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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Eugene L. Walter Jr. Navigator Collection
Date:	1940-1945, 1999 1999
Identifier:	NASM.2023.0011
Creator:	United States. Army Air Forces
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (One slim letter box.)
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Summary:	This collection consists of the material relating to Eugene L. Walter Jr's World War II navigation service.

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Eugene L. Walter (d. 2003) was an aerial navigator in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Walter started his military career at the US Naval Academy in 1940 but had transferred to the Army Air Corps by 1943. In 1944, Walter was stationed in Clovis, NM, where he was trained in advanced navigation and in 1945 he was stationed in Tinian as part of the 58th Bomb Wing. Navigating the Boeing B-29 Superfortress Little Mike, Walter participated in seven combat missions with the following targets: Osaka, Tsu, Hachioji, Imabaria, Yawata, and Tokyo, Japan.

In September of 1954, Walter's crew was transferred to the 313th Bomb Wing, 504th Bomb Group at Clark Field, Philippines. After his World War II service, Walter accepted a commission in the Medical Service Groups, USNR, where he was a bacteriologist/virologist in the Naval Medical Research Units. After resigning completely from the military, Walter was a research virologist at the National Institutes of Health.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following items: "Preliminary LORAN Chart—Guam to Korea," a LORAN (long range navigation) map used by Walter during his combat missions; a Naci-Ho Waterproof Survival Chart of the Marianas Island; copies of Walter's individual flight records, combat duty general orders and awards and citations; notes on his missions and the 58th Bomb Wing Reunion in 1999; and miscellaneous papers regarding unit histories.

Arrangement

Arranged by type.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Maps

Names:

- Walter, Eugene L., Jr.

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Preliminary LORAN Chart - Guam to Korea
Box 1, Folder 2	NACI-HO Waterproof Survival Chart of the Mariana Islands
Box 1, Folder 3	Front of original paper portfolio containing maps and charts
Box 1, Folder 4	Miscellaneous Papers regarding Unit Histories
Box 1, Folder 5	Military Records Notes: Contains flight records, combat duty general orders, and awards and citations. \
Box 1, Folder 6	Notes on missions and 58th Bomb Wing Reunion