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EXHIBIT: World War II: America in the Pacific Theater

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Georgia Southern Libraries' Government Documents Department showcases America's presence in the Pacific Theater during World War II in our newest exhibit. It commemorates the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war, as well as the 78th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The exhibit was installed to begin on Veteran's Day to honor soldiers and sailors who risked their lives defending our country and its values. The exhibit features a summarized timeline of the major battles and events in the theater, from Pearl Harbor to the surrender of Japan.

The Government Documents Department also partnered with the Special Collections Department to showcase a selection of curated items from the Leodel Coleman papers. The collection features primary artifacts from the time period, including photographs, as well as articles that Coleman himself wrote.

Leodel Coleman was a native of Statesboro and a local historian for the Bulloch County area. He co-founded a local paper, the *Statesboro Herald*, With his two brothers. Coleman served in World War II as a combat correspondent for the Marine Corps. Coleman covered events and stories in the Pacific theater, with most of his deployment spent reporting on the Battle of Guadalcanal. Coleman wrote news articles, purple heart recipient letters, and military wedding promotions that ran in military newspapers.

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