Eighth Air Force Strategic & Tactical Collection SDASM.SC.0054

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Title: Eighth Air Force Strategic and Tactical Collection

Identifier/Call Number: SDASM.SC.0054

Contributing Institution: San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 0.3 Cubic feetOne photo album in one box

Date (inclusive): 1941-1945

Abstract: The Eighth Air Force was formed in 1942 and specialized in daylight precision bombing. The collection consists of a photographic book containing a narrative, ranging from the years 1943 to 1945.

Conditions Governing Access note
The collection is open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note
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Preferred Citation note
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Immediate Source of Acquisition note
The materials in this Collection were donated to the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

Biographical/Historical note
The Eighth Air Force was formed in 1942 and specialized in daylight precision bombing. The collection consists of a photographic book containing a narrative, ranging from the years 1943 to 1945. In the collection it is attributed that without the Eighth Air Force’s methodical destruction of the railroad tracks around France, there was a chance that D-Day could have been stalled or even repelled and that Operation Overload would have completely failed. The Eighth Air Force consisted of several models of planes, but the core aircraft involved in the campaign were the B-17, B-24, P-51, and Spitfire.

Scope and Contents note
There is only one item in this collection. It is a photographic album containing a narrative with photographs ranging from the years 1943 to 1945.

Related Archival Materials note
Consolidated/Convair Collection - HD 9711 .963 .G4527 SCA QM – specifically B-24
http://www.flickr.com/photos/sdasmarchives/sets/72157633464624402/

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Eaker, Ira, 1896-1987
United States. Army Air Forces.
Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress Family
Consolidated B-24 Liberator Family
North American P-51 Mustang Family
World War, 1939-1945

Box 01
Photographic album

Physical Description: . 191 pages of photographs of the Eighth Strategic Air Force’s campaign during WWII with supporting captions and narrative, c.1942-1945.