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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Harley Bisselberg World War II Photo Album
Date:	1942-1944
Identifier:	NASM.2013.0022
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet ((1 box))
Language:	English .
Summary:	This photo album contains approximately 280 black and white images relating to the 84th Fighter Squadron, Sergeant Harley Bisselberg's fellow service members, and wrecks, repair and maintenance of aircraft.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Harley Bisselberg World War II Photo Album

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Harley A. Bisselberg (1918-1986) was born in Indiana and enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in 1942, where he served as a mechanic. Sergeant Bisselberg's service was marked by innovation, as when he engineered a trap door in the belly fuel tank of a Republic P-47 Thunderbolt to enable the delivery of tool kits to downed pilots for repair of their aircraft. Bisselberg was awarded the Legion of Merit in 1944.

Scope and Contents

This photo album contains approximately 280 black and white images relating to the 84th Fighter Squadron, Sergeant Harley Bisselberg's fellow service members, and wrecks, repair and maintenance of aircraft. Aircraft featured include the Waco CG-4A Hadrian (NZR) (Haig) (G-4); Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress; Republic P-47D (F-47D) Thunderbolt "Little Princess" (s/n 42-26581); North American P-51D (F-51D) Mustang "Big Beautiful Doll" (44-13923); North American P-51D (F-51D) Mustang "Scream'n Demon;" and North American P-51D (F-51D) Mustang "Double Trouble."

Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- North American P-51D (F-51D) Mustang
- Republic P-47 (F-47) Thunderbolt Family
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Photograph albums

Names:

- United States. Army. Air Corps