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## 31st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron (Smith) Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	31st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron (Smith) Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1943-1945
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1999.0018
<b>Creator:</b>	Smith, James
<b>Extent:</b>	0.29 Cubic feet ((1 flatbox))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Earl F. Miller, gift, 1999, 1999-0018, NASM

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

The Thirty First Photo Reconnaissance Squadron was activated in August of 1943 and deactivated in November 1945. The Squadron's campaigns included the following: Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; and Central Europe. The Squadron won a Distinguished Unit Citation in 1944. James Smith was an enlisted man for this unit.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection includes the following material gathered by James Smith: photo album containing Smith's handwritten diary, photographs, postcards, currency, and maps; a printed copy of Smith's diary; a song, "Ballad of Thirty First;" and the booklet "The Story of the Thirty First Photo Reconnaissance Squadron."

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## General

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Aerial photography
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- World War, 1939-1945

### Types of Materials:

- Publications
- Scrapbooks

### Names:

- Smith, James
- United States. Army Air Forces. 31st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron