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Lieutenant Ahmed A. "Sammy" Rayner Negatives Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Lieutenant Ahmed A. "Sammy" Rayner Negatives Collection
Date:	1944-1945
Identifier:	NASM.1993.0074
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (Legal Folder (creased at 2nd score))
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of forty 4 by 5 inch b/w copy negatives relating to the 477th Bombardment Group training activities in the United States, May 1944 to January 1945.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Lieutenant Ahmed A. "Sammy" Rayner Negatives Collection

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Joseph Hardy?, Gift, 1982, NASM.1993.0074

Related Materials

This material was found inside of the *Black Wings* Exhibit and Book Collectio, NASM.1993.0060 in 2021 when that collection was being processed and put online via SOVA by Melissa Keiser.

Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Patti Williams, 2021.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Ahmed A. "Sammy" Rayner, Jr. (died 1990) was a decorated USAF bomber pilot and original Tuskegee Airman, assigned to the 616th Bombardment Squadron. Rayner was from an African-American

family of Chicago funeral directors, A. A. Rayner & Sons Funeral Home (noted for providing funeral services for Emmett Till), and later served as a Chicago alderman for the 6th Ward.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of forty 4 by 5 inch b/w copy negatives that appear to have been copied from US Army Air Forces (USAAF) photographs in a (or removed from a) scrapbook; most clearly show USAAF unit photographer markings at the lower edge. All images relate to the 477th Bombardment Group training activities in the United States, May 1944 to January 1945.

Arrangement

None

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Tuskegee Airmen
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations
- World War, 1939-1945 -- African Americans

Names:

Rayner, Ahmed A. "Sammy", Jr.