
The Descriptive Finding Guide for Leonard S. Reinhart Personal Papers SDASM.SC.10217

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Biographical / Historical

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open to research, some restriction apply.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to the Museum.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Amarillo Army Air Field

Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress Family

Reinhart, Leonard

Series I: Documents

Folder 1 -- U.S. Army Air Forces Training Material

Physical Description: 1. Visual Inspection Systems for Airplanes, September 20, 1942. 2. Flight Reports. 3. Maintenance Inspection Record, Air Corps Form 41-B, January 1, 1942, Tentative (2 copies). 4. Miscellaneous B-17 Training Material

Folder 2 -- B-17 Training Material

Physical Description: 1. Aircraft Propellers, Crew Chief Instructions First Day, March 17, 1943. 2. Precautions for Riggers. 3. Preflight and Daily Inspections Form. 4. Miscellaneous B-17 Training Documents and Plans.

Folder 3 -- B-17 Hydraulics

Physical Description: 1. Handwritten training notes. 2. Descriptive Material 3. B-17 blueprints.

Folder 4 - Amarillo Field Stationery

Folder 5 - Manuals

Physical Description: 1. "Soldier's Handbook," Basic Field Manual, War Department, #FM 21-100, July 23, 1941. 2. "Silhouette Handbook of United States Army Air Forces Airplanes," September 1942. 3. "Exercises on Maintenance and Inspection Forms," Army Air Forces Technical School, #M-AB-C-2, April 8, 1943.

Folder 6 - Airplane Mechanics School

Physical Description: Exercises, study guides, handwritten notes for Amarillo Army Air Field, 1943.