Stockton Air Field Collection Of Mary Salm

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Descriptive Summary
Title: stockton air field collection of Mary Salm
Dates: 1943-2001
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Collection number: MSS 324
Collector: Salm, Mary
Collection Size: .5 linear feet
Repository: University of the Pacific Library, Holt-Atherton Dept. of Special Collections
Stockton, California 95211
Abstract: The collection consists of various pictures and documents from the Stockton Air Field between 1943 and 1944.
Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
Access
Collection open for research.

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Biography / Administrative History
Stockton Air Field began as a garrison for the 68th Air Base group in 1940, and served as a training installation within the Air Force West Coast Training Center, a collection of eleven western states air-cadet training facilities, until 1945. In 1945 the site became a logistical hub for the Air Force, causing increased air traffic for the area. In 1946, the government released the Air Field to the City of Stockton, who converted the area into the Stockton Municipal Airport. The field was renamed the Stockton Metropolitan Airport in 1964. Mary Salm served with the Women's Army Corps (WAC) from 1943 to 1945 at the Air Force Advanced Flying School Stockton Field. She discharged with the rank Sergeant in 1945.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of various pictures and documents from the Stockton Air Field between 1943 and 1944. The documents are useful in describing life at the Air Field and as a member of the Woman's Army Corp during WWII. The collection also includes a microfilm selection of the Salm Papers at the Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Stockton Metropolitan Airport
1.1: Biographical Information

“Duty, We’re in it Heart and Soul, Victory, is Our Only Goal” Autobiography of Sgt. Mary Margaret Salm (Schisler), 1993
John Leahy: Graduation invitation 1943
Frieda Hardin: Obituary
“Addendum” list of selected Air Field articles from the Stockton Record 1943-45
Thanksgiving Dinner Menu, 1944

1.2: Letters

John Leahy to Exie McCarry - May 10, 1943
Audie S. Mury to Serry - March 26, 1942
Audie S. Mury to Serry - April 13, 1942

1.3: Photographs


1.4: Yearbooks

Stockton Air Field - Yearbook, circa 1943, cadets
Wings - 43 H - Yearbook 1943

1.5: Pillow cover

“United States Army Air Forces Stockton Field”

1.6: Mary Salm Microfilm; Mary Salm Papers #4257 From Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill

Camera Trip Through Stockton Airfield
The Twin Prop - Stockton Field Newsletter Sept 10, 1943 to Sept 9, 1944 Photo album - 73 pages
“Restricted Papers” 7-30-1943 to 2-12-1944