Descriptive Finding Guide for

90th Bomb Group Special Collection

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Provenance

The materials in this collection were donated to the San Diego Air & Space Museum sometime before 2005. The 90th Bomb Group Association was formed in Ohio in 1975 as a non-profit corporation by Thomas Fetter (1918-2012), who also served as the National Secretary-Treasurer. He had served during World War II as a B-24 bombardier with the 90th Bomb Group in Australia and New Guinea, flying more than 50 missions, and receiving two Distinguished Flying Crosses for his service. He had lived in Marion County, Ohio, where he was an attorney and judge for over 40 years. He was resident of Tucson, Arizona at the time of his death. The collection has been processed and is open for research [with no restrictions].

History

Formed in early 1942, the 90th Bombardment Group, part of the Fifth Air Force of the United States Army Air forces, operated the Consolidated B-24 Liberator heavy bomber in the Southwest Pacific Theater, initially from Queensland, Australia. The group was awarded two Distinguished Unit Citations and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for its extensive and meritorious combat service.

Scope & Content Notes

This collection documents the 90th Bombardment Group service during World War II. The collection is a donation from the 90th Bomb Group Association by Thomas Fetter, one of the association founders. Much of the material was gathered for John Alcorn, who was writing The Jolly Rogers, as the unit is now known. Many of images have been scanned and are in the 01-series of photos (00024560-00024717).

Related SDASM Resources:
Important Personalities & Subjects

The collection includes a number of photographs as well as information about many of the flight crew members involved in bombardment group operations. Flight personnel records include a number of their diaries and recollections.

Series Description

SERIES I: Photographs
SERIES II: Diaries, Correspondence and Documents
SERIES III: Maxwell Air Force Base
SERIES IV: Aircraft schematics, boxes 30-35.

Box Listing

Series I: Photographs

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1. Photo Album 1: Photos have been scanned and are now in the 01-series of photos (00024560-00024717) - they are the documents contained in that album
2. Photo Album 2: Photos have been scanned and are now in the 01-series of photos (00024560-00024717) - they are the documents contained in that album
3. Photo Album 3: Photos of 90th bomb group aircrews
4. Photo Album 4: Photos of 90th Bomb Group personalities
5. Photo Album 5: Photos of 90th Bomb Group bases
6. Photo Album 6: Photos of 90th Bomb Group targets

Series II: Diaries, Correspondence and Documents

7. Binder 7: Miscellaneous documents on personalities, correspondences
10. Binder 10: Diary (copy) of Paul E. Johnson 319th Squadron Pilot
11. Binder 11: Diary (copy) of E.A. Wood 321 Squadron Pilot
12. Binder 12: Correspondences from Colonel A.H. Rogers to John Alcorn
13. Binder 13: Diary (copy) of Captain Clay Holiday 400th Squadron Staff (in folder)
14. Binder 14: Documents of Lt. Walter Higgins 321st Squadron Pilot, including recollections of Bismarck Discovery
15. Binder 15: Diary (copy) of James McMurria 321st Squadron Pilot
16. Binder 16: Diary (copy) of W.C. Presley 320th Squadron Bombardier
17. Binder 17: Diary (copy) of M. Freeman Jr. 321st Squadron bombardier
18. Binder 18: Diary (copy) of Carl Camp 320th Squadron

Series III: Maxwell Air Force Base

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1. Binder 20: 90th Bomb Group Orders 8/42-8/44
2. Binder 21: 90th Bomb Group Headquarters 1/44-8/44
5. Binder 24: 90th Bomb Group Ops 1/45-6/45
6. Binder 25: Balikpapan Raids
7. Binder 26: 319th Squadron 1/44-8/44

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1. Binder 30: 320th Squadron 1945
2. Binder 31: 321st Squadron 1944
5. Binder 34: 400th Squadron Field Orders 1/44-8/44
6. Binder 35: 400th Squadron 1/44-8/44
9. Binder 38: Weekly Status Ops and Reports 319th Squadron

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1. Binder 39: Weekly Status Ops and Reports 320th Squadron
2. Binder 40: Weekly Status Ops and Reports 321st Squadron
3. Binder 41: Weekly Status Ops and Reports 319th Squadron
4. Binder 42: Miscellaneous Correspondences
5. Binder 43: 90th Bomb Group Operation Losses

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1. Binder 44: Correspondences 90th Bomb Group and Association
2. Binder 45: Correspondences 90th Bomb Group and Association
3. Binder 46: Box of Miscellaneous 90th Bomb Group Photos

End of Box Listing