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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	US Army Air Corps Japanese Propaganda Leaflets [Sylvan]
Date:	1945
Identifier:	NASM.2016.0018
Creator:	United States. Office of War Information
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	Japanese .
Summary:	Before the atomic bombing missions of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, leaflets bearing illustrations and Japanese characters were dropped from the air by the US Army Air Corps to warn the Japanese populace. This collection consists of three bombing leaflets as well as a snapshot of Seymour Sylvan with his crew in front of his Boeing B-29 Superfortress.
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Before the atomic bombing missions of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, leaflets bearing illustrations and Japanese characters were dropped from the air by the US Army Air Corps to warn the Japanese populace.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of three bombing leaflets; two are 5.5 by 8.25 inches and the other is 4.25 by 5.25. The two larger leaflets contain messages in Japanese, accompanied with either images of Japanese leaders or of US Bombers dropping bombs, while the smaller leaflet contains only a message in Japanese. This collection also includes a snapshot of Seymour Sylvan with his crew in front of his Boeing B-29 Superfortress.

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
Propaganda
World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:

Leaflets