

Historical/Archive Department Report

1/4/2021

While last year was constrained because of the COVID-19 virus, we have still been able to work on some items for the archives.

If you have not noticed, the archive team has been posting to the website new materials each month since September. One of the last articles to be posted this December is an article written by the late Virgil Staff, "*Western Pacific's Western Division 1910-1930*". This article comes from our archive collection. This article is on the Historical Archive Department home page on the "History of the WP" list and makes for very interesting reading.

The posting for January 2021 is a reprint of an article, "*May I have your attention, please*", under THE WESTERN PACIFIC Headlight Article Reprints link on the "FRRS Publications" list. It is about the Zephyrettes from July 1951.

One thing that we hope to expand on is the modeling section of the website with some new and added information. I hope to start this in early 2021 and will have updates posted on the website what's new, so that members can see new materials as they are posted.

Some of the information will start to get posted sometime in late January and early February 2021.

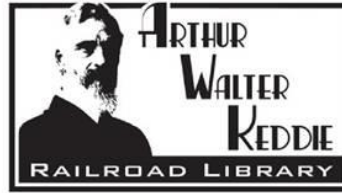
If you have not visited the "MODELING the WP & Related Lines" on the website, I encourage you to visit at this link:

<https://www.wplives.org/modeling.html>

Should there be any questions on donations or the archives, please contact the Archive Department or any of the contacts on our website and someone will get back to you.

If you have not visited the Historical/Archive Department web page recently, please consider looking at them to see "What's New" in the Western Pacific Documents page.

https://wplives.org/wphistory_wp_documents.html



We have added more materials to the Historical/Archive web pages. There is a scheduled release of new material each month throughout 2021. Please take time to view the Historical/Archive web pages and see what's new.

Needs for the Archives:

We are always looking for help in getting materials properly stored and we need the support of the membership with helping supply storage materials for the archives.

We still need help in getting funding and storage materials for the archive department. Should you be able to help out, please let us know!

Eugene Vicknair has stepped up and donated several slide trays to store some of the vast collection of slides that we have. Along with that Frank Brehm has started to scan some more of the slides in the collection so they will be in electronic files and we can access them on our cloud storage system.

Items listed below are still needed to help keep our collection stored properly and should you wish to help us out, we certainly would like your donation and help.

- Computer program to track all the Historical/Archive items
- Original copy of Windows 10 to be used in the Archive Department
- Archive storage boxes for 35mm slides. (Need more, as we have over 20,000 slides and counting)

Should any member receive any donation and/or get an inquiry about a donation, please get in touch with Eugene, Frank, myself or any member of the board of directors so that we may follow up with the donor to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers that help us in the Historical/Archive Department. Thank you to all the members of the FRRS/WPRM who contribute to the society and the archives.

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