The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Patrol Squadron Thirteen Special Collection SDASM.SC.10151

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Abstract: The VP-13 was a Tactical Training Squadron featuring aircraft such as the Consolidated PB2Y (various models). Of particular importance in this collection is the XPB2Y-1 Coronado known as “Blue Goose.” Originally designed as a patrol bomber, PB2Ys were eventually used as transport and hospital craft due to their large capacity and comparatively spacious fuselage.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition
The materials in this Collection were donated to the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

Biographical / Historical
The XPB2Y-1 made its first flight on December 17, 1937. Responding to direction instability issues, the tail was redesigned several times before flying out to NAS Anacostia on October 27, 1938. The XPB2Y-1 prototype was eventually nicknamed the Blue Goose and is of particular relevance to this collection. It flew for two years in the Pacific, mainly between Hawaii and the US, carrying various notable passengers, including Admiral Chester Nimitz. In August 1945, the Blue Goose was flown to NAS North Island, San Diego, and scrapped.

First flown on November 22, 1940, deliveries of PB2Y-2s began on December 31 to VP-13 for experimental purposes. The last PB2Y-2 was delivered as the XPB2Y-3 in December 1941. VP-13 was established as Patrol Bombing Squadron THIRTEEN (VPB-13) on July 1, 1944. It was disestablished on December 1, 1945.

Scope and Contents
This collection is composed of one box measuring 15" x 2.5" x 10" inches. It contains one Deck Log, Visitors Log, photocopies, and typed copies of previous guest lists and logs for the XPB2Y-1. The aircraft designations in the Box Listing are written as the original source in the collection.

Related Materials
Consolidated, PB2Y, Coronado Photos. Catalog numbers: 01_00009126 to 01_00009378
https://www.flickr.com/photos/sdasmarchives/albums/72157640983230805

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Consolidated PB2Y "Blue Goose"
North Island Naval Air Station
Consolidated PB2Y Coronado
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Box 01
Folder 01 - Guest Log

Physical Description: 1. Guest log for 13-P-3 PB2Y-2, 13-P-14 “Blue Goose,” from June 5, 1942 to April 21, 1945, listing flight dates, passengers and crew. Inside cover has taped newspaper article about death of Captain E. A. M. Gengreau, Pacific Fleet surgeon, and a newsprint photo of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, Artemus L. Gates with Admiral C.W. Nimitz.

Folder 02 - Deck Log

Physical Description: 1. VP-13 Deck Log - Flight, passenger, and crew log from December 22, 1941 April 21, 1945, and related records to May 1945.

Folder 03 - Paper Records

Physical Description: 1. Memo on Flag Coronado Crew (Bureau Number 7215) April 18, 1945. 2. Elite Guest Book, XPB-2Y1, from July (26?) 1941 to May 1, 1942, passenger log. 3. “Copy of Portion of Log of John A. Ferguson, Recorded Flight on XPB2Y-1 August 1939 thru May, 1942.