

World War II Consolidated B-24 Liberator Navigator's Log

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Collection Overview

Repository: National Air and Space Museum Archives

Title: World War II Consolidated B-24 Liberator Navigator's Log

Date: 1945

Identifier: NASM.2016.0009

Creator: United States. Army Air Forces

Extent: 0.06 Cubic feet (1 map folder)

Language: English .

Summary: On March 21, 1945, three units from the Fifteenth Air Force sent

aircraft to bomb the airfield at Neuburg, Germany. This collection consists of a "Navigator's Log" flight plan document (AAF Form No.

21A-1) for one of the aircraft involved in the raid.

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

On March 21, 1945, three units from the Fifteenth Air Force sent aircraft to bomb the airfield at Neuburg, Germany. Consolidated B-24 Liberators from the 47th, 55th, and 304th Bomb Wings (all headquartered in various bases in Italy) ultimately destroyed several hangars, the administration building, and several workshops, as well as damaging runways and other key structures. Several Messerschmitt Me 262s and other aircraft were also destroyed.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a "Navigator's Log" flight plan document (AAF Form No. 21A-1) for one of the aircraft involved in the raid on the airfield at Neuburg, Germany on March 21, 1945. The listed crew suggests that it is likely for Consolidated B-24J Liberator (s/n 42-50969) from the Fifteenth Air Force, 47th Bomb Wing, 450th Bomb Group, 723rd Squadron. The document measures 26 x 20 inches when fully unfolded, 13 X 10 inches when folded as designed for use. The document is on yellowed paper and is filled out in pencil containing mission orders, alternate targets, detailed flight plan, weather forecast, actual flight statistics, notes, etc.

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 Consolidated B-24 Family World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:

Navigation charts