

## Explanation of Source Locations for Earhart Radio Messages

The following listing contains the values of the SOURCE parameter and specifics as to where in various archives the original radio messages may be found. Additional comments are available describing some of the more unusual aspects of each original source material.

**9-12-1:** Records of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, Record Group 126, file 9-12-1 (Part I), Accounts, War Dept. located in the National Archives, Washington, DC.

**9-12-16:** Records of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, Record Group 126, file 9-12-16, Publicity, General, located in the National Archives, Washington, DC.

**9-12-16P:** Records of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, Record Group 126, file 9-12-16, Photographs, located in the National Archives, Washington, DC.

**9-12-18:** Records of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, Record Group 126, file 9-12-18 (Part I), Supplies and Equipment, General, located in the National Archives, Washington, DC.

**9-12-2:** Records of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, Record Group 126, file 9-12-2 (Part I), Administrative Expeditions located in the National Archives, Washington, DC. Contained in this large file are most of the Equatorial Island Expedition Cruise Reports, excepting Cruise 10, June/July 1937.

**9-12-22:** Records of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, Record Group 126, file 9-12-22 Weather, Climate located in the National Archives, Washington, DC.

**9-12-5:** Records of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, Record Group 126, file 9-12-5 (Part I), Communications, Radios located in the National Archives, Washington, DC.

**9-12-7:** Records of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, Record Group 126, file 9-12-7 (Part I), Employees, General located in the National Archives, Washington, DC.

**ADGEN:** Records of the Adjutant General, Central Files, 1926-1939, Record Group 94/407, File 580.81, located in the National Archives, Washington, DC.

**AVIATION:** Records of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, Record Group 126, file 9-12-21 Aviation, General located in the National Archives, Washington, DC. This file contains most of radio messages sent by Black, Miller, Gruening, and Hampton during both first and second attempts.

**BELLARTS:** The records of Leo G. Bellarts, Chief Radioman aboard the USCG Cutter Itasca, located in the National Archives in Washington DC, Record Group 200, Entry 'Papers of Leo Bellarts'. Also included in this file are the original rough radio logs of the Itasca during the Earhart flight.

**CGHQ:** Records of the USCG Headquarters, obtained from the Navy Historical Center and can also be found at the National Archives, Washington, DC, Record Group 26, Entry 601. They are also found on the microfilm relating to Earhart found in diverse places. There are typically three copies of each message.

**CHATER:** Letter from Eric Chater to Griffin, dated 25 July 1937, containing various radio messages (transcribed), suitable only as secondary source material. Found within the TIGHAR archives.

**CNO:** Records of the Chief of Naval Operations, located at the Navy Historical Center, labeled Leahy/CNO. These are the records of OP-38, Ship Movements and Fuel, Capt. Taffinder.

**COLORADO:** Original radio messages from the USS Colorado, obtained from Ms. Carole Osbourne from a radio operator/runner aboard the Colorado.

**COM12:** Records of the 12th Naval District, San Francisco, found in the National Archives, San Bruno, California (Record Group 181, General Correspondence, 12th Naval District, A21[1]). Some of these records indicate phone calls to Naval Reserve Air Base, Oakland, which was located in close proximity to Putnam and Miller's temporary offices.

**COM14:** Records of the 14th Naval District, Honolulu, found in the National Archives, San Bruno, California (Record Group 181, General Correspondence, 14th Naval District, A4-3 Earhart). These records also contain route sheets for each message, typically to the Commandant, the Commandant's aide, the Intelligence Office, and SOPA (Senior Office Present Afloat - COMINBATFOR - the Ogala). Time/Date stamps on the back of the radio messages indicate when they were brought into the Commandant's office for reading, but are unreliable, as March records are dated 1938 and most of June and July are typically stamped two days later than received. These records are believed (but not conclusively proven) to be those of the Aide's files.

**COMMERCE:** Records of the Department of Commerce, Office of the Secretary, Record Group 40, General Records, File 83272/126 (parts I, II) located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**N14:** Records of the 14th Naval District, Honolulu located in the Navy Historical Center. These are the records of Comdr. Heard (unknown position within 14th Naval District). Most of these records, covering only the period from July 1, are duplications of those in COM14, but do contain most of the press messages not found in COM14.

**NRG26-IT:** Itasca Report of Cruise, located at the Navy Historical Center, copy of Record Group 26, Entry 601 of the National Archives, also copy found on microfilm NRS-246C.

**NRG26-MI:** Records found at the Navy Historical Center, labeled Miscellaneous, of Record Group 26, containing PAA reports and miscellaneous correspondence.

**ONI:** Records of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Record Group 38, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Division of Naval Intelligence, General Correspondence, 1929-1942, file A4-3, Earhart, A., located in the National Archives, Washington, DC. This file is largely a duplication of RG80, CNO and SECNAV.

**PLACER:** Records of Placer Dome, Inc. archives, Vancouver, BC, containing a handful of telegrams from Miller to Griffin and from Griffin to Chater in late July, 1937.

**PURDUE:** Records of George Palmer Putnam located at the Special Collection Library at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. While the radio messages are few, there is a wealth of information at this library, particularly within the scrapbooks of Putnam (you must specifically ask for them!) of press clippings.

**RADIO:** Record Group 237, Federal Aviation Administration/Civil Aeronautics Administration, Entry 2, File Radios located at the National Archives, Washington DC. These are radio messages received and sent by William T. Miller, primarily during the first attempt.

**REPORT:** Report on the Earhart Search, compiled by the Commandant 14th Naval District, and sent to the Chief of Naval Operations, found in various places, including Record Group 181, 14th Naval District, General Correspondence, A4-3/Earhart, in San Bruno, California. This report contains second source material only, as all radio messages are re-transcribed.

**RG237-AE:** Record Group 237, Federal Aviation Administration/Civil Aeronautics Administration, Central Files, 835, file Amelia Earhart located in the National Archives, Washington DC.

**RG26-64:** Records of the USCG, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Record Group 26, Entry 64, General, located at the National Archives, Washington DC. Designation 64 indicates cooperation with other agencies.

**RG26-AE:** Records of the USCG, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Record Group 26, Entry 601, File Amelia Earhart located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**RG26-DU:** Records of the USCG, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Record Group 26, Entry 601, File Duane located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**RG26-GC:** Records of the USCG, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Record Group 26, Entry 601, General Correspondence located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**RG26-HA:** Records of the USCG, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Record Group 26, Entry 601, File Hawaiian Section located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**RG26-IT:** Records of the USCG, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Record Group 26, Entry 601, File Itasca located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**RG26-SF:** Records of the USCG, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Record Group 26, Entry 601, File San Francisco Division, located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**RG26-SH:** Records of the USCG, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Record Group 26, Entry 601, File Shoshone located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**RG26-TA:** Records of the USCG, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Record Group 26, Entry 601, File Taney located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**RG80:** Records of the Secretary of the Navy, General Correspondence, 1926-1940, File A4-5(5) (361030-3) located at the National Archives, Washington DC. Also included in this file is the original Amelia Earhart Search Report.

**SECNAV:** Records of the Chief of Naval Operations located at the Navy Historical Center, labeled SECNAV. These are largely duplications of CNO, RG80, and ONI.

**SPINDLE:** General Records of the Navy Department, Record Group 80, Spindle Files, Copies of Letters Sent, 1918-1942, Ships - O (Ontario), Naval District 14 located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**STATE:** Records of the State Department, Record Group 59, 1930-1939, File 800.79611 Putnam Amel. Earhart/1 located at the National Archives, Washington DC.

**THOMPSON:** The confidential report of Commander Warner K. Thompson to Commander, San Francisco Division, US Coast Guard, Dated 19 July, 1937, 106 pages. It can be found in many places in archives, but the original is found in Record Group 26, General Correspondence, 1910-1941, Entry 601, ITASCA at the National Archives, Washington DC. This report is considered to be a secondary source, as all radio messages were transcribed: i.e. there is no original radio message anywhere in the report. Inaccuracies of dates and times were commonplace (times typically 10 minutes off), but many of these time discrepancies were carried over from the original radio messages found in BELLARTS (see below). This source, however, is the most complete listing of Earhart-related radio messages found in one place.

**TUTUILA:** Records of Naval Station American Samoa, Record Group 181, Entry A4-3, File Earhart located at the National Archives, San Bruno, California. These records have been largely overlooked by Earhart investigators.

**WEATHER:** Records of the Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor, found in the National Archives, San Bruno, Record Group 181, Entry 49, File H4/ND14, Weather.

**WTMFILES:** Record Group 237, Federal Aviation Administration/Civil Aeronautics Administration, Entry 1, file William T. Miller Files, located at the National Archives, Washington DC. (Entry 6 contains all Equatorial Cruise Reports, including the tenth.)