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### Captain Thomas Erksine Wardle Papers

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#### Collection Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Captain Thomas Erksine Wardle Papers
<b>Call Number:</b>	MS 88-32
<b>Size:</b>	1.0 linear feet
<b>Acquisition:</b>	Purchased from Sotheby's
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#### Content Note

The collection contains the 1918 diary of Thomas Erskine Wardle, a captain in the Royal Navy. Although not involved in any major naval battles, Wardle provides detailed description of the doings of a senior naval officer in his diary. During 1918, he captained the ships *Lowestoft*, *Dreadnaught*, *London* and *Danae*. Also included are a copy of a 1918 letter to his mother, a three-page summary of Wardle's naval career, and a five-page printed memorandum of Operation ZZ regarding the surrender of the German fleet. Twenty oversized plans of World War I-era warships and submarines comprise another series in the collection..

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#### Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1 FF 1-3	Thomas Erskine Wardle Materials. Includes diary, correspondence and career summary.
Series 2	Box 1 FF 4	Memorandum. Consists of Operation ZZ procedures regarding the surrender of the German fleet.

Series 3            Box 2                            Drawings. Folded, oversized plans for World War I-era ships and submarines.

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## Box and Folder Listing

### Series 1 – Thomas Erskine Wardle Materials

Box 1	FF 1	Bound diary of Thomas Erksine Wardle dated 1918. It contains a day-by-day account of his time on HMS <i>Lowestoft</i> , <i>Dreadnaught</i> , <i>London</i> , and <i>Danae</i> on British waters and the Mediterranean.
Box 1	FF 2	Copy of a letter from Thomas E. Wardle to his mother, dated November 20, 1918. This item was originally folded inside the front cover of the diary.
Box 1	FF 3	Three-page typewritten summary of vocational data regarding Thomas Erksine Wardle (1877-1944). This item was originally folded inside the front cover of the diary.

### Series 2 – Memorandum

Box 1	FF 4	Three page printed memorandum from “Queen Elizabeth,” dated 20 November 1918, describing procedures to be followed in Operation ZZ, regarding the surrender of the German fleet.
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### Series 3 – Drawings

Box 2	FF 1	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 206, Builders No. 1491-4, Engineer’s diagram, HMS <i>Vectis Vortigern</i> , <i>Winchelsea</i> and <i>Winchester</i> , Arrangement of Deck Coverings.
Box 2	FF 2	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 262, Builders No. 1491-2, Details of Hammock, plans for storage of 53 hammocks.
Box 2	FF 3	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 100, Builders No. 1491-2, Detail of Hawse Pipes and Stiffenings.
Box 2	FF 4	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 294, Builders No. 1491-2, Arrangement and Details of Linelines and Gangways in Way of Tubes.
Box 2	FF 5	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 149A, Builders No. 1494, HMS <i>Winchester</i> , Arrangement of Heating and Ventilating Forward.

Box 2	FF 6	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 60A, Builders No. 1493-4, HMS Winchelsea & Winchester, T.B.D.s Nos. 485 & 486, Arrangement of Details of Searchlighting, Platform Aft.
Box 2	FF 7	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 1385 (5002-2-207), Eng. No. 5002, Submarine Boat "E32," H. P. Air Service (As Fitted).
Box 2	FF 8	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 1384, Eng. No. 5002, Submarine Boat "E32," L. P. Air Service (As Fitted).
Box 2	FF 9	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 264, Builders No. 1484, 1491-4, HMS Vampire, Vectis, Vortigern, Winchester and Winchelsea. Fresh Water Tank Capacities.
Box 2	FF 10	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 1491-2, Rigging Arrangement 209, HMS Vectis and Vortigern; HMS "Vehement" and "Venturous," Rigging Arrangement.
Box 2	FF 11	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 209, Builders No. 1493-4, HMS Winchelsea and Winchester, Rigging Arrangement.
Box 2	FF 12	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 209A, Builders No. 1493-4, HMS Winchelsea and Winchester, Details of Masts, Yards, Booms and Fittings.
Box 2	FF 13	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 52, Builders No. 1493-4, HMS "Winchelsea and Winchester," Steel Plan of Bridges, Charthouse, Captain's Sea Cabin; W/t Office and Transmitting Station, etc.
Box 2	FF 14	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 46, Builders No. 1491-2, HMS "Vectis" and "Vortigern," 4" Gun Supports Forward.
Box 2	FF 15	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 42, Builders No. 1493-4, HMS "Winchelsea" and Winchester," Auxiliary Machinery Seats in Boiler Rooms.
Box 2	FF 16	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 27, Builders No. 1491-2-4, HMS "Vectis" and Vortigern," HMS "Vehement" and "Venturous," Forecastle Deck Plating and Part Expansion of Shell Plating.
Box 2	FF 17	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 130, Builders No. 1512-14. HMT Brs. "5" Class Torpedo Loading Arrangements for 21" D. R. Tubes. Mark IV. (Sheet 1 of 2).
Box 2	FF 18	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 130, Builders Nos. 1506-7, 1512-14. HMS Tribune, Trinidad, Trojan, Truant and Trusty. Torpedo Loading Arrangement (IS Torpedo Tubes). Details, Pivot and Racer Supports. (Sheet 2 of 2).
Box 2	FF 19	Contains World War I ship drawing No. 106, Engines No. 1512-14. H.M. Torpedo Boat Destroyers "Trojan," "Truant," and "Trusty." Only Napiers Gear. Couplings, Journal Brackets, and Mitre Wheels for Steering Engine Controlling Shaft.

Box 2

FF 20

Contains World War I ship drawing No. 107, Builders No. 1512-14.  
H.M. Torpedo Boat Destroyers "Trojan," "Truant," and "Trusty."

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