The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Gordon Permann Personal Papers
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Physical Description: 3 Cubic Feet

The collection contains photographs, negatives, documents, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, maps, patches, postcards, and stickers. Binder titles and description notes were created by the owner. Ten archival boxes containing 53 binders and 49 file folders of about 10,000 aviation-related photographs and miscellaneous material.

Date (bulk): bulk

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Biographical / Historical

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open to research. Some restrictions apply.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Naval Aviation
Northrop Aircraft, Inc
Northrop Grumman Corporation
Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress Family
Consairways
Consolidated Aircraft
Consolidated B-24 Liberator Family
Permann, Gordon

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Box 1
**Binder 1 - Jets B-1 to F-117**


**Binder 2 - Vintage Army and Navy Photos**

Physical Description: 166 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: three permits, one coupon, several brochures, program, letters, booklets, one v-mail envelope, and two dispatch letters.

**Binder 3 - Springer**

Physical Description: 48 photographs, not including duplicates, a few negative strips. Miscellaneous material: three pages of personal history, two honorable discharge certificates, two pages standard statement of service, one certificate for sailing in the Far East, one shellback certificate, one speed letter air mail, one notice of separation from US Naval Service, one record of discharge/release from active duty/death, one list of medals/awards info, one form shipping articles, two ID cards, one currency, one photocopied drawing, one certificate JTF 8, seven papers from Defense Nuclear Agency, several veteran related letters and laws --- Castaway Photos from an Interesting Life / Chief Photographer's Mate / Stephen Joseph (Steve) Springer.

**Binder 4 - Bomber Target Lists**

Physical Description: No Photographs. Miscellaneous material: one bomb toe-tag, four-page list of bombing targets that were hit, one-page handwritten list of bombing targets, 18-page notes of bombing targets from June 13, 1944 to October 19, 1944 by Walter L. Strait, 1st Lieutenant 8th Air Force 91st Bomb Group 324th Bomb Squadron, 36-page notes of bombing targets from November 9, 1944 to April 7, 1945 by Lt. James A. Hynes 0-713755 8th Air Force, 3rd division, 96th bomb group, 413th squadron, three-page description of the crewmembers in the 815th Squadron of the 483rd Bombardment Group.

**Binder 5 - AW2 Permann**

Physical Description: No Photographs. Miscellaneous material: SOVIET UNION INFORMATION including sheets, pamphlet, tables/charts, descriptions of Soviet Armed Forces, Navy, etc. descriptions, “Understanding Soviet Naval Developments,” Department of Navy 4th ed. (140 pages), one unknown book on Soviet aircraft, uniforms, organizations, etc. (226 pages).

**Binder 6 - BDA & RECCE**

Physical Description: 176 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: color map of southeast China (DC-130 departs Bien Hoa, completes remotes - Danang/Goes to Laos Launch - Xiangkhoang).

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**Binder 7 - Airliners**

Physical Description: 419 photographs, not including duplicates, and a few strips of film; Miscellaneous material: one Douglas Model DC-3 parts chart, one Lockheed Model 12 parts chart, one advertisement, one summary, one manufacturers aircraft association plate (metal), one souvenir aircraft logbook, one Waco Model UPF-7 parts chart, one aircraft drawing (photograph?).
Binder 8 - Rotors
Physical Description: 227 photographs, not including duplicates, a square negative; Miscellaneous material: Sophio - Giro booklet, one newspaper clip, one drawing (photograph?), a few postcards, and a booklet of Lockheed Rigid Rotor.

Binder 9 - Soviet Space
Physical Description: 15 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: USSR Envelopes, USSR postcards, news clip on Yuri Gagarin, space race, Russian newspaper, and concept art/chart.

Binder 10 - Atlas Boosters for Project
Physical Description: 54 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: one square negative, one negative view-master reel.

Binder 11 - Vertical Flight
Physical Description: 276 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: one certificate, a few magazine cutouts, a newspaper clipping, SH-2F LAMPS MK I Helo booklet, CH-3E characteristics booklet, SH-3H fact sheet -- Vertica / Helicopter photographs. Permann took many of the photographs, specifically those of the H-2, H-3, H-53, H-46, and most of the H-60, during his career as a Navy Search and Rescue Swimmer.

Binder 12 - Airshows
Physical Description: 314 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: NAS Miramar airshow cloth, a few newspaper clippings, one issue of "Oceana Jet Observer," 20th anniversary. F-11F envelope, Blue Angels signed poster, Blue Angels playing card, Blue Angels foldout, peace on earth card and poster; Christmas card with pilot signatures, drawings --- Permann wrote in 2002, "America's premier flight demonstration teams - The "Blue Angels" and the "Thunderbirds" were a huge influence on me as a child. I watched them for decades - the thundering shows featuring the mighty F-4 Phantoms or the whispery wail of A-4 Skyhawks, were enough to keep my head turned skyward dreaming."

Box 3

Binder 13 - WWII US Fighters
Physical Description: 344 photographs, not including duplicates, several negative strips and single-negative pictures; Miscellaneous material: fundamentals of air fighting booklet, 347th fighter squadron sticker, comic drawing, confidential field service report USS Midway, magazine pages, newspaper clippings, "All Hands" article, --- F-2A, P-38, P-39, P-40, F44, F6F, P-47, P-51.

Binder 14 - UAV / DRONES

Binder 15 - No Title (Green Binder)
Physical Description: Early jet fighters/bombers? - ~ 179 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: magazine strip, newspaper clipping, the shooting star story Lockheed's P80 magazine, and a few aircraft design art.

Binder 16 - Other People's Stuff
Binder 17 - No Title (female aviators?)
Physical Description: 78 photographs, not including duplicates, and several negative photos. Miscellaneous material: two Bobbi Trout envelopes, and stamps.

Binder 18 - No Title (German pilots)
Physical Description: 15 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: German items (magazine photograph, card?) -- Major Hermann, Welter, Adolf Glunz, Jorg, Neppach.

Binder 19 - No Title
Physical Description: ~ 73 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: newspaper photograph -- Jules Verne, Torture of Berlin, Main Force, Wilde San, Görings visit, Walter Dahl, JG 300 10 Staffel.

Binder 20 - No Title
Physical Description: 120 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: German and Japanese postcards, a German comic, a German magazine photo/caption -- Early Allied NF Defiant, Townsend, Early Allied NF Boston, Early Allied NF - Boston Havoc Turbinlite, Early Allied NF Beaufighter, Early LW NF Falck etc. Converted Day(?) BF 110, False LW NF HE 10, False LW NF FW 187. Also Ran Arado 240, Converted Bombers Dorniers(?), Converted Bombers JN 88, HE 219. A1, Gadgets, Schrägemuzik, Zero NF (print), Zero NF and Japanese S.M., Missed ID's, Fireball.

Binder 21 - Missiles - ~ 135 photos and one map, White Sands Proving Grounds.
Binder 22 - Shuttles - ~ 57 photographs, newspaper articles, postcards, and visitor guide.
Binder 23 - STS Crews - ~ 66 photographs.
Binder 24 - Apollo 16 - ~ 22 photographs.
Binder 25 - Nightfighters - ~ 99 photographs, two slides, some personal letters to Gordon Permann, and signed photographs.
Binder 26 - Ruskies - ~ 80 photographs.
Binder 27 - Airmen - ~ 67 photographs.
Binder 28 - Pre-WWII Germany & German Seaplanes - ~ 51 photographs.

Binder 30 - Luftwaffe Photos Prop Aircraft 1938-45 - ~ 42 photographs.
Binder 31 - WWII US Bombers - ~ 323 photographs.
Binder 32 - Warships of the 20th Century - ~ 225 photographs.
Binder 33 - Nazis - ~ 71 photographs, newspaper articles, ephemera.
Binder 34 - Messerschmitt ME-262 - ~ 43 photographs, 3-way and cut-away drawings, letters, magazine and newspaper articles.

Binder 35 - No Title (Messerschmitt ME-262) - ~ 38 photos, includes "roll out" of ME-262 at Chino's Planes of Fame air museum on 10/2/1999, and restoration of ME-262B-1a, a trainer.
Binder 36 - Prop Jobs - ~ 502 photographs, mostly taken by Permann at air shows and museums.
Binder 37 - B-25 - ~ 243 photographs, and a few negatives. Some SDASM duplicates.
Binder 38 - Barnstormers - ~ 141 photos in binder, many are vintage.
Binder 39 - Stuff/Things - ~ 32 photographs, seven slides, five negatives (three 8x10s and three 4x5s), numerous charts and graphs.
Binder 40 - Space Patches - No photographs, all patches. ~ 95 Patches including General Dynamics, Apollo, Mercury, Skylab, Space Shuttles, Astronauts, NASA, etc., and a few stickers in the back cover, and a 50th anniversary Sigma 7 Flight card.


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Binder 42 - No Title (Messerschmitt ME-262) - ~ 38 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: German forms, German equipment design, ME-262 interior drawing, ME-262 complete model graph, -- KDO Welter.

Binder 43 - No Title (WW1/WW2) - ~ 178 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: several postcards, newspaper clipping --- cow, Hampdens, Wellington, RAF Airmen Captured, Germany under the bombs, Switch to night - flares, Kammhuber(?), EW, searchlights/flak maidens, RHH, searchlights, Togo(?) lightship, C3(?), flak crews, light flak, heavy flak, decoys, and barrage balloons.

Binder 44 - No Title (German WW2) - ~ 121 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: map of German airfield, --- Gotterdammerung, German harbor, Postwar P-59, Postwar, acknowledgements.

Binder 45 - No Title (WW2 Fighters/Bombers, V1 and V2 rockets) - ~ 87 photographs, not including duplicates. Miscellaneous material: a "Secrets of the Flying Bomb Revealed," guided missile drawing --- TA 154, P61.

Binder 46 - No Title (red binder with space stamps on front) - Child's collection. Star Wars, Star Trek, and other memorabilia. 50 Soviet Bloc (?) space related stamps and a postcard.

Binder 47 - NASA (Stickers) - ~ 50 personal photos, assorted NASA news clippings and publications. Stamps.

Binder 48 - Apollo - ~ 100 NASA photos from both the Earth and the Moon, many autographs. Miscellaneous NASA letters and publications, and collectibles.

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Binder 49 - X-Planes & Other Modern Aircraft - ~ 75 photos, mostly old. Various publications, letters, and diagrams.

Binder 50 - VTOL - 100+ photos of Vertijet, Pogo, and other craft, including negatives.

Binder 51 - Cold War Scrapbook/CCCP Crap - 20 photos, various publications.

Binder 52 - Red Navy - ~ 100 photos of ships, a few newspaper clippings.

Binder 53 - AV-WEPS - 18 photos, mostly of aircraft guns.

Box 9

Folder 1 - VII - Six WWII black and white prints in three sleeves.

Folder 2 - Apollo, Soyuz, Skylab - "Apollo 13 Lunar Exploration" booklet.

Folder 3 - BIV - Fifteen sleeves of WWII black and white prints.

Folder 4 - BIX/PRIIX - Seven sleeves of WWII prints, mostly black and white.

Folder 5 - BIVI - Twenty-seven sleeves of WWII prints, some with text.

Folder 6 - BXX - Eight WWII black and white prints in two sleeves.

Folder 7 - B.25 - Three WWII prints in two sleeves.

Folder 8 - B35.T35 - Eleven sleeves of WWII black and white prints.

Folder 9 - FIII/NFIII - Twelve sleeves of WWII black and white prints.

Folder 10 - FBVI - Twelve unsleeved WWII black and white prints/collections, twenty-five sleeves of prints, some with text.

Folder 11 - FBXVIII - Five sleeves of WWII black and white prints, some with text.

Folder 12 - FB22 - One sleeved WWII black and white print.

Folder 13 - FB26 - Five WWII black and white prints in three sleeves.

Folder 14 - FB40 - Two sleeves of WWII black and white prints, three unsleeved prints.

Folder 15 - FB43 - Two WWII black and white prints in one sleeve.
Folder 17 - Mercury-Gemini near Earth - Twenty-four assorted Gemini prints, three Mercury launch prints, ~19 4x5 negatives.
Folder 18 - MK.27 - One sleeved WWII black and white print.
Folder 20 - Mosquito Airmen - Twenty-five sleeves of assorted Mosquito material, twenty-two unsleeved photos etc. of airmen.
Folder 21 - Mosquito BDA & CONST. - Dozens of prints of bombing materials, some with text.
Folder 22 - Mosquito Civ & Postwar - Dozens of prints of post-war Mosquitos, mostly black and white.
Folder 23 - Mosquito Photos B-T-PR TT-SM - Ten sleeved prints, nine unsleeved prints
Folder 24 - Mosquito Unidentified - Dozens of prints in various sizes, includes Christmas and post cards.
Folder 25 - Mosquitoes - Six magazine cutouts, Mosquito.
Folder 26 - Mosquito Photos FN-NF - Thirteen small black and white prints.

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Folder 27 - NXII - Twelve WWII black and white prints.
Folder 28 - NFXV - Five WWII black and white prints.
Folder 29 - NFXIX - Four WWII black and white prints, with text.
Folder 30 - NF30 - Nineteen WWII black and white prints, including Nazis.
Folder 31 - NF36 - Thirty-four WWII black and white prints, various sizes.
Folder 32 - NF38 - Four WWII black and white prints, various sizes.
Folder 33 - Other People's Stuff - Prints of various sizes and subjects.
Folder 34 - Post WWII US Bombers - Two dozen+ prints, two negatives, various sizes.
Folder 35 - Post WWII US Fighters - Two-three dozen prints, various sizes, some with text.
Folder 36 - Post WWII USN - Dozens of prints, various sizes, some with text, and many in color.
Folder 37 - PRI - Twenty black and white Mosquito prints, some with text.
Folder 38 - PR34 - Seven Mosquito prints, various sizes.
Folder 39 - P31 - Two small Mosquito prints.
Folder 40 - RAF, RCAF, RAAF, RNZAF - Dozens of prints, various sizes, some with text, many in color.
Folder 41 - SM MK33 - Seventeen black and white prints, various sizes.
Folder 42 - SM MK37 - Six black and white prints, various sizes.
Folder 43 - The Space - Five publicly available NASA images.
Folder 44 - Space/NASA Ephemera - Missile identification booklet.
Folder 45 - T.III - Dozens of black and white prints.
Folder 46 - T29 - Five black and white prints, various sizes.
Folder 47 - TT39 - Nine black and white prints, various sizes.
Folder 48 - Unmanned Rockets and Missiles - Three 4x5 negatives, two black and white prints, one NASA print of Saturn's rings.
Folder 49 - X-Planes, Flying Wing Studies subfolder - Assorted papers, prints, and 4x5 negative.