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General Ira Eaker Photographs

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Colonel George Kraigher was a Serbian World War I pilot. Between the two world wars, Kraigher worked for Fairchild and then became a command pilot for the Western division of Pan American where he invented a motor synchronizer. During World War II, Kraigher was selected by Lt. General Ira Eaker, 15th Air Force, to handle many of the complex relations with Yugoslavia, including the Air Crew Rescue Units. After the war, Kraigher became the head of Aramco's airline in Arabia.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of thirteen photographs of Colonel George Kraigher and Lt. General Ira Eaker during World War II, mostly at the Fifteenth Air Force Headquarters in Bari, Italy. Other personalities

included in the images: Lt. Col. H. Malcolm Baldrige; Brigadier Fitzroy MacLean; Marshal Tito; and Brigadier General William I. Hall. Also included in the photography are images of Kraigher receiving the Order of the Partisan Star, First Class, at the House of the National Assembly building in Serbia in 1945. Two of the photographs show Colonel Kraigher in his Douglas C-47 A Skytrain.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Douglas C-47 Skytrain Family
Fifteenth Air Force
World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations

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Photographs

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Eaker, Ira Clarence (General)
Kraigher, George (Col)

Geographic Names:

Serbia