The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Frank Burgess Personal Papers

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Title: The Frank Burgess Personal Papers
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Contributing Institution: San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.25 Cubic feetThere are three boxes holding eight log books, with dimensions 9 ¾ x 6 ½ x 1 ½ inches. There is a small logbook box holding personal content with dimensions 9 ¾ x 6 ½ x 1 ½ inches.
Date (inclusive): 1917-2007
Abstract: Frank Raymond Burgess has a long history with the Consolidated Patrol Bomber PBY-5A and served in the US Navy for several years.
Conditions Governing Access note
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Scope and Contents note
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Biographical/Historical note
Frank Raymond Burgess was born on August 14, 1917.
Mr. Burgess has a long history with the Consolidated Patrol Bomber PBY-5A. He finished his flight training at NAS Pensacola, FL, and received his wings on May 29, 1942. During flight school, he learned how to fly the P2Y-2, P2Y-3, and PBY-2. After graduation, he was supposed to join the Patrol Bombing Squadron Eighty Three, but they had already departed for war. Thus, Mr. Burgess was placed on the USS Nitro, an ammunition ship from WWI, with the remainder of the Eighty Third squadron, and rejoined with the rest of his squadron in Natal, Brazil in August, 1942.
Mr. Burgess’ squadron was in charge of patrolling convoys there were going to Europe and Africa via the Southern Route, i.e. from the Panama Canal, through the Caribbean, around the northern tip of South America, and then across the Atlantic to either the Mediterranean or the African Coast.
Frank Burgess retired from the Navy at the rank of Chief Naval Aviation Pilot. He passed away on January 16, 2007.
Related Archival Materials note
Ed Morrow Personal Papers Spirit of St. Louis PBY Collection
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Burgess, Frank Raymond, 1917-2007
Consolidated PBY-5 Catalina
Naval Aviation
Patrol Squadron 83 (VP-83)

Series I: Documents
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Physical Description: 1. Armed Forces of United States Identification Card for Francis R. Burgess. 2. Letter from Frank Burgess to Mrs. F. R. Burgess, September 27, 1943. 3. Honolulu documents - Twenty receipts from Flying K-T Service Commercial Aeronautics from July 4, 1941; A receipt from C.W. Trexler to Burgess for a Pilot’s Exam; Two pieces of paper with a list of minutes (?); a Student Pilot Certificate for Commercial flying, issued June 28, 1941; and a newspaper clip mentioning Frank Burgess becoming a solo pilot. 4. Department of the Navy, Bureau of Navigation – Continuous Service Certificate, October, 1938 – October, 1958. 5. Diary from June 19, 1942 to September 22, 1942. Included in the diary is a note that says to deliver the diary to Mrs. F. R. Burgess in case of death, a postcard for Mrs. F. R. Burgess (June 29, 1942), stamp from Brazil (July 1, 1942), newspaper clip regarding the birth of Francis Raymond Burgess Jr. (August 11, 1942), and a receipt for a payment order (August 20, 1942).

Series II: Log Books

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Physical Description: 1. LB 289 B Aviators Flight Log Book #2 (brown), October, 1941 - September, 1945. This logbook contains additional documents including an optional items list of outfit of flight clothing, a condensed instructions for the Naval Aircraft Flight Classification System, a newspaper article that mentions Lt. General Geiger, four photographs, four clearance provisions cards, a yellow piece of paper with code, a folded general information sheet, two folded invoices for flight clothing, and three folded Patrol Squadron Twenty-Eight memos from December, 1950, to May, 1951. 2. LB 289 C Aviators Flight Log Book #3 (brown), October, 1945 – June, 1950. This logbook contains additional documents including an optional items list of outfit of flight clothing, and a condensed instructions for the Naval Aircraft Flight Classification System.

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Physical Description: 1. LB 289 D Aviators Flight Log Book #4 (brown), July, 1950 - September, 1955. This logbook contains additional documents including a list of the total time in aircraft as of February 24, 1955, an instrument clearance card, an accident and flying regulation violation report, an November 19, 1955 newspaper article titled “Fast Stork Catches ‘Copter,” and three invoices for clothing. 2. LB 289 E Aviators Flight Log Book #5 (black), October, 1955 - October, 1958. This logbook contains additional documents including a Helicopter Training Unit One certificate, a newspaper article about Nautilus, the first nuclear sub (May 29, 1985), a newspaper article titled “Navy’s oldest helicopter squadron now history” (April 30, 1994), a set of instructions on a slip of paper, a condensed instructions for the Naval Aircraft Flight Classification System, a COMAIRPAC survival checkout card, two pilot reports of individual flying time, an invoice for clothing, a survey request, report, and expenditure form, and three form 3760-4 individual flying time reports.

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Physical Description: 1. LB 289 A Pilot Log #1 (black), September, 1940 – May, 1942. This logbook contains no additional documents. 2. LB 289 F The Standard Pilot Logbook #6 (black), January, 1968 - November, 1972. This logbook contains additional documents including a portrait of Frank Burgess, two North Island, Navy Flying Club cards, and a list of minutes flown in different types of aircraft up to June 30, 1958. 3. LB 289 G The Standard Pilot Logbook #7 (black), November, 1972 – March, 1978. This logbook contains additional documents including a medical certificate for flying, a newspaper picture with a caption about Burgess and the restoration of a 1918 Curtiss Model JN 4-D engine, a newspaper article titled “La Mesan Observes 65th Anniversary of his First Powered Flight,” a Bales Welding Supply & Rental business card, and a Puckett’s Food Stores Inc. Brothers Feed Lots business card. 4. LB 289 H The Standard Pilot Logbook #8 (black), March, 1978 – July, 2000. This logbook contains an additional document - a passenger manifest of a Bushmaster 2000,