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**ARTHUR M. TODE**

**PERSONAL PAPERS**

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To: Richard  
From: Nick

Enclosed is the Finding Aid to the Tode Papers. This collection was a rather complicated one from two angles. First, the quantity while not overly large consisted of numerous single items which required rather minute study in order to assure accuracy of description. For example, there were numerous periodicals and periodical tearsheets strewn about, and often in duplicate. Secondly, there were numerous newspaper clippings, often torn and in very poor condition - a lot of time was required to photocopy them accurately. Thirdly, there was a wide range of materials ranging from correspondence to photographs to artifacts to publications.

### Introduction

Arthur Monroe Tode (1894-1966) was born in Monroe, New York. As a very young man he enrolled in the New York Nautical School (as Maritime College was then known) aboard the

NEWPORT and graduated in 1912. He became an instructor at the school, and became Chief Engineer aboard the ship and also served aboard many other vessels obtaining unlimited licenses as chief engineer for both steam and diesel powered vessels. Also, during World War I he served as a Lieutenant in the Navy. Later, he became the Technical Superintendent in the Marine Department of the Texas Company and served there from 1925 to 1932.

Though very well known for many contributions in the field, it was especially his association with the Propeller Club which brought Commander Tode national recognition. This organization had been formed by a group of mariners in 1923 as a luncheon club, whose members met informally to discuss maritime matters, occasionally inviting a luncheon speaker. The club, however, became national in scope after the election of Tode as President in 1931. He was a forceful speaker and wrote many articles on the importance of building a strong merchant fleet. Tode travelled everywhere, urging formation of local chapters. From 1931 to 1935, as National President, he built a nation-wide membership and the Propeller Club became a strong voice in maritime affairs. As Honorary President (from 1935 till his death in 1966), Commander Tode continued to serve, speak out on the issues, and stand as inspiration. Between the period of the two World Wars, he established Propeller Clubs in foreign ports served by American ships.

A member of numerous maritime associations, he was the first Marine Engineer to receive an honorary membership to the Marine Society of the City of New York. In addition, he was the only American elected Honorary Member of the Seven Seas Club of London. He always continued his affiliation with his school and served as Chairman of the Board of Visitors of the College (1942 to 1954), as well as a member of the Board of Governors. He was also for a short time (1928 to 1930) the President of the Alumni Association. In 1934 he founded the American Merchant Marine Conference, and was a Vice-President of the Circumnavigators Club, an organization whose members consisted of those individuals who had circled the globe longitudinally. He continued to travel, and remained a forceful and outspoken supporter of maritime interests. Commander Tode died on October 10, 1966.

## Scope

The Arthur M. Tode Personal Papers cover the decades from the 1910s to the 1960s, but with the predominant decades being the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s and measure approximately twelve cubic feet. They consist essentially of correspondence, periodicals, newspaper clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous artifacts. These Papers are arranged in eleven Series as follows:

- I. Student Days and Instructor Days Miscellaneous Papers
- II. Texas Oil Company Miscellaneous Papers
- III. Propeller Club Miscellaneous Papers
- IV. General Correspondence and Miscellaneous Documents
- V. New York Nautical School Miscellaneous Papers Relating  
to Charges Made Against
- VI. Periodicals
- VII. Newspaper Clippings and Periodical Tearsheets
- VIII. Miscellaneous Subjects
- IX. Certificates, Licenses, and similar Documents
- X. Photographs
- XI. Artifacts

## Contents

### I. Student and Instructor Days

Gathered in this Series are some miscellaneous volumes and documents which can be said to reflect essentially are Tode's earlier life both as a student and then as an instructor on the NEWPORT.

#### Box 1

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1. Three volumes containing engineering and navigation notes maintained by Tode while a student, dated ca. 1911-1912. Each volume consists of about 200 pages and entries are in ink. One of the volumes, however, was virtually unused.

ca. 9 x 12"

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2. Class Lesson Book maintained by Tode while a student, dated ca. May-Sept. 1911. Entries are in pencil, no numbered pages.

ca. 8 x 10"

3. Two notebooks concerning Engine Room Operations on board the NEWPORT, 1921-1922. Entries are in pencil.

ca. 4 x 7"

4. Scrapbook labelled "Schoolship Newport Turbine Engineering Course". Consists basically of nineteen typed Lecture Series. Also found are some Examination Questions and Magazine Tearsheets. Dated ca. 1920-1921

ca. 9 x 12"

5. General Correspondence and Miscellaneous Documents (15 items) arranged chronologically for the years 1909, 1911, 1912, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, and undated. Included are two programs of graduation exercises (1909 and 1912); affidavits signed by several graduates of the Class of 1920 attesting to the superior instruction received by them in the Engineering Division; and some letters of appreciation (1921) from students taught by Tode.

## II. The Texas Company Miscellaneous Papers

In the 1920s, Tode became the Technology Superintendent in the Marine Department of the Texas Company which had headquarters at 17 Battery Place in lower Manhattan in New York City. The Company was the manufacturer of the well-known Texaco Petroleum Products.

In this Series are found some miscellaneous documents consisting of a number of magazine tearsheets, some reports, memoranda and newspaper clippings dealing essentially with the question or topic of the use of pulverized coal as a fuel for certain ships, a topic of great importance at the time. A quote from a 1926 article in "Marine Journal" provides a succinct description of the interest in the subject. It states "With the advent of the motorship had come a great increase in the cost of fuel oil, and efforts are being made to find a cheap substitute. The use of crude oil under boilers is generally recognized as wasteful at best ... . For this reason the large oil refining companies have nothing to lose by the discovery of a cheap fuel substitute that can be successfully used for marine propulsion". Tode, in keeping with his position in the Texas company gathered these materials for research and study purposes, and was also the recipient of pertinent reports and data on the subject. These materials are arranged chronologically as follows:

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Box 2

1925  
1926  
1927 (4 folders) Includes 110-page Annual Report issued by Tode for his Division and bound in soft covers 1928 (2 folders)  
1928 (2 folders)  
1929 (2 folders)  
1930-1932 (very fragmentary)

Also found here is a 36-page typed Notebook (original and carbon copy) containing article titled "Observations on Safety Precautions Aboard Tank Steamships". This article was the "Address before the Marine Section, National Safety Council" presented by Tode Sept. 1927 in Chicago, Ill. at the 16th Annual Safety Congress. An Annual Report also included here.

8 and one half x 11"

III. Propeller Club Miscellaneous Papers

These materials pertain to some of the years when Commander Tode was president of the organization, and consist basically of a number of publications. They are arranged as follows:

Box 3

Program of Annual Conventions held by the Club for the years 1933, 1937 through 1947, and 1951

13 items

Copy of an occasional publication issued by the Club, titled "The New York Packet", and dated May 1942

Publication issued by the Club to commemorate National Maritime Day, May 22, 1945.

Copy of "Pacific Marine Review", dated Oct. 1941, which was "Dedicated to America's Merchant Marine and the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Propeller Club of the United States...". Also, a leaflet sketching the career of Tode. and issued by organization's, Port of the Sabine, und.

Mimeographed List of "Travels by Honorary President Arthur M. Tode ... in the Furtherance of the Propeller Club of the United States. Covers years 1932 - 1951.

Volume containing compilations of letters addressed to the Club by various libraries, societies or individuals thanking it for having received a copy of **The American Marine Industry at War** which was the Proceedings of the American Merchant Marine Conference 1942-1943. Besides these letters, the volume consists of a number of ads and statements, dated 1920s.

Loose Leaf Volume labelled "Office Copy of Releases". Essentially, these Releases are actually reprints of pages from such periodicals as **Marine Age** or **Marine Review**, and other unidentified publications. All subject matter deals with the Club. Though difficult to determine with complete accuracy, the items in this volume may have been special inserts in periodicals, or in some cases, addendums issued by the Club itself. Period covered is 1932-1935.

Correspondence regarding one or two newspaper or magazine articles which appeared in 1945 and which were answered by Tode, or in which the Propeller Club had an interest.

Correspondence on a few miscellaneous matters, and dated 1932, 1934, 1936, 1942, 1943, 1946, and 1949. Also included here are Minutes of the Feb 23, 1932 Board of Governors Meeting; and Program of a 1936 Dinner of Appreciation tendered to Tode.

Miscellaneous Tearsheets, reprints of articles, and similar published or printed items dated in the 1930s and 1940s. Also included here is a 1963 Memo (in loose leaf covers) from the organization's National Secretary-Treasurer titled Guidelines To Discussion.

#### IV. General Correspondence and Miscellaneous Documents

##### Box 4H

These items cover a variety of subjects. Included among the miscellaneous documents are such items as applications for licenses or certificates regarding periods of service Tode performed on board various ships. Also included is a document, evidently given or collected by Tode, which is an 1805 receipt for the purchase of Madeira Wine to be delivered in Amsterdam. Documents are arranged chronologically as follows:

1805  
1905  
1914  
1919  
1921  
1922  
1923  
1924  
1925  
1926  
1927  
1928  
1929  
1930  
1931  
1935  
1941  
1946  
1950  
1952

Und. (consists of calling card of John Charles Riedel; and a small empty envelope which evidently once contained an artifact obtained "during World War II in Russia...").  
Index to Correspondence

## V. The New York Nautical School Miscellaneous Papers Relating to Charges Made Against

In 1923, Tode, who was the former chief engineer of the New York Nautical School, and Charles H. Clarke, the former supply officer, made charges of alleged irregularities against the School, and an investigation was ordered by the Governor. Records in this file are dated 1923 - 1924 and essentially consist of some transcripts of proceedings, and correspondence. Also included is a five page mimeographed Listing titled Professional Record of Arthur M. Tode which lists various letters or documents dated between the years 1909 and 1929 which Tode apparently received, and which he recorded. Materials have been arranged as follows:

### Box 5H

General Correspondence, 1923

General Correspondence, 1924

Transcript (53 pages) of "Investigation of Complaints Made to the Governor Presented before Dr. James Sullivan, Deputy Commissioner of Education", dated Feb 21, 1924

Carbon Copy of Reports dated Jan 15, 1917 and March 17, 1917, and Jun 26, 1923 from the Board of Inspection and Survey to the Operations Section of the Navy Department. A few related or miscellaneous documents also included, dated 1920, 1922, 1923

Carbon Copy of "Report of Material Inspection of U.S.S. NEWPORT (ExPG 12) Held 27 October 1923 by Board of Inspection and Survey"

Loose Leaf Volume labelled U.S.S NEWPORT REPORT 1923. Contains 147 pages in carbon copy primarily of evidence gathered by Tode, and presented to governor Alfred E. Smith  
Newspaper Clippings, dated 1924

## VI. Periodicals

The Periodicals which follow all contain articles by Commander Tode, as well as a few which were written about him. In a few cases, the periodical itself is not found, but rather photocopies of the pages relevant to Tode or tearsheets of the articles. Also, additionally one may find both, that is, the periodical itself and photocopies or tearsheets of the relevant articles. In some rare instances, a reprint of the relevant article may also be found. Also included here at the end of the last listed periodical is a List listing all of the articles written by Tode which were published. It was in all probability prepared by Tode himself. It details very specifically, the title of the article, the page in the periodical where it appeared, and the date. Years covered are 1913 to 1953, and the total of articles is given as 506.

### Box 6H

American Business Survey, Dec 1933 (tearsheet only)

American Seamen, A Review, Fall 1943

Also photocopies of relevant pages

Atlantic, Apr 1945

Bronxboro, Feb-Mar 1942 (tearsheets only)

Bulletin of the Alumni Association (of New York  
Maritime College), Dec. 1949 (2 copies)

Canadian Shipping and Marine Engineering News, Mar.  
1942 (tearsheet only)

The D.A.C. Journal (Downtown Athletic Club), Jan 1953  
(2 copies)

Drpalog (Delaware River Port Authority), Nov 1968

Good News For Bakers, Oct 1915 (2 copies)

The Log of the American Merchant Training Ships ,Sept.  
1913, Nov 1913, Mar 1915 (2 copies, cover missing on  
one)

Also photocopies of some pages

The Log (of the American Society of Marine Engineers,  
Nov. 1931, Aug. 1936, May 1941, Oct. 1941

Also photocopies of relevant pages from  
the following issues: Mar. 1927, Oct. 1928,  
Feb. 1929, Apr. 1929, June 1929, Sept. 1929,  
May 1931, July 1931, Sept. 1931, Oct. 1931,  
Nov. 1931, Dec. 1931, Feb. 1932, Mar. 1932,  
Apr. 1932, May 1932, June 1932, July 1932,  
Aug 1932, Sept. 1932, Oct. 1932, Jan. 1933,  
Feb. 1933.

#### Box 7

The Log of the Circumnavigators Club, Autumn 1942, Spring 1943, Spring 1946,  
Summer & Fall 1951, Spring, 1952, Summer 1960. May-June 1968. Also bound volume  
Summer-Fall 1936 to Summer 1940, and two copies of bound volume Spring 1952 to  
Autumn-Winter 1953. Inserted in one volume is the Program of the Fiftieth Anniversary  
Dinner of the Club held April 23, 1953; and a print photograph of scroll presented to  
Tode upon completion of his two terms as President, dated January 27, 1954

Also photocopies of relevant pages from Winter  
1936-1937, Summer 1940, Autumn 1942, Spring  
1946, Summer-Fall, 1951, Fall 1952, July 1956,  
and Summer 1960.

The Log of the West Coast Maritime Industries

Mar. 1941, Apr. 1941, May 1941 (tearsheets only)

The Log: West Coast News of Ships and Shipping

Aug. 1936 and Nov. 1936

(tearsheets only)

**Marine Age**, Jan. 1927, May 1927, Nov. 5, 1927,  
Nov 12, 1927, Jan. 1, 1929, Mar. 1, 1929,  
Nov. 1, 1929, Feb. 1938 (tearsheets only)

**Marine Engineering and Shipping Age**, Jan 1927,  
Nov. 1929, Mar. 1930, May 1931, Jun. 1931,  
July 1931, Sept. 1931, Oct. 1931, Nov. 1931,  
Mar. 1932 (tearsheets only - articles, or most of  
them appear to have been) published originally in  
the periodical **Lubrication**.

Box 8H

**Marine Journal**, Mar. 1, 1929, Oct. 1, 1929, Aug. 1944,  
Jan. 1945, Apr. 1945, Dec. 1945, Oct. 1949, Nov. 1929

(tearsheets

only)

**Marine News**, May 1945

Also tearsheets from Jan. 1927, Apr. 1928,  
Apr. 1940, May 1945, June 1945, Jan. 1950

**Marine Progress**, Feb. 1938, June 1943, Apr. 1945,  
Feb. 1948 (tearsheets only)

**Maritime Reporter**, Nov. 1, 1948, Nov. 1, 1949

**Merchant Marine Bulletin**, Oct. 1929 (2 copies, and  
also tearsheets)

**National Safety News**, Dec. 1926 (tearsheets only)

**New York Packet**, May 1942

**Pacific Marine Review**, Feb. 1929 (tearsheets only)

Box 9H

The Port of New York, Mar. 1932, Oct. 1932

Also photocopies of relevant pages

**Railway and Marine News (Seattle)**, Feb. 1936

Also photocopies of relevant pages

Safety Engineering, Jan. 1929  
(tearsheets only)

Seaports, Dec. 14, 1945 (2 copies)

Seaports and Airports (Montreal), Jan-Feb. 1946

Also photocopies of relevant pages

Seven Seas Magazine, Mar. 1934 - June 1938 (bound volume)

Also photocopies of some relevant pages

Sixteenth Safety Congress of the Marine Section, Sept.  
28, 1927 (tearsheets of article presented at the  
Congress, and published in an unidentified  
periodical, probably published by a shipping  
organization)

State University Newsletter (New York State), Mar. 12,  
1962 (2 copies)

Texaco Star, Dec. 1928

Also photocopies of relevant pages in Feb. 1927,  
Dec. 1928, Jan 1929, Nov 1929

Travel Trade, April 1944

Also tearsheets of relevant pages in Mar. 1942,  
Sept. 1943, Sept. 1948

Box 10H

United States Naval Institute Proceedings

Nov. 1929 ( also 2 copies of reprint), June  
1936, Sept. 1943, Jan. 1957 (2 copies), June  
1961

Also photocopies of tearsheets

3 folders

Waterway Journal, Aug. 10, 1935 (tearsheet only)

Waterways, Oct. 1951

Published Articles List

VII. Newspaper Clippings and Magazine Tearsheets

These clippings are from a variety of newspapers and periodicals, and virtually all concern Tode in some fashion, but especially and essentially, in regard to his work with the Propeller Club. Occasionally some duplicates are found. All clippings are arranged in chronological order. In a very few cases, some dates have been approximated due to the poor condition of the originals. More specifically, clipping are arranged as follows:

Box 11

1911  
1925  
1927  
1929  
1930  
1931  
1932  
1933

Box 11 (Cont'd)

1934  
1935  
1936  
1937  
1939  
1940  
1941 (2 folders)  
1942 (2 folders)  
1943  
1945 (2 folders)  
1947  
1949  
1957  
1958  
1960  
1961  
1962  
Undated

VIII. Miscellaneous Subjects

The headings of the Subjects which follow are self explanatory. They cover a wide variety of activities and materials but do not fall readily into any of the previously listed Series. For the most part, within each subject, materials are fragmentary.

B 12H

a) Admiral Moore Correspondence

A small group of letters sent by Tode to the President of Maritime College, Vice Admiral H.C. Moore, essentially regarding historical materials sent by Tode for the College, and reminiscing about the School's earlier history. These letters are dated 1962. Also included is a carbon copy of a 1965 letter from Tode regarding the dedication of the Felix Riesenbergr Hall; as well as a listing (ca. 1965?) of "Suggested items for display at Dedication of Arthur M. Tode Hall".

Box 12H (Cont'd)

b) American Merchant Marine

Leaflets and Reprints of articles concerned with the role of the American Merchant Marine in the nation's economy. Dated ca. 1933 - 1943.

c) Distinguished Public Service Award

On Oct. 21, 1949, Commander Tode was presented the Distinguished Public Service Award by the Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Matthews. This file essentially concerns correspondence (mostly of a congratulatory nature) regarding the event; but also found are some photographs of the Award Certificate; and some newspaper clippings or magazine tear sheets. Besides the 1949 correspondence there is a very small amount dated 1951 (one item 1952) which concerns the actual awarding of the Medal at that time since some reason it had not been given in 1949.

ca. 65 items

d) Launching of the U.S.S. ST. MARY'S

On Nov. 15, 1944, an Attack Transport bearing the name, U.S.S. ST. MARY'S in honor of the earlier ship first used at Nautical School, was launched at San Pedro, California. This file contains photostats (very few originals) of correspondence regarding this event, and some related documents. Dated 1944 (1 item, 1945)

Box 12H (Cont'd)

e) Miscellaneous Biographical Background Material

Several Miscellaneous Documents which in one way another sketch Tode's career. Included are two typewritten extracts from a diary maintained by Tode, and dated 1919; and the Program of the Fifty-Eight Annual Dinner of Maritime College's Alumni Association which was a testimony to Tode. Also found here is an obituary on Commander Tode from the Oct. 14, 1966 issue of the "New York Times".

In addition, there are found several pages in photocopy briefly summarizing Tode's activities between 1912 and 1954; as well as about 200 3"x5" paper slips listing title, author, and date of publication of books presumably in Tode's Library.

f) New York Nautical School Application

Tode's Application, dated Apr 28, 1911, to enter the New York Nautical School. Photocopies of the application also included, as well as a letter dated Feb. 3, 1951 from Tode to the President of Maritime College donating the same.

Box 13

g) Publications, Miscellaneous

Reprints of articles; pamphlets; and some programs, tearsheets, and similar items. Not all are original, but rather are in photocopy. A few of these items are duplicated in other Series in this Collection. Though dated from the 1920s to the 1970s, the greatest concentration is for the 1940s and

Box 13 (Cont'd)

the 1930s. Items are arranged as follows:

1920s  
1930s  
1940s (2 folders)  
1950s  
1960s  
1970s

Box 14

h) Statement Regarding Maritime College

Bound volume titled A Statement Prepared by Arthur M. Tode, and dated Mar 1, 1955, containing photostatic copies of correspondence and memoranda concerning "the Board of Visitors of the College, and the appointment of nine (9) Members to the new Council by Governor Thomas E. Dewey on Dec. 27, 1954".

ca. 8 x 11"

i) Statements, Miscellaneous

Herein are found essentially carbon copies (on occasion both original and carbon copy) of Statements or Comments made by Tode on various subjects. Some of these Statements may have appeared later as magazine articles. Among these documents, for example, can be found **The Propeller Club of the United States (1944)** and **Commemorative Address on the Occasion of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, New York Maritime College (1949)**. These Statements are arranged chronologically as follows:

1937  
1940  
1941  
1942  
1943  
1944  
1945

Box 14 (Cont'd)

1946  
1947  
1949  
1950  
Undated, but ca. 1940s

j) United States Coast Guard Correspondence

A small group of correspondence relating to Tode's 1924 application for appointment as a temporary commissioned officer in the Coast Guard.

k) United States Navy Service

Records concerning Tode's service with the United States Navy 1918 - 1954. A very few documents post date this period but are relevant. Documents consist of correspondence, memoranda, reports, and similar, and are arranged chronologically as follows:

1918 - 1919  
1920 - 1921  
1922 - 1924  
1925 - 1927  
1930 - 1935  
1936 - 1939  
1940 - 1942; 1948  
1953 - 1955; 1961 - 1962

l) U.S.S NEWPORT Model

Miscellaneous Documents essentially, but not exclusively, regarding a model of the U.S.S. NEWPORT presented by Commander Tode to Maritime College. This model is now housed in the collection of the college's Maritime Industry Museum. Background material on the ST. MARY'S also included. Dated ca. 1959 - 1960 (a 1930 document as well as one dated 1953 also found).

## IX. Certificates, Licenses, and Similar Documents

### Box 15 and appropriate areas

Documents dated between 1922 and 1965 (not all are original - some are in photocopy). These are in the size range of about 8" x 11" with a few somewhat smaller and a few oversized up to ca. 16 x 25". Some documents are framed, and the vast majority of these are oversized. All of these Certificates and documents were awarded to Tode for various services or achievements. See Appendix I for a complete listing.

## X. Photographs

### Box 16 and 17H

Photographs are all in black and white and cover various years in the period, 1911 to 1953. Virtually all depict Tode at various functions essentially paralleling his career, that is at functions involving the Propeller Club, Maritime College and so forth. A portion, however, depict events associated with cruises of the training ship NEWPORT; while yet another but smaller segment is devoted to the Reconstruction of Fort Schuyler in order to serve as the New York State Maritime College. Tode participated on the NEWPORT cruises, and probably was involved in the Fort Schuyler Reconstruction. Photographs are arranged in chronological order except for those associated with the two subjects, NEWPORT Cruises and the Reconstruction of Fort Schuyler, and practically all are all are prints. Negatives which did exist were converted to prints. Also included here are three picture postcards as well as a very few photo reproductions, that is, a high quality reproduction which almost appears to be a photograph print. In cases where measurements are for a quarter or half inch, these have been rounded out to the nearest inch. See Appendix II for Listing.

## XI. Artifacts

### Box 18

A small but varied group of artifacts are found here, all in some fashion relating to Commander Tode or acquired by him. See Appendix III for Listing.

## Appendix A

### Certificates, Licenses, and Similar Documents

(Unless otherwise indicated, all are in photocopy. Also - the List is divided into two sections, the first being for unframed items, the second section being for framed items).

#### List

##### Section 1

Oct. 10, 1912

Diploma issued upon graduation from the New York Nautical School

June 3, 1919

Diploma issued by the United States Naval Reserve Force for completing course in the Theory, Operation and Maintenance of Marine Steam Turbines

Oct. 14, 1919

Certificate of Appointment as Chief Engineer and Senior Instructor aboard the Schoolship "Newport"

(original)

Aug. 15, 1920

Invitation (in Dutch and French) extended to Tode in his capacity as Chief Engineer of the "Newport" to dinner tendered by the Communal Council of the City of Antwerp

(original)

June 20, 1922

License issued by the United States Department of Commerce,  
Steamboat Inspection Service for Chief Engineer on Ocean  
going steam vessels of any gross tons

Aug. 22, 1922

Certificate issued by the Secretary of the Navy attesting  
to the fact that Tode served as a Lieutenant Junior grade  
"in the Naval Reserve ... and that he is hereby given an  
Honorable discharge from the Naval Reserve...".

(original and oversized)

Mar. 9, 1923

Certificate issued upon completion of a Course of  
Instruction in the Theory and the Practice of Fuel  
Oil-burning given for the Merchant Marine Service

Jan. 15, 1924

License issued by the United States Department of Commerce,  
Steamboat Inspection Service for Engineer of Vessels  
Propelled by Gas, Fluid. Naphtha, or Electric Motors

(photocopy in both positive and negative)

Aug. 12, 1924

Certificate of Appointment by the President of the United  
States as "temporarily an Ensign (Engineering) in the  
Coast Guard of the United States"

Jan. 5, 1926

Certificate of Appointment as a Lieutenant for Engineering duties  
in the Volunteer Naval Reserve of the United States Navy

(photocopy in both positive and negative)

April 13, 1927

Certificate issued by the Secretary of the Navy attesting  
to Tode's service "in the World War as a Lieutenant  
(junior grade) in the Naval Forces of the United States ...".

(original and oversized)

June 18, 1927

Certificate issued by the Alumni Association of the New York Nautical School attesting to the fact that Tode graduated from said school on Oct 10, 1912.

(original and oversized; also in poor condition)

Jan. 13, 1930

Certificate of Appointment by the New York State Governor as A Member of the Board of Visitors of the New York State Merchant Marine Academy.

(original and oversized)

1930?

Certificate of Appreciation awarded by the National Safety Council for having served as its Vice President for the years 1928-1929

May 24, 1933

Certificate of Appointment as "A Member of the Board of Visitors of the New York State Merchant Marine Academy".

(original and oversized)

Aug. 7, 1936

Certificate of Appointment as "A Member of the Board of Visitors of the New York State Merchant Marine Academy".

(original and oversized)

1940

Twenty-Year Certificate issued by the Hiawatha Lodge No. 434 of the masonic Order in Mount Vernon, New York

(original)

Jan. 24, 1941

License issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of marine Inspection and Navigation to Operate or Navigate Motor Boats Carrying Passengers for Hire

June 24, 1942

License issued by the United States Department of Commerce  
Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to be Chief  
Engineer of Steam Vessels on Ocean going Steam Vessels of  
any gross tons.

(original)

Nov. 1, 1946

Certificate awarded by the United States Navy, United States  
Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, Columbia University.

(photocopy in both positive and  
negative)

1948?

Citation awarded by the United States Navy "for service  
rendered to the United States Naval Reserve 1947".

(photocopy in both positive and  
negative)

1949?

Certificate of Attendance granted to Tode for attending the  
Joint Orientation Conference at Fort Benning, Georgia.

(original)

Mar. 5, 1954

Certificate of Public Commendation granted Tode by the  
School of Business of Fordham University "Because of  
Outstanding Special Service as a Guest Speaker before  
(the) Propeller Club Of the U.S. Port of Fordham U.".

(there are 2 Certificates, both  
original but slightly different in  
format and in size; and one is  
enclosed in an holder)

Aug. 31, 1955

Certificate of Appreciation and Best Wishes extended to  
Tode by the University of the State of New York Education  
Department.

(original)

1955

Certificate of Membership issued by The Advertising Club of New York.

(photocopy)

June 14, 1957

Certificate of Appointment to be "a Member of the Council of the State University Maritime College at Fort Schuyler".

(photocopy in both positive and negative)

June 4, 1958

License to Operate or Navigate Passenger Carrying Vessels granted by the United States Coast Guard.

(original)

1960

Certificate granted by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces for having completed "the National Security Seminar" during the Academic Year 1959-1960.

(photocopy)

May 20, 1965

License to serve as Chief Engineer of Steam and Motor Vessels of Horsepower granted by the United States Coast Guard.

(original)

## Section 2

Most of these framed documents are oversized, but several are not. Sizes vary. All documents are original.

Nov. 19, 1935

Certificate of Appreciation given by the Propeller Club of the United States at its Ninth Annual Convention

Nov. 19, 1935

Resolution of the Propeller Club of the Port of Pittsburgh  
extolling Tode's services

Nov. 26, 1935

Resolution of the Propeller Club, Port of New York  
expressing appreciation for Tode's accomplishments

Feb. 16, 1936

Resolution (in fanciful and jovial language) issued by  
Captain L. Brennan of the "Santa Inez", presumably upon  
crossing the Equator

July 6, 1939

Appointment by the New York State Governor as a Member of  
the Board of Visitors of the New York State Merchant Marine  
Academy

Feb. 20, 1940

Proclamation (in fanciful and jovial language) issued by  
the KUNGS HOLM of the Swedish American Line upon crossing  
the Equator

May 12, 1941

Membership awarded in the Stratoline Club of  
Transcontinental Western Air, Inc. for having travelled  
in the first commercial transport designed to fly  
at altitudes of approximately three and one-half miles

Sept. 18, 1943

Letter from Jerry Gjoerloff, commanding officer of the  
United States Naval Station in San Juan, Puerto Rico,  
thanking Tode for his congratulations on the former's  
promotion, and reminiscing about earlier days. Photograph  
of Gjoerloff also included

Sept. 4, 1944

Directions with the title "I Christen Thee" given to those  
involved in Christening Ceremonies. This document was used  
by Mrs. Tode, the sponsor of the U.S.S. "ST. MARY'S"

Dec. 14, 1945

Certificate (in jovial and fanciful language) of Honorary Membership in the Grunt Club, Inc. (Montreal's Marine Fraternity)

Jan. 11, 1946

Testimonial of Honorary Membership granted in the Alumni Association, New York State Maritime Academy

April 11, 1946

Certificate of Honorary Membership granted in the Maritime Institute of Ireland

Oct. 30, 1946

Proclamation (in fanciful and jovial language) attesting that an "ascent made to a depth of seventeen fathoms" was made at the United States Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut

Dec. 12, 1946

Proclamation (in fanciful and jovial language) issued upon crossing the Equator on the "Stella Polaris"

May 6, 1948

Declaration (in fanciful and jovial language) stating that Tode was initiated "into the solemn mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep". Photograph of the "Capetown Castle" included.

Sept. 14, 1949

Certificate of Honorary Life Membership awarded in the Uniformed Pilots and Marine Engineers Association

Feb. 4, 1950

Certificate (in fanciful and jovial language) issued upon crossing the Equator on the "Pioneer Gem"

May 23, 1950

Proclamation (in fanciful and jovial language) issued for having flown and crossed the Equator on the aircraft G-ALAO BRAEMAR



June 6, 1950

Certificate (in fanciful and jovial language) issued upon crossing the Equator on the "Tjibodak"

July 11, 1950

Certificate (in fanciful and jovial language) issued upon crossing the Equator on the "African Enterprise"

July 17, 1950

Certificate of Appointment by New York State Governor Thomas E. Dewey as a Member of the Board of Visitors of the New York Maritime College

July 13, 1951

Certificate (in fanciful and jovial language) issued for having crossed the Arctic Circle on the "Stella Polaris"

July 15, 1951

Diploma (in fanciful and jovial language) issued to Tode as a passenger on the "Stella Polaris" for having visited the North Cape, the Northernmost point of Europe. Photograph of the ship accompanies the document.

Oct. 19, 1951

Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Propeller Club of the United States

Oct. 10, 1952

Certificate of Appreciation awarded by the Propeller Club of the United States

Jan. 27, 1954

Scroll presented by the Circumnavigators Club extolling presidential term

July 1, 1954

Certificate of Retirement issued upon retirement from the armed forces of the United States

Feb. 16, 1957

Proclamation (in fanciful and jovial language) issued upon crossing the Equator on the ship "Kingsholm"

Mar. 4, 1957

Certificate issued to Tode by the Swedish American Line upon passing through the Strait of Magellan

June 14, 1957

Certificate of Appointment by New York State Governor Avrell Harriman as a Member of the Council of the State University Maritime College

July 21, 1958

Certificate (in fanciful and jovial language) issued upon crossing the Arctic Circle on the "Stella Polaris"

Feb. 27, 1959

Proclamation (in fanciful and jovial language) issued upon crossing the equator on the "Argentinean"

Feb. 5, 1960

Proclamation (in fanciful and jovial language) issued upon crossing the International Date Line on the "Bergensfjord"

Mar. 26, 1960

Proclamation (in fanciful and jovial language) issued upon crossing the Equator on the "Bergensfjord"

## Appendix B

### Photographs

#### List

1912 - 9 photographs evidently taken at Graduation Exercises from the Training Ship NEWPORT

5 x 7"

1913 - postcard depicting the NEWPORT and listing the itinerary for the ship's 1913 Summer Cruise

1918 - postcard depicting the NEWPORT. This card was mailed to Tode in Aug and bears a stamped message regarding the moving of the office of the Board of Directors of the Naval School

1920 - photograph depicting "Engineers Inspecting First Synchronous Motor Propulsion Equipment [3000 HP] for SS "Cuba" of the Coast SS Co. Building #61 April 20, 1920"

8 x 10"

1921 - 2 photo reproductions depicting a class of cadets from the NEWPORT inspecting machinery at an exhibit at the Third National Marine Show held in New York Jan. 24 to Jan. 29, 1921

8 x 11"

1922 - photograph depicting seven officers of the NEWPORT on the ship's deck

9 x 13"

postcard depicting the NEWPORT moored at a berth in Algiers. This card was written by Tode to his wife Kate and is dated Oct. 7

photograph depicting Tode with the 1922 Graduating Class from the training ship NEWPORT. Included is a tearsheet from magazine, The Sperryscope which carried the photo.

8 x 10"

photograph depicting the NEWPORT on the high seas

9 x 13"

Five photographs of the Burning of the E.L.L. GRANITE STATE

3 x 5

1923 - photograph depicting the U.S. Shipping Board at the Fuel Oil School at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, dated Mar. 8. About 16 individuals shown

8 x 10"

photo reproduction depicting Graduate Engineers of the NEWPORT upon completion of Searchlight course at the Sperry Gyroscope Co., Brooklyn, N.Y.

8 x 10"

photograph depicting large group at the Tide Water Oil Co., Bayonne, N.J., dated March

5 x 7"

1924 - photograph depicting Tode at the Combustion Utilities Corporation Power Division in New York, dated Nov. 26

1925 - photograph depicting the U.S. Shipping Board at

the Fuel Oil Testing Plant at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, dated Jul 22. About 35 individuals shown

8 x 10"

2 photographs taken at the Combustion Utilities Corp. Power Division in New York. One depicts 8 individuals near machinery; the other is a close up of a piece of machinery

8 x 10" and 7 x 10"

1927 - photo reproduction depicting Officers and Executive Committee Marine Section of National Safety Council

by inches

1931 - photograph depicting the NEWPORT along side the EMPIRE STATE I

4 x 6"

1934 - photograph depicting Tode, Walter Gronbeck and Daniel Schutz on the deck of the EMPIRE STATE while on trip to Bermuda

3 x 6"

1935 - photograph depicting Tode, Joseph B. Weaver, and Charles H.C. Pearsall at a convention

8 x 10"

1938? - photograph depicting large group in Hangar Deck A of the U.S.S. MIDWAY. Posted on back is a Schedule of Events for Sept. 20

8 x 10"

1942 - photograph depicting Board of Visitors of the College.

7 x 10"

1943 - photograph depicting Board of Visitors of the College at annual meeting, Jan. 28

8 x 10"

photograph depicting nine individuals at the Radio Marine Corp Award of Maritime Commission

"M", dated Mar. 8

8 x 10" (2 copies)

1944 - photograph taken at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City (event not identified) depicting 12 individuals, dated June

8 x 10"

photograph depicting Captain J.S. Baylis, U.S.C.G. in San Juan, Puerto Rico, dated Aug.

4 x 5"

2 photographs depicting Tode, Mrs. Tode, and Mrs. Robert Gerhart at the Launching of the U.S.S. ST. MARY'S at Wilmington, California (Calship's 378th U.S.M.C. Ship), dated Sept. 4

10 x 12"

1945 - photograph depicting Tode with Admiral Leahy

8 x 10"

photograph taken at the Manhattan Beach U.S.C.G. Training Station depicting Tode and Captain John Baylis, Commander of Platoon. Four other personnel also shown, dated Aug. 8

8 x 10"

1946 - photograph depicting Presentation of Testimonial of Honorary Membership awarded Tode by the Alumni Association of Maritime, dated Mar. 9

8 x 10"

photograph depicting a group taken at the Columbia University of Naval Orientation course, dated Nov.

8 x 10"

1947 - photograph depicting Tode on board the EMPIRE STATE. Two students shown in background, dated Aug. 29

4 x 5"

1949 - photograph depicting the Last Annual Meeting

of the Board of Visitors of Maritime, dated  
Dec. 16

8

x

10"

photograph depicting a display honoring the  
Propeller Club of the United States

8 x 10"

photograph depicting Tode receiving a plaque  
from the Seven Seas Club of London, England, dated  
Sept. 30

6 x 8"

1953 - photograph depicting Tode receiving an award  
from a Naval Officer - event not identified

11 X 14"

1960 - 13 photographs, most of which depict various  
angles of the Model of the Training Ship NEWPORT  
which was presented to Maritime College by Tode.  
One of these depict Tode being congratulated by Admiral  
Harold C. Moore, President of the College; another depicts  
Admiral Moore and another officer examining the model.

Over and above the aforementioned, is a loose leaf  
album containing 16 photographs (most being  
duplicates of the loose photographs) together with  
4 letters (originals and/or photocopies), and 4  
documents all relating to the donation of the Model

8 x 10"

1960? - photograph depicting framed document on exhibit.  
This document is "William Colbeath's Manuscript  
Account of the First Known Military Raising of  
the American Flag, August 3, 1777". This event  
took place at Fort Schuyler

8 x 10"

Undated but ca. 1920s and 1930s

photograph depicting three ships, the MATSONIA ?,  
the MARYJOSE ?, and the PRESIDENT COOLIDGE  
in port (probably somewhere in Latin America).

8 x 10"

photograph depicting machinery at the McIntosh & Seymour Corp.

8 x 11"

2 photographs depicting Tode on the deck of the HELEN OLMSTED

5 x 7" and 8 x 10"

photograph depicting Tode with a group of young naval personnel perhaps on the roof of the Sperry Gyroscope Co. in Brooklyn, N.Y.

8 x 10"

photograph depicting Tode and six other individuals (probably all students) on the deck of a ship, probably the NEWPORT. Reproduction (probably from a magazine) also included

8 x 10"

photograph (perhaps a reprint) of the ST. MARYS offshore

10 x 14"

photograph (framed) depicting Tode and some twenty other individuals, perhaps in Naval Police uniform, standing on the steps of a building

Undated but ca. 1940s

photograph depicting a group on a waterfront, perhaps in Brooklyn, N.Y.

8 x 10"

photograph depicting Tode and 14 other individuals on the deck of a ship

5 x 7"

photograph depicting Tode and 11 other individuals at a dinner table

5 x 8"

photograph depicting model of a sailing ship, perhaps a display for a Propeller Club meeting

8 x 10"

Undated but probably 1950s

photograph of EMPIRE STATE II

8 x 10"

NEWPORT Cruise - divided as follows; and all essentially  
ca. 3 x 6"

1911-1912, 1919-1920, 1921-1922

223 photographs

1912

26 photographs

1919, 1920, 1921, 1922

78 photographs

1922

26 photographs

Reconstruction of Fort Schuyler, 1936

80 photographs

ca. 3 x 6"

## Appendix C

### Artifacts

#### List

1. A Seal Stamper ca. 4 inches long and 6 and a half inches high. The subject of the Seal cannot be determined, but perhaps it may be that of the Circumnavigators Club. ca. 1920s
2. Booklet (21 pages) printed on parchment and copyrighted 1912 by the Circumnavigators Club of New York City. Evidently, booklet was issued to individuals upon being accepted into Club membership, and is a lighthearted compilation of a few stories or essays. Measures ca. 4 and a half by 6 and quarter inches and comes in a box.
3. Miniature blank certificate of the New York State Nautical School folded into a leather case. Measures ca. 3 and a half inches by 5 and a half inches.
4. Knotted and twisted rope, not identified, and measuring ca. 5 and a half feet long
5. Certificate of Graduation from the Training Ship NEWPORT of the New York Nautical School issued to Tode Oct. 10, 1912. Folded into a leather case. Measures ca. 3 and a half by 5.
6. Paper Weight apparently holding within it a Propeller Screw engraved on four sides in continuing fashion with the words "Presented to Arthur M. Tode 25th Anniversary of the ? Propeller Club; In Recognition of Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the College and its Alumni; the Propeller Club and the American Merchant Marine. New York State Maritime College Port of New York State Maritime College Alumni Day 7 May 1960". Measures 2 by 2 by 2. Cube

7. Vest Pocket Watch engraved.
8. Gold Medal engraved and Presented to Tode by the Alumni Association of New York Nautical School Feb. 14, 1931. Measures ca. one and a quarter inches in diameter.
9. Gold Medal and Ribbon engraved "World War" issued by the State of New York For Service 1917-1919. Measures ca. one and a quarter inches in diameter.
10. Gold Medal and Ribbon bearing on one side the names of the countries involved in "The Great War For Civilization. Measures ca. one and a quarter inches in diameter
11. Gold Medal and Ribbon awarded to Tode by the United States Navy Department Oct. 21, 1949 for Distinguished Public Service. Measures ca. one and a quarter inches in diameter
12. Apparently a small cuff link presented by the United States Navy Department for Distinguished Public Service. Perhaps this item may have been part of the previously listed one
13. Pen presented to Tode June 3, 1945 by JBA?
14. Small cuff link, not identified
15. Plaque (copper plating on wood, and ca. 6x8") bearing insignia of the Propeller Club of the United States, and inscribed to Tode
16. Plaque (copper plating on wood, and ca. 13x17") presented to Tode as a Certificate of Appreciation by the Propeller Club of the Port of Detroit, Michigan

17. Plaque (copper plating on wood, and ca. 14 x 19") presented by the Alumni Association of Maritime College as a tribute "In Memory Of The Man of The Century, Arthur M. Tode 1912", and extolling him as "The Alumnus Most Responsible For Growth And Achievement Of State University of New York Maritime College During Its First Century". Dated 1975

## CONTAINER LIST (Shelf List)

For Staff Use only

### Box 1

Series - Student and Instructor Days

No. of Folders - 12

Remarks - Three bound volumes are not in folders.

Bindings on all volumes are in poor condition

### Box 2

Series - The Texas Company Miscellaneous Papers

No. of Folders - 11

### Box 3

Series - Propeller Club Miscellaneous Papers

No. of Folders - 19

Remarks - There are two copies of the 1947 Program; there are two copies of Travels of President (one is marked "File Copy"); there are two copies of Compilation Volume

### Box 4H

Series - General Correspondence & Miscellaneous Documents

No. of Folders - 22

### Box 5H

Series - The New York Nautical School Miscellaneous Papers  
Relating to Charges Made Against

No. of Folders - 6, and 1 loose volume

### Box 6H

Series - Periodicals

Range - American Business Survey - Log of American  
Society of Marine Engineers

No. of Folders - 12

### Box 7

Series - Periodicals

Range - Log of the Circumnavigators Club - Marine  
Engineering and Shipping Age

No. of Folders - 6, and 3 loose volumes. Tode's name imprinted on two of the volumes

Box 8H

Series - Periodicals

Range - Marine Journal - Pacific Marine Review

No. of Folders - 8

Box 9H

Series - Periodicals

Range - Port of New York - Travel Trade

No. of Folders - 10 and 1 loose volume. Tode's name imprinted on volume

Box 10H

Series - Periodicals

Range - United States Naval Institute Proceedings -  
Waterways, and Published Article List

No. of Folders - 6

Box 11

Series - Newspaper Clippings and Magazine Tearsheets

No. of Folders - 30

Remarks - All original clippings were fragile. They were discarded (3 exceptions, full length pages, saved for historic interest) after photocopying on acid-free paper

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Box 12H

Series - Subject File

Range - Admiral Moore Correspondence - New York Nautical  
School Application

No. of Folders - 11

Remarks - There are duplicates for most pamphlets in  
American Merchant Marine Subject

Box 13

Series - Subject File

Range - Miscellaneous Publications

No. of Folders - 7

Box 14

Series - Subject File

Range - Statement re: Maritime College - U.S.S. NEWPORT  
Model

No. of Folders - 24

Box 15 (oversized box)

Series - Certificates, Licenses, and Similar Documents

No. of Folders - 1

Remarks - All documents, irregardless of size, have been  
placed as one unit in this box with the smaller  
ones being stored in the folder. However, the  
framed documents (nearly all oversized) are  
found elsewhere in the Archives in area set  
aside. Many of these have potential for exhibit  
purposes.

Box 16

Series - Photographs

Range - 11 photographs arranged chronologically

No. of Folders - 29

Remarks - Two 1922 photographs were very slightly trimmed;  
and one 1920 photograph was deframed

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Box 17H

Series - Photographs

Range - All others, that is, photographs arranged by subject

No. of Folders - 7

Remarks - Some negatives are found, but these are in the process of being converted into prints

Box 18 (oversized)

Series - Artifacts

No. of folders - None

N.B. - Measurement of this Collection given as twelve cubic feet includes ca. seven feet in containers, and ca. five feet in storage area.