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## 34th Bombardment Group Diary and Photograph [McKeon]

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	34th Bombardment Group Diary and Photograph [McKeon]
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1944-1945)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2017.0040
<b>Creator:</b>	McKeon, Patrick
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Karen McKeon, Gift, 2017

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

The 34th Bombardment Group was assigned to the Eighth Air Force in April 1944 and entered combat in May 1944. The Group helped with the preparation for the Normandy invasion by bombing airfields and coastal defenses in France, and continued to support ground forces as they moved eastwards.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the target bomb run diary (three typewritten pages) of Patrick McKeon, a bombardier for the 8th Air Force, 34th Bombardment Group from May 24, 1944 to January 2, 1945. The collection also contains one 8 by 10 inch black and white photograph of the 34th Bombardment group's Belchin' Bessie Consolidated B-24 Liberator with five of its crew posed by the nose art, including McKeon on far right.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

34th Bombardment Group  
Aeronautics  
Consolidated B-24 Liberator  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations

### Types of Materials:

Diaries -- 20th century  
Photographic prints