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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Air and Space Museum Archives |
| Title: | Tinian Island World War II Photography [Lowenberg] |
| Date: | (bulk 1945) |
| Identifier: | NASM.2013.0012 |
| Creator: | United States. Army. Air Corps |
| Extent: | 0.29 Cubic feet ((1 box)) |
| Language: | English . |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Tinian Island, part of the Mariana Island chain, fell to the Japanese after World War I. It was captured by the United States on June 15, 1944. From December 1944 until the end of World War II, the island was an air base for Boeing B-29 Superfortresses. It was the loading point for atomic weapons onto the Boeing B-29 Superfortress Silverplate "Enola Gay." Private Gordon Lowenberg served in the photo lab of the 20th Air Force.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 504 black and white photographs, mostly taken on Tinian Island during World War II. The photographs are snapshots or small reproductions of official Army Air Corps photography taken by 20th Air Force photographers. The photos show daily activities on Tinian, including shots of base facilities, interactions with local people, a military funeral, aircraft nose art, and Boeing B-29 Superfortresses. There

are also shots taken in Guam, New Guinea, India, and aerial photography of Japan. There is also a small amount of captured Japanese photography

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Boeing B-29 Superfortress
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Tinian Island Airbase