Hello Ms. Mitchell,

It was great talking with you today about your request for information. Below, I have pasted a response from our Park Archives and Records Center, including some research tools. Since we know of no records responsive to your request, and a FOIA request is not needed, we will consider this FOIA request closed. If you should need to contact Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the future regarding this particular matter, please refer to FOIA Tracking # NPS-2011-00416.

If you require assistance understanding how to use the finding tools attached, please do not hesitate to contact me. Best of luck to you in your research and publication of your book.

Sincerely,

Skot Jonz
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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
201 Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
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A FOIA request is not needed to ask for any of our historic materials as all of our collections are available to the public and we provide reference opportunities. However, I have attached a few tools for the requester to see whether or not we hold the information they are seeking although I must warn that specific information on individuals or ships is very limited in our collection. One attachment is an in-progress finding aid for the Fort Mason Collection, records we inherited from the Army when they left; the second is a listing and brief description of collections that have some component of the Port of Embarkation and/or Fort Mason, there may be some duplication.

I hope this is somewhat helpful.

Regards~
Amanda Williford
Curator & Reference Archivist

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Open hours:        Closed:
Monday: 1pm - 4pm   Thursday, April 21, 2011
Thursday: 10am - 1 pm Monday, May 30, 2011
or by appointment
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Location:
Park Archives and Records Center
Presidio Bldg 667
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
415-561-2808
www.nps.gov/goga/historyculture/collections.htm
Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request filed under the Freedom of Information Act.

What park are you requesting records from? Fort Mason, SF, California

Please describe the record(s) you are seeking so that an employee familiar with the subject area of the request may locate the record(s) with a reasonable amount of effort. Please include descriptive information, time frame to be searched, etc.

I am searching for dates USAT Ship left Fort Mason for Manila in Sept 1946, and for the USS General David Shanks returning Jan-Feb 1947. I am a writer, working on a memoir of growing up with the military during WWII & immediately after. My mother, sister & I left Fort Mason in Sept 1946 for Manila, where my Army officer dad was stationed. I believe the outbound ship may have been the USS Andrew Greely, but I'm not positive. I need proof, and the exact dates. Thank you.

Naomi (Barker) Mitchell