1935
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20	Aug.-Dec. 1923 Jan.-July Aug.-Sept. Oct.-Dec. 1924 Jan.-Apr. May-Aug.
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FAMILY PAPERS, 1882-1939, n.d. (Continued)

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22	Helen Moore Bristol general correspondence 1926 Dec., n.d. 1927 Jan.-May June-Sept. Oct.-Dec., n.d. 1928 Jan.-May
23	June-Nov. Nov.-Dec., n.d. 1929-32 (4 folders)
24	1933-36 (4 folders) 1937 Jan.-Apr. May-Nov. Dec., n.d. 1938 Jan.-Apr.
25	May-Dec., n.d. 1939 May-June July-Aug., n.d. Undated Family (2 folders)
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27-29	General (16 folders)

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31	1919 Jan.-May June-Aug. Sept.-Nov. Dec. Undated 1920 Jan. Feb. Mar.-Nov. (9 folders)
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33	1921 Jan.-Feb. (5 folders)
34	Mar.-May (4 folders)
35	June-Sept. (5 folders)
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37	Apr.-Oct. (5 folders)
38	Nov.-Dec. (2 folders) 1923 Jan.-Feb. (3 folders)
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40	July-Oct. (4 folders)
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43	June-Oct. (6 folders)
44	Nov.-Dec. (2 folders)
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	Jan.-Mar. (3 folders)
45	Apr.-Aug. (5 folders)
46	Sept.-Nov. (6 folders)
47	Dec.
	1926
	Jan.-Apr. (6 folders)
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49	Sept.-Dec. (4 folders)
	1927
	Jan.-Feb. (2 folders)
50	Mar.-Apr. (5 folders)
51	May-Dec. (8 folders)
52	1928
	Jan.-May (5 folders)
53	June-Oct. (5 folders)
54	Nov.-Dec. (2 folders)
	1929
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55	Apr.-Oct. (7 folders)
56	Nov.-Dec. (2 folders)
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