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**Provenance**

The materials in this collection were donated to the San Diego Air & Space Museum. The collection has been processed and is open for research with no restrictions.

**History**

The history of the United States Air Force is quite distinguished. Oringally designated as the Signal Corps, the Air Force grew during the First World War and was a named the Army Air Corps. Between the World Wars, the Army Air Corps developed new technologies which would serve the branch well in the Second World War, when it was a deciding factor in the victory over the Axis. The Air Corps officially became the United States Air Force in 1947 and sense that time it participated in every major armed conflict the United States was involved in.

**Scope & Content Notes**

The collection contains information pertaining to the history of the US Army Air Corps and the United States Air Force. It includes general history, as well as subject folders on different wings, groups and squadrons. This collection has much information in it on somewhat obscure topics related to the USAF.

**Related SDASM Resources:**

Aircraft Subject Files

World War One Subject Files

World War Two Subject Files

**Important Personalities & Subjects**

**Series Description**

SERIES I: Squadrons, Wings, Commands

SERIES II: General History and Topics

**Box Listing**

**SERIES I: Squadrons, Wings, Commands**

**Box 1 of 6**

Folder #1: Misc. fighter squadrons

Folder #2: 1st bombardment squadron

Folder #3: 1st pursuit group

Folder #4: 1st air commando group

Folder #5: 2nd bombardment squadron

Folder #6: 2nd air force

Folder #7: 3rd air force USAFE

Folder #8: 3rd observation squadron

Folder #9: 3rd attack group

Folder #10: 4th tactical fighter wing (4th fighter wing)(USAFE)

Folder #11: 5th bomb wing

Folder #12: bomber barons

Folder #13: 5th air force

Folder #14: 5th SRW Travis AFB 23,31,72 bomb squadrons, 9th BW, 1st BS

Folder #15: 6th BW 24,39,40 Walker AFB bomb squadrons

Folder #16: 6th ferrying group

Folder #17: 7th air force

Folder #18: 7th BW 9, 436, 492 carswell AFB bomb squadrons

Folder #19: 7th bomb group USAF

Folder #20: 8th air force

Folder #21: vii fighter command

Folder #22: 8th fighter (pursuit) group

Folder #23: friends of the 8th (fote)

Folder #24: 8th commands USAF

Folder #25: 8th air force

Folder #26: 9th aero squadron

Folder #27: 9th air force

Folder #28: 10th tactical reconnaissance wing

Folder #29: 10th tactical fighter squadron, 50th TFW USAFE

Folder #30: 10th air force

Folder #31: 11th air force

Folder #32: 11th bombardment squadron (air corps)

Folder #33: 11th BW 26,42,98 carswell AFB bomb squadrons

1) Papers about the air force association

2) 3 books about the 11th bombardment wing

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Folder #1: 12th air force

Folder #2: 12th photoreconnaissance

Folder #3: 12th bomb group

Folder #4: 13th A.F.

Folder #5: flying tiger association

Folder #6: 14th air force

Folder #7: 14th/15th military airlift squadron

Folder #8: 15th air force

Folder #9: 15th bomb squadron

Folder #10: 17th air force

Folder #11: 17th pursuit squadron (USAAF)

Folder #12: 17th tactical reconnaissance squadron, 26th TRW USAFE

Folder #13: 18th tactical fighter wing

Folder #14: 19th bomb group

Folder #15: 17th/20th provisional pursuit squad

Folder #16: xix tactical

Folder #17: 20th air force

Folder #18: 20th tactical fighter wing (20th fighter group)

Folder #19: 21st air force

Folder #20: 22nd bombardment wing

Folder #21: 22nd military airlift squadron

Folder #22: 23rd fighter group CBI- SW PAC

Folder #23: 23rd tactical fighter squadron, 52nd TFW USAFE

Folder #24: 26th tactical reconnaissance wing zweibruckew AB, Ger. USAFE

Folder #25: 27th fighter group

Folder #26: 28th SWR Ellsworth AFB 77, 717,718 bomb squadrons

Folder #27: 28th bombardment wing

Folder #28: 29th bomb group USAAF

Folder #29: 30th bomb group

Folder #30: 30th tactical reconnaissance squadron, 10th TRW USAFE

Folder #31: 31st air division

Folder #32: 31st tactical fighter wing

Folder #33: 32nd tactical fighter squadron, 2 ATAF USAFE

Folder #34: 32nd tactical reconnaissance squadron, 10th TRW USAFE

Folder #35: 33rd photoreconnaissance squad

Folder #36: 33rd tactical group

Folder #37: 35th tactical fighter squadron

Folder #38: 36th tactical fighter wing

Folder #39: 37th fighter interceptor squadron

Folder #40: 38th tactical reconnaissance squad, 26th TRW USAFE

Folder #41: 39th fighter squadron

Folder #42: 40th bomb group

Folder #43: 41st fighter squadron

Folder #44: 42nd BW loring AFB 69, 70, 75 bomb squadrons

Folder #45: 44th bomb group

Folder #46: 44th fighter squadron “vampires”

Folder #47: 47th bombardment wing (light) RAF sculthorpe USAFE

Folder #48: 48th tactical fighter wing RAF lakenheath USAFE

Folder #49: 49th tactical fighter wing

Folder #50: 50th squadron

Folder #51: 50th tactical fighter wing Hahn AB

Folder #52: 50th troop carrier wing

Folder #53: 51st fighter group

Folder #54: 54th troop carrier squad

Folder #55: 55th fighter group (55th Strategic recon. Wing)

Folder #56: 55th air service group

Folder #57: 56th fighter group

Folder #58: 58th fighter group

Folder #59: 58th bomb wing

Folder #60: 62nd fighter interceptor squadron

Folder #61: 62nd troop carrier group

Folder #62: 63rd military airlift wing

Folder #63: 67th aerospace rescue and recovery squadron (MAC) RAF Woodbridge USAFE

Folder #64: 72nd SWR ramney AFB 60, 73, 301 bomb squadrons

Folder #65: 73rd bomb wing

Folder #66: 74th fighter squadron

Folder #67: 78th fighter group

Folder #68: 79th pursuit squadron

Folder #69: 80th fighter group

Folder #70: 80th fighter squadron

Folder #71: 80th fighter squadron

Folder #72: 81st tactical fighter wing RAF bentwater (RAF Woodbridge) USAFE

Folder #73: 81st tactical fighter squadron, 52nd TFW USAFE

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Folder #1: 90th bomb group

Folder #2: 86th fighter group

Folder #3: 91st bomb group

Folder #4: 92nd BW Fairchild, AFB 325,326,327 bomb squadrons

Folder #5: 94th bomb group

Folder #6: 94th pursuit squadron

Folder #7: 95th bombardment squad. (MED) USAAC Pendleton field, Oregon

Folder #8: 95th pursuit squadron

Folder #9: 96th bomb group

Folder #10: 96th pursuit squadron

Folder #11: 97th bombardment group

Folder #12: 99th bomb group

Folder #13: 105th fighter squadron

Folder #14: 108th tactical fighter wing

Folder #15: 110th squadron (observation bombardment)

Folder #16: 118th tactical Airlift wing

Folder #17: Army air force 125th liason squad

Folder #18: 129th air resupply group

Folder #19: 138th aero squadron

Folder #20: 146th tactical airlift wing

Folder #21: 141st aero squadron

Folder #22: 148th aero squadron

Folder #23: 213th aero squadron U.S.A.S.

Folder #24: 302nd squadron “red tail” Tuskegee airmen

Folder #25: 305th bomb group

Folder #26: 306th bomb group

Folder #27: 308th airdrome squadron

Folder #28: 310 (1945)

Folder #29: 313th bombardment wing

Folder #30: 313th tactical fighter squadron 50th TFW USAFE

Folder #31: 314th air division (formerly 314th bomb. wing)

Folder #32: 316th air division

Folder #33: 317th troop carrier squadron

Folder #34: 319th fighter interceptor squadron

Folder #35: 320th bombardment group

Folder #36: 323rd bomb group

Folder #37: FM-2 general motors

Folder #38: 334th tactical fighter squadron 4th TFW TAC

Folder #39: 345th bomb group

Folder #40: 352nd fighter group

Folder #41: 354th fighter group

Folder #42: 355th fighter group

Folder #43: 355th TAC fighter wing

Folder #44: 357th fighter group

Folder #45: 461st and 484th bomb group assoc.

Folder #46: 363rd tactical recon wing

Folder #47: 374th bomb squadron (H)

Folder #48: 432nd fighter squadron

Folder #49: 376th bomb group

Folder #50: 379th bombardment wing

Folder #51: 380th bomb group

Folder #52: 381st bomb group

Folder #53: 386th BG USAF

Folder #54: 388 tactical fighter wing

Folder #55: 375th fighter group

Folder #56: 388th bomb group (TWF)

Folder #57: 389th bomb group

Folder #58: 390th bomb group

Folder #59: 400th bombardment group

Folder #60: 401st tactical fighter wing

Folder #61: 406th fighter group

Folder #62: 417th bomb group

Folder #63: 417th night fighter squadron

Folder #64: 422nd night fighter squadron

Folder #65: 446th air service group

Folder #66: 449th bomb group

Folder #67: 450th bomb group “cottontails”

Folder #68: AD LIB 451st BM Gp (H)

Folder #69: 452nd bomb group

Folder #70: 455th bomb group

Folder #71: 456th bomb group

Folder #72: 459th bomb group Assn.

Folder #73: 461st bomb wing (H) (SAC)

Folder #74: 464th fighter squadron

Folder #75: 469th fighter interceptor squadron

Folder #76: 480th tactical fighter Squadron 52nd TFW USAFE

Folder #77: 482nd bomb group

Folder #78: 484th bomb group

Folder #79: 490 bombardment squadron

Folder #80: 491st bomb group and 854th bomb group

Folder #81: 492nd bomb group “carpetbaggers”

Folder #82: 493rd BG, 8th AF

Folder #83: 496th tactical fighter squadron, 50th TFW USAFE

Folder #84: 498th bombardment group

Folder #85: 509th composite group

Folder #86: 514th troop carrier wing

Folder #87: 525th tactical fighter squadron, 36th TFW USAFE

Folder #88: 525th fighter squadron, 86th fighter group

Folder #89: 527th tactical fighter training aggressor squad, 10th tactical recon wing USAFE

Folder #90: 731st bomb squadron

Folder #91: 779th bomber squadron

Folder #92: 852nd engineer aviation

Folder #93: 2164th communications squadron RAF Bewtwators USAFE

Folder #94: 4400th combat crew training group

Folder #95: 4950th test wing

Folder #96: 7500th air base squadron, RAF west rusilip USAFE History

**SERIES II: General Topics and History**

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Folder #1: USAF Group Wing Squadrons History and Tail Codes

Folder #2: Army air service and senate hearing (1916)

Folder #3: USAF group, wing, fighter tail codes and history of squadron

Folder #4: Photo section and signal corps (1918)

Folder #5: USAF history (1920-1940)

Folder #6: Army’s air corp history (1940-1946)

Folder #7: USAF history (1947-1954)

Folder #8: USAF history (1955-1975)

Folder #9: USAF history (1976-1999)

Folder #10: USAF history (1999)

Folder #11: USAF Academy

Folder #12: USAF Acrojets (1950)

Folder #13: USAF aerospace research

Folder #14: USAF aircrew training

Folder #15: U.S. Air National Guard

Folder #16: USAF air university Maxwell AFB, Alabama

Folder #17: USAF aviation cadets

Folder #18: USAF/Army bibliography

Folder #19: AFF budgets

Folder #20: USAF DEW line

Folder #21: USAF education

Folder #22: USAAF enlisted pilots

Folder #23: USAFE- USAF Europe

Folder #24: USAF aircraft

Folder #25: USAF extension course institute

Folder #26: GHQ air force

Folder #27: USAF institute of technology

Folder #28: Miscellaneous papers

Folder #29: USAF officers- leadership

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Folder #1: NORAD

Folder #2: USAF overseas development

Folder #3: USAF personnel

Folder #4: (USAF-USAAF) personnel and info. Sources

Folder #5: USAF pilot training

Folder #6: USAF policy letter for commanders

Folder #7: USAF program expenditure

Folder #8: USAF ranking aeronautical academy

Folder #9: Recruiting

Folder #10: USAF regulations (flying)

Folder #11: Reserves

Folder #12: U.S. air force ROTC

Folder #13: USAF safety

Folder #14: USAAF silhouette handbook

Folder #15: USAF women

Folder #16: USAF uniforms and insignia

Folder #17: USAF Thunderbirds

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Folder #1: Antilles air command magazine thunderhead

Folder #2: USAF continental air command

Folder #3: USAF military airlift command (MAC)

Folder #4: A.F., SGTS. , ASSN

Folder #5: USAF system command

Folder #6: Air force systems command (AFSC)

Folder #7: USAF tactical air command

Folder #8: Troop carrier command

Folder #9: USAF Fair defense command

Folder #10: USAF air materiel command

Folder #11: USAF air research and development CMD

Folder #12: Air service command

Folder #13: USAF air transport command

Folder #14: USAF military air transport service

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