



**Drake, Leo O., 1916-2008.**  
**Manuscript of *Now Hear This, Man***  
***Your Battle Stations*, 2002**

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Leo O. Drake was born on December 28, 1916, in Stone County, Arkansas. In 1940, Drake, then a resident of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, enlisted in the United States Navy. During World War II, he saw action in all of the major naval battles against Japan, except for the Battle of Iwo Jima. He served on the U.S.S. Saratoga, the U.S.S. North Carolina, the U.S.S. Pastores and the U.S.S. Gilbert Islands. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1946, Drake returned to Oklahoma. In 1947, he moved to New York, where he became a successful businessman. He worked in the furniture manufacturing and retail business, and later spent the rest of his career in the telephone manufacturing and supply business.

Drake was a member of the Howard Van Wagner American Legion Post 962 in Locust Valley, N.Y. He was also a historian and an expert on the Drake Family genealogy. At the time of his death on July 30, 2008, Drake was residing in Mill Neck, N.Y.

The collection is comprised of one large binder containing the unpublished manuscript of Drake's book, *Now Hear This, Man Your Battle Stations*. The book tells the story of the highly-decorated battleship U.S.S. North Carolina, on which Drake served from 1941-1944. Along with the typescript manuscript, the binder also includes biographical materials, photos, and news clippings.

## **SUBJECTS**

Names:

Drake, Leo O. (Leo Otis), 1916-2008.

North Carolina (Battleship: BB-55).

United States. Navy. Pacific Fleet.

Subjects:

World War II, 1939-1945

Places:

United States--History

Form and Genre Terms:

Manuscripts.

Newspaper clippings.

Photographs.

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**Box and Folder Listing**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Title/Date</u>
1	Manuscript, <i>Now Hear This, Man Your Battle Stations</i> , 2002