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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Colonel Carlos Garduno was a member of El Escuadron 201, also known as the Aztec Eagle Squadron. In 1943, Mexico became an active participant in World War II. Escuadron 201, formed in response to German submarine attacks against Mexican oil tankers, was comprised of more than 300 volunteers. The 201 was integrated with the US Army Air Forces; after completing its training in Texas, the squadron became a Lockheed P-47 fighter squadron attached to the 58th Fighter Group during the liberation of the main Philippine Island of Luzon in 1945. The squadron also participated in the Allied effort to bomb Formosa to force the Japanese out of that island. For their service they received the Medal of Valor of Combat.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following items chronicling the aviation career of Colonel Carlos Garduno: En Guardia, volume 1, no. 9; ASI, August 11, 1945; newspaper articles, 1945-1991; material relating to the El Escuadron 201 reunion; Form One, February 1942 issue, April 1942 issue, and Anniversary Issue, May 1942; El Pilot, Sep.-Oct. 1930; 81 copy prints of photo album pages; a few paper prints; and a brochure

for Mexico Homenaje de las Fuerzas de la Defensa Nacional de Chile (a Mexican tribute to the Chilean armed forces), 1940.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics, Military
- Lockheed P-47
- Military -- Mexico
- Periodicals
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Newspaper clippings
- Photographic prints

Names:

- El Escuadron 201

Places:

- Mexico