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## Yamada Diary Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Yamada Diary Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1943-1944
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2003.0063
<b>Extent:</b>	0.19 Cubic feet ((1 box))
<b>Language:</b>	Japanese .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of a Japanese World War II diary (1943-1944); two small pocket calendars/notebooks; a small black and white photograph showing mountainous scenery; and a post card.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Mike Detweiler, Gift, 2003

### Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2018.

### Preferred Citation

Yamada Diary Collection, NASM.2003.0063, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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No restrictions on access.

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## Biographical / Historical

At the end of World War II, an unknown United States Marine brought home several Japanese-language items. These items were subsequently sold and the purchaser's son later donated them to the National Air and Space Museum. In 2003 and 2004, Museum volunteers, Mr. Koji Hayama and Mr. Tom Momiyama, translated parts of the material and they believe that they were created by a Mr. Yamada, who was probably part of an aircraft ground crew with occasional flight duties, and served in Manchuria, Korea, Burma, and the Philippines.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a Japanese World War II diary (1943-1944); two small pocket calendars/notebooks; a small black and white photograph showing mountainous scenery; and a post card. The diary includes color pencil drawings, dried flowers, and a few photographs.

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## Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

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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:

Aeronautics  
World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:

Diaries

## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1      [\[Diary\], \(bulk 1943-1944\)](#)  
Language:      Japanese.

Box 1, Folder 2      [Loose Items], (bulk 1943-1944)  
Language:      Japanese.