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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Ramon D. Fobes Collection
Identifier:	NASM.2017.0027
Date:	Circa 1946-1954
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Creator:	Fobes, Ramon D.
Language:	English
Summary:	Ramon D. Fobes collected a few items during his travels circa 1946-1954 while on active duty with the US Army. This collection contains six 35mm color slides of military aircraft at US bases in Puerto Rico, the Pacific, and Korea, and two items of ephemera Fobes probably picked up on his 1947 trip to Japan: a menu and a Naval Air Transport pamphlet.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Ramon D. Fobes Collection
Container:	Folder 1

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Ramon D. Fobes, Gift, 2017, NASM.2017.0027.

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Biographical / Historical

Ramon D. Fobes enrolled in the Vermont National Guard while attending college in Burlington, and was commissioned in June 1925. Fobes retained his inactive military status, so when he was called up for World War II he entered active duty with the US Army as a first lieutenant. By 1944, he had been promoted to rank of Captain, and was assigned to Antiaircraft Artillery; he spent the whole of the war in the continental United States. After the war he made at least two trips to Japan (in 1946 and 1947), passing through Hickham Field, Hawaii, en route. From March 2 through May 23, 1951, Fobes (now a Major) was assigned to temporary duty with the 63rd Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion, and was at Fort Clayton (Panama Canal Zone) and Camp Tortuguero (Puerto Rico). In late 1953 to 1954, Fobes was stationed with the 739th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, 10th AAA Group, near Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Scope and Contents

This small collection contains six 35mm color slides of military aircraft at US bases in Puerto Rico, the Pacific, and Korea, and two items of ephemera Fobes probably picked up on his 1947 trip to Japan: a menu from the Army Air Forces Air Transport Command (Pacific Division) Terminal Restaurant at Hickham Field, Oahu, Hawaii; and a pamphlet issued by US Navy Naval Air Transport Squadron 3 (VR-3) providing information to passengers travelling aboard their "Nonstop Hot Shot" coast-to-coast transport service flights between Washington, D.C., and San Francisco, California.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics, Military
- Bases and Installations, Hawaii, Hickam
- Douglas C-54 Skymaster Family
- Douglas DC-3

Types of Materials:

- Menus
- Photographs

Container Listing

NASM-9A14099: US Army Air Forces Douglas C-54E Skymaster "GHQ", circa 1946-1947

[Image\(s\)](#)

One-quarter left front view of US Army Air Forces Douglas C-54E Skymaster "GHQ" (?s/n 44-9093) on the ground at an American air base somewhere in the Pacific area (possibly in Japan), circa 1946-1947.

Naval Air Transport "Nonstop Hot Shot" pamphlet, circa 1947

[Image\(s\)](#)

Pamphlet issued by US Navy Naval Air Transport Squadron 3 (VR-3) providing information to passengers travelling aboard their "Nonstop Hot Shot" coast-to-coast transport service flights between Washington, D.C., and San Francisco, California; circa mid 1947. Front cover illustration features a right side view of US Navy Douglas R5D Skymaster (BuNo 56515).

NASM-9A14096 and NASM-9A16173: Views of Hickham Field, Oahu, Hawaii, May 30-31, 1947

[Image\(s\)](#)

Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, May 30-31, 1947. Aircraft visible include a Beech C-45 Expeditor, two North American AT-6 trainers, North American B-25 Mitchell, Douglas C-47 Skytrain, a North American P-51 Mustang, and a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress.

Menu from Terminal Restaurant at Hickham Field, Oahu, Hawaii, 1947

[Image\(s\)](#)

Breakfast menu from the Army Air Forces Air Transport Command (Pacific Division) Terminal Restaurant at Hickham Field, Oahu, Hawaii; circa May 30-31, 1947.

NASM-9A14095: U.S. Air Force Douglas C-47 Skytrain at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, between March 2 and May 23, 1951

[Image\(s\)](#)

Three-quarter left rear view of U.S. Air Force Douglas C-47 Skytrain (s/n 44-76382) on the ground, likely at Ramey Air Force Base, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, sometime between March 2 and May 23, 1951. Major Ramon D. Fobes is posed standing near the aircraft's passenger door.

NASM-9A14097 and NASM-9A14098: Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) No. 77 Squadron Gloster Meteors at Seoul, Korea, 1953

[Image\(s\)](#)

Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Gloster Meteor F.Mk.8 aircraft attached to No. 77 Squadron (including s/n A77-744, A77-422, and A77-851) on the ground at Seoul, Republic of Korea, circa late 1953.