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Captain Theodore J. "Dutch" Van
Kirk Boeing B-29 Enola Gay Route
Map, Tinian to Hawaii via Kwajalein

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Collection Overview

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Biographical / Historical

Captain Theodore J. "Dutch" Van Kirk served as navigator on the atomic mission of the Boeing B-29 Enola Gay over Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a large map, 55 by 29 1/2 inches, detailing the route taken by the B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay after its return from Hiroshima, from Tinian to Hawaii via Kwajalein. Entitled "US Army Air Forces Special Air Navigation Chart, (S-144) Oahu-Saipan," with a printing date of 1944, the map bears penciled navigational notations by Captain Theodore J. "Dutch" Van Kirk. Also included is a 1945 edition of The American Air Almanac; a Second Air Force B-29 Standard Procedures for Navigators manual, dated April 10, 1945; and a Wonder Bread promotional Aircraft Spotter Dial volvelle (wheel chart).

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics, Military
Atomic bomb
Naval Aircraft Factory F-5L (PN-5), NASM
World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:

Maps
Technical manuals -- 20th century

Names:

Van Kirk, Theodore J. "Dutch"

Container Listing

NASM-9A05310: [Map, aeronautical chart "Oahu-Saipan \(S-144\)", \(bulk 1944-1945\)](#)

1 Map (30 x 55.75 inches)

Language: English.

Notes: Map, aeronautical chart "Oahu-Saipan (S-144)" issued by the US Army Air Forces Aeronautical Chart Service, December 1944. Chart has been annotated by Captain Theodore J. "Dutch" Van Kirk, navigator of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay", with the course of that aircraft's return flight from Isley Field, Saipan, Mariana Islands, via Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, to Hickam Field, Oahu, Hawaii; 1945.

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