

Finding Aid To
WORLD WAR II ON KAUAI
By Tim Klass
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ABSTRACT

In his book, World War II on Kauai, Tim Klass reviewed the social, economic, and political impacts to Kauai from the pre-and post-war years up to 1950. This collection contains the author's original, unedited manuscript, his working outline, draft, resource materials, and business papers related to his research project for World War II on Kauai. The project was funded by a grant from the Westland Foundation of Oregon. An edited version of the original manuscript was published in 1970.

The collection includes an extensive reference index card file of sources and contacts collected by Tim Klass, reflecting the author's method to record and organize his data. The original manuscript is a typed carbon copy with footnotes referring to figure charts not included in the final publication. The collection also includes correspondence and a letter of agreement between John Youell of the Westland Foundation and Tim Klass, correspondence with resource contacts, numerous copies of documents, articles, and other materials collected by Klass from Oahu and Kauai institutions and agencies. Some source materials were derived from personal papers and records acquired on Kauai. A few pages of photocopied articles and letters refer to the "Battle of Niihau" on December 7, 1941. Also of interest in this collection are copies of several documents acquired from the Hawaii War Records Depository (HWRD) at Sinclair Library, University of Hawaii Manoa. The collection also includes copies of unclassified military records on troop dispositions on Kauai from History of G-3, courtesy of the archive at Fort Shafter. An unbound copy of the edited, published manuscript World War II on Kauai finishes this collection.

A copy of the published manuscript World War II on Kauai was presented to the Kauai Historical Society in 1970, and additional copies issued to other educational institutions.

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PROJECT HISTORY

At the onset of his research project World War II on Kauai, Tim Klass was a political science major at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. As part of a year of cooperative field study in Hawaii. Klass arrived on the island of Kauai in September 1968 and became an associate of Dr. Richard McCleery, a professor of political science who had previously taught at Antioch College, and was then operating the Kapaa Center, an experimental learning center on Kauai.

In February 1969, Klass signed a contract with the University of Hawaii for work at the Kapaa Center, and later that month was contacted by John Youell, president of the Westland Foundation of Portland, Oregon. Youell contracted with Klass “to conduct historiographic research concerning the World War II experience on Kauai,” and an agreement was signed in March. This was to become Klass’ culminating field study project, World War II on Kauai.

A former president of the Oregon Historical Society, Youell was well-acquainted with Kauai Historical Society. In 1969, Thelma Hadley was KHS president and also Head Librarian at the Kauai Public Library. In a Kauai Historical Society Board Report dated March 24, 1969, Hadley acknowledged new member John Youell, “an officer of Oregon Historical Society . . . and a yearly visitor of the Waiohai.” Hadley also notes in her March 1969 report that Youell “contributed \$1000 towards this project through a contract with Tim Klass with the stipulation that it would be presented at its completion to Kauai Historical Society.” Hadley remained in communication with both Youell and Klass throughout the research project, recommending local contacts for interviews and other resources for the project.

The research project was to be completed September 1969, at which time Klass did leave Kauai and returned to the mainland. Work on the manuscript continued into 1970 with a complete manuscript sent to Westland Foundation, April 1970. This submission included reference notes to the bibliography, and an appendix showing a chronology of Kauai events from 1936 to 1947. The extended reference notes and chronology were omitted from the final printing, as were several charts provided by Tim Klass.

World War II on Kauai stands as one of few studies to focus solely on Kauai County’s social, economic, and political conditions and experiences during the war years. Tim Klass had expressed to KHS his regret that editing in the final stages of production omitted what he felt was pertinent supportive material to his research project. Retired from a long career with the Associated Press, Klass was on a family trip to Kauai in January 2014 when he personally visited the Kauai Historical Society and generously donated his working papers for World War II on Kauai. It is with pleasure that the Kauai Historical Society is able to archive this collection, which contains the complete manuscript as originally submitted by Tim Klass to the Westland Foundation.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Klass divided his research focus under three headings: *Kauai at Impact* reviewed the island's general socio-economic characteristics and trends in the five years leading up to the bombing at Pearl Harbor. *World War II on Kauai* took a more detailed look at Kauai's response to war-time threats and conditions as it faced martial law, the influx of military on Kauai, food rationing and limited resources, labor issues, conflicts of racial attitudes within the community, and other challenges. Under *Impact on Kauai*, Klass provided an overview of the most significant post-war effects on Kauai up to 1950.

To this end, Klass examined vital statistics from the Department of Health, crime data from Kauai Police Department Annual Reports, labor and production statistics from Lihue and Kekaha Plantations, and other socio-economic reports. He gathered historical background from *The Garden Island* newspaper, *The Garden Island War Daily*, and other publications found at the Kauai Public Library. He also conducted personal interviews and acquired copies of anecdotal accounts and documents from the families of Noboru Miyake and Jose Evangelista Bulatao.

Although he conducted most of his research on Kauai, Klass spent eight days on Oahu in July 1969, spending most of his time at the Hawaii War Records Depository (HWRD) at Sinclair Library, University of Hawaii. Klass also acquired copies of documents and records from the Hawaii State Archive, Fort Shafter, Bureau of Crime Statistics and Identification, Department of Health. Included within this collection are copies of some of these supporting documents.

Original Manuscript of World War II on Kauai

This carbon copy of the unedited, typewritten original manuscript includes a historical chronology and additional references notes to the bibliography that were not included in the final publication.

Assorted Charts & Tables

Tim Klass created several charts and tables in the course of his research, some of which are included in this collection in both typed and handwritten forms. The author intended for some of this supportive data to appear in chart form in his original manuscript, and reference notes can be found in the text. However, charts were omitted from the final publication.

Research outline, draft manuscript, and work notes

Showing the author's work in progress, this collection contains a research outline and an earlier draft. Handwritten notations are assumed to be those of Klass and Dr. Richard McCleery. Included in this collection, a hand-drafted Table of Contents and list of errata appear to correspond with the original unedited manuscript of World War II on Kauai, as well as several pages of uncategorized handwritten research notes.

Letters & Reports on Honolulu Research Trip, July 1969

This collection contains introductory and follow-up letters sent by Tim Klass to contacts in various agencies and organizations in Honolulu and a copy of a trip report sent to John Youell of the Westland Foundation with details of his contacts, materials collected, and general comments (See *Correspondence between John Youell of the Westland Foundation and Tim Klass*). An undated, unaddressed statement shows the author's research budget for travel and expenses, and his actual mileage, per diem, and airfare charges.

The Battle of Niihau

This collection refers to events that occurred on December 7, 1941, when a Japanese plane crashed on Niihau, the nearest island to Kauai. This folder contains excerpts of articles copied from Hawaii's War Years by Gwenfread Allen (1950) and from Kauai, by Thelma H. Hadley & Margaret S. Williams (1951), copies of letters written between Gwenfread Allen and Aylmer F. Robinson, and copy of the music and lyrics to "They Couldn't Take Niihau Nohow."

Enumeration, a personal account by Aileen D. Eckart

The process of enumerating, registering, and fingerprinting residents in the Territory of Hawaii for the F.B.I. is also the title of this anecdotal account by Aileen D. Eckart of Kauai. Eckart had the responsibility of enumerating every individual in her district. This story was written in 1941 and copied from the Hawaii War Records Depository.

Military Operations and Training on Kauai.

This folder contains a copy of pages from the unclassified document "History of G-3" on the arrival and disposition of military forces on Kauai, acquired from the archives at Fort Shafter. Also included are photographic prints of Kauai military maps showing training areas and troop dispositions, and miscellaneous notes.

Notes by Elsie Wilcox on World War II on Kauai

Copied from the Hawaii War Records Depository, these four pages typewritten in 1947 and 1948, address various topics: the arrival of the Armed Forces on Kauai, location of camp and training areas, Office of Civilian Defense hospital sites and staffing, and the schedule and attendance numbers of U.S.O.s on Kauai.

War Notes by Ethel Damon, January 19, 1944

One page photocopy of an account by Damon entitled, "U.S. Fleet at Kauai on its way to the Marshall Island, January 17-19, 1944. Source unknown, possibly HWRD.

Kauai Morale Committee, 1942-1944

Excerpts of committee reports are copied from the Hawaii Wartime Records Depository. The reports discuss a wide range of topics, from the origin of the Kauai Morale Committee to Internal Security and Japanese Loyalty to a "Lecture on Friendship & Love" for girls. The Reports also include an impartial account of the 1942 Elections on Kauai.

Personal account by Noboru Miyaki from 1941-1942

Miyake recorded some of his experiences and shared his perspective on various topics and events during World War II on Kauai—in particular, his duties on the Board of Supervisors, and his war-time involvement with the Office of Civilian Defense and Kauai Morale Committee. At the onset of World War II, Miyake was a five-term member of the Kauai Board of Supervisors. He was seeking reelection in 1942 when he and three other Japanese candidates from Kauai running for the State Legislature drew worldwide criticism. Miyake's account retells the events surrounding the 1942 elections, and includes editorials from the local newspapers. Of interest is a typescript copy of an editorial by Clarice B. Taylor to *The Garden Island* in response to the nation's scrutiny. These papers are copies of his personal works.

Kauai Schools during World War II

Copied from the Hawaii War Records Depository, these pages consist of activity reports from Hanalei School, Kapaa Elementary and High School, Lihue School, Kauai High School, Kalaheo School and Kekaha School. Tables submitted by Kekaha School detail the hours and work contributed by students in grades 6, 7 & 8 in Kekaha Sugar Company's Victory Gardens (1942-1944). From Lihue School is a script of a "dramatic review" entitled "Lihue School at War" written by the graduating class, June 9, 1943. Also included with these pages is an article entitled "Teacher Turnover in the DPI Since the Outbreak of World War II to August 31, 1946" and a partial photocopy of a bibliography from an unknown source showing a list of various wartime related topics reported from Kauai schools.

County Report to the Governor by William Ellis

Copied from the Hawaii War Records Depository, these two pages are from a county report to the Governor, June 30, 1944, and refer to the following topics: Provisional police and exclusion of Japanese citizens, transportation for high school students, and the Kiawe Korp.

Annual Police Reports by Kauai Police Chief of Police Ed Crowell, from 1943 – 1951 (1946 is missing) and related crime data from the Kauai Police Department and the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Identification in Honolulu.

Jose Evangelista Bulatao, personal files

Although referred to only briefly in the publication, Jose E. Bulatao and his efforts to organize and represent the Filipino community are notable in Kauai history. President of the Territorial Filipino Council of Hawaii, he actively worked for the American naturalization of Filipinos. This collection contains copies of articles written by Jose Eva. Bulatao. Also included here are copies of the following: Territorial Filipino Council meeting agenda (1945), Bill H.R. 4826 to authorize the Naturalization of Filipinos by the U.S. Government, transcript of a speech by Resident Commissioner Romulo delivered November 20, 1944 on the floor of the House of Representatives in support of Filipino naturalization, and related letters and documents. Permission was granted by Mrs. Jose E. Bulatao (Guadalupe) to copy these documents from the personal files of her husband.

Excerpts from Hawaii War Years, by Gwenfread Allen

These photocopies of portions of Allen's 1950 book refer to various war-time subjects: internal security and Japanese internment, the USO on Kauai, troops stationed on Niihau and installations on Kauai, social upheaval, and postwar Hawaii. Also included in this folder is a chronology of military and wartime events in Hawaii from 1939 to 1949.

Correspondence between John Youell of the Westland Foundation and Tim Klass

Original letters and carbon copies, that discusses production details and the project's progress, from March 5, 1969 to April 15, 1970. Included with the correspondence is an agreement between Klass and the Westland Foundation, dated March 21, 1969.

Final publication of World War II on Kauai

This is the edited published manuscript in unbound form.

Miscellaneous Resource Articles

A collection of articles regarding various topics pertaining to Hawaii during World War II and general topics about Hawaii and Kauai.

The Kapaa Center

Tim Klass lived on Kauai from September 1968 to September 1969, starting his year of field study as an associate of The Kapaa Center, and working closely with its director Mickey McCleery. At one point, Klass took on the duties of administrative aide at the Center,

The Kapaa Center (cont.)

handling operations along with his research project World War II on Kauai. Klass included this collection of business letters, personal notes, and other documents that pertain to Kapaa Center and his academic pursuits. The papers offer some insight into his life and experiences during his year on Kauai.

Reference Card File

An extensive collection of 3x5 cards on which Tim Klass recorded and organized his source data prior to writing his manuscript.

NOTE to Researchers:

Many of the resources materials listed in this finding aid can be found in other locations within the Kauai Historical Society archive, in addition to other archives, books, and journals related to World War II on Kauai. Contact KHS for specific requests and further assistance.

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Box	Folder	
1	1	World War II on Kauai – original, unedited manuscript, 89 pp.
	2	Assorted Charts & Tables - Demographics & Production
	3	Research outline, draft manuscript, miscellaneous notes
	4	Handwritten notes, uncategorized
	5	Letters & Report, re: Honolulu research trip, July 1969
	6	The Battle of Niihau - Excerpt from <u>Hawaii's War Years</u> , by Gwenfread Allen, p. 44-46 - Excerpt from <u>Kauai</u> , by Thelma Hadley & Margaret S. Williams, p. 66 - Copy of letter to Aylmer Robinson, from Gwenfread Allen, 1948 Re: Niihau's activities during WWII - Copy of response to G. Allen from Aylmer Robinson, with personal account of events on Niihau on December 7, 1941. - Music & lyrics to "They Couldn't Take Niihau Nohow," written by R. Alex Anderson
	7	Enumeration - A story told by Kauai resident Aileen D. Eckart about her experience as an enumerator for her district.
	8	Military Operations on Kauai - Chart of U.S. Army Troop Dispositions on Kauai: 1941 – 1945 - Map showing civilian hospitals, OCD & Naval hospitals - Unclassified file copy of History of G-3 Section (operations & training) on Kauai, 24 pp. Copy is in poor condition. - Unsigned notes to Tim with comments regarding troops on Kauai - Handwritten "Final Notes" regarding military on Kauai, 3 pp. (Cont'd next page)

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1	8 Military Operations on Kauai (continued) - Five photographic prints showing training and camp areas, and troop dispositions, produced by University of Hawaii. A letter and invoice from U.H. is also included.
	9 Notes from Elsie Wilcox - On military, OCD hospitals, and USO activities on Kauai, 4 pp.
	10 War Notes by Ethel Damon
	11 Kauai Morale Committee, 1941 - 1944 - History, purpose, & staffing of the Committee - Partial reports on various topics related to wartime concerns and activities in the community
	12 Personal account by Noboru Miyaki from 1941 – 1942 - Includes information on his family history and responsibilities on the Kauai Board of Supervisors, his volunteer work with the Office of Civilian Defense, thoughts on civilian morale under military rule, and internal security. - Accounts of the 1942 Elections on Kauai, copied from The Garden Island and Honolulu Advertiser newspapers, and Kauai Morale Committee reports.
	13 Kauai Schools during World War II - Reports from Hanalei, Kapaa, and Lihue Schools, Kauai High, Kalaheo, and Kekaha schools on their various activities to cope with wartime conditions. - Article on teacher turnover during WWII - Partial bibliography on the subject of Hawaii schools during WWII - p. 3 and p. 12 from the Report to the Governor on “County of Kauai during World War II, “ June 30, 1944.

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2	1 County Report to the Governor by William Ellis,
	2 Kauai Annual Police Reports, 1943-1945, 1947 (1946 missing) by Chief of Police Ed Crowell
	3 Kauai Annual Police Reports, 1948 – 1951 by Chief of Police Ed Crowell
	4 Jose Evangelista Bulatao, personal files
	5 Excerpts from <u>Hawaii War Years</u> , by Gwenfread Allen - Photocopies of portions of his book, various wartime subjects
	6 Correspondence between Tim Klass & John Youell, Westland Foundation - Letters from March 4, 1969 to April 15, 1970, discussing progress of the research project and production details - Letter of agreement between Klass and Westland Foundation, dated March 21, 1969
	7 Miscellaneous resource articles, photocopies - Bibliography from the Shoals of Time by Gawan Daws - "Hawaii's Ordeal," pp. 299-307, Hawaii Pono by Lawrence H. Fuchs - On politics in the 1930's on Kauai, pp.200-202, Hawaii Pono by Lawrence H. Fuchs - "Bases in the South Pacific," <u>Building the Navy's Bases in World War II, Vol. II</u> , pp. 190-192, pp. 151-154 - "The Timeless Kauai Swamp," article by Kathryn C. Hulme, pp. 69-71, <u>Atlantic Monthly</u> , 1965 - <u>The Island – A Weekly Journal</u> , Volume I: March 5 – October 29, 1875, pp. 58-59, "Yung Wing and his Work," "The Koloa Swamp."
	8 Kapaa Center – Miscellaneous notes

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3	1	Editors drafts of Manuscript
	2	Personal Letters and Notes- Tim Klass
	3	Research notes and materials
	4	Kapa'a Center
4		Index file box containing data, references, and contact

Box of index file cards containing data, references, and contact information created by Tim Klass for World War II on Kauai