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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Fifth Air Force Color Slides [Leon D. Brown]
Date:	1944-1945
Identifier:	NASM.2002.0029
Creator:	Brown, Leon D. "Bink"
Extent:	0.55 Cubic feet ((1 folder, 1 VHS tape))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Leon Brown, Gift, 2002

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Biographical / Historical

Leon D. "Bink" Brown spent 35 years as an aeronautical engineer working on various projects, including the Consolidated B-24 Liberator and the Atlas missile project with General Dynamics. He spent the last 18 months of World War II as a Technical Representative for Consolidated on the B-24, training pilots throughout the Pacific Theater on mockup systems. During those 18 months he spent time in the Philippines and Australia and was in Okinawa during the Japanese surrender.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 79 color slides taken during Leon Brown's time in the Pacific Theater in World War II. In addition to the slides there are also four color prints and a videotape. The videotape is a home recording of the slides being projected, with Brown narrating in the background. After the slide portion of videotape is a recording of a lunch discussion among Brown, his wife, World War II test engineer Lindy Levine and an unidentified individual. The slide images consist of photographs of and taken by Brown and

include various subjects including the B-32 Dominator and B-24 Liberator, and captured Japanese aircraft such as the Mitsubishi J2M Raiden. Also included are images of the 90th Bomb Group the "Jolly Rogers," and the 43rd Bomb Group B-24 Liberators "The Dragon and His Tail" and "It Ain't So Funny." Photographs were taken in Australia, Ie Shima during the Japanese surrender, New Guinea, and Subic Bay and Clark Field in the Philippines.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Consolidated B-24 Family
- Consolidated B-32 Terminator, Dominator
- Mitsubishi J2M Raiden "Jack"
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Pacific Ocean

Types of Materials:

- Photographs
- Slides (photographs)
- VHS (videotape format)

Names:

- Levine, Lindy
- United States. Army Air Forces. Bomb Group, 43rd
- United States. Army Air Forces. Bomb Group, 90th

Places:

- Clark Field (Philippines)
- Ie Shima (Japan)
- Subic Bay (Philippines)