The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Vernon K. Neufeld Personal Papers
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Abstract: Vernon K. Neufeld was born on August 30, 1922 in Reedley County, Fresno California. Vernon was married to Marjorie Catlin and had two children. He served in the 8th Air Force in World War Two and became a POW.

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Biographical / Historical
Vernon K. Neufeld was born on August 30, 1922 in Reedley County, Fresno California. Vernon was married to Marjorie Catlin and had two children. He joined the armed forces for World War II on March 19, 1943 as an Aviation Cadet. On December 24, 1943, Vernon transferred into the Air Force to be sent overseas to Europe to assist in fighting Germany. He was deployed May 1, 1944. Once in Europe, Vernon started gaining popularity as he was noticed for being able to shoot down multiple German airplanes. August 6, 1944 Vernon received his first 2 Oak Leaf Cluster as well receiving the Air Medal the previous month. The day of August 24, 1944 Vernon became a prisoner of war. He was missing in action until located on September 28, 1944. During his stay as a Prisoner of War he was tended to his injuries when his plane crashed. He suffered a broken Pelvis and Fract injuries to his head. Vernon received a Purple Heart medal the following year. Vernon was honorably discharged July 1, 1949 – June 30, 1951 as he was in Air Force Reserve. Vernon died in San Mateo, California at the age of 67.

Scope and Contents
This collection contains personal correspondences during his time in the service. Also includes awards and files from when he was overseas fighting Germany.

Related Materials
8th Air Force Subject Files.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
World War, 1939-1945
United States. Army Air Forces.
Prisoner of War
United States. Air Force. Air Force, 8th
Neufeld, Vernon K.

Box 01
Folder 01- Physical Examinations
Physical Description: 5 Documents based on Vernon K. Neufeld general health

Folder 02- Aviation Cadet 1943
Folder 03- Navigation April 1944-July 1944
Physical Description: 1. 8 Documents while Vernon was overseas in Germany as a navigation guide. (All in order by date)
Folder 04- Prisoner of War Era - Summer 1944
   Physical Description: 5 Documents based on when Vernon was a prisoner of war during summer of 1944.

Folder 05- Awards
   Physical Description: 1. 9 Documents on awards received while in the service; Including a Purple Heart.

Folder 06- Prisoners of War Bulletin

Folder 07- Shipping Tickets
Folder 08- Post POW & Claims
   Physical Description: 9 Documents on the journey after POW camp and claims against it.

Folder 09- Veteran Administration
Folder 10- Wife Correspondences
Folder 11- Personal Affairs Statements
Folder 12- Misc. Rosters
Folder 13- Hamilton Field
   Physical Description: 16 Documents on Hamilton Field while Vernon was in the Air Force Reserve.

Folder 14- Post Reserve
   Physical Description: Folder on Vernon after he was in the Air Force Reserve.

Folder 15- Air Force Extension Course 1947- Test Scores
Folder 16- Personal Identification, Medical Data
Folder 17- Statements from Promotion & Retirement