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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Tinian Color Slides
Date:	1945
Identifier:	NASM.1996.0014
Creator:	Staley, George E.
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	During World War II, George E. Staley worked for Bendix as a technical representative for their fuel injection system which was used in Boeing B-29 Superfortresses. In 1945 Staley was sent to Tinian for seven months, during which time the <i>Enola Gay</i> made her historic flight. This collection consists of the 22 color slides taken by Staley during his stay in Tinian. The images are of Tinian and units stationed there, including aircraft of the 509th Composite Group, the 6th Bomb Group, and the 504th Bomb Group.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Tinian Color Slides

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

George E. Staley, Gift, 1996, NASM.1996.0014

Processing Information

Arranged and described by Patricia Williams, 1996. Encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2022.

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Biographical / Historical

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Airplanes
- Airplanes -- Motors
- Airplanes, Military -- Decoration
- Boeing B-29 Superfortress
- World War, 1939-1945
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns -- Pacific Ocean

Types of Materials:

- Color slides

Names:

- Bendix Aviation Corp
- Staley, George E.
- Tibbets, Paul
- Tinian Island Airbase
- United States. Army Air Forces. 509th Composite Group