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### World War II Color Slides [McCampbell]

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	World War II Color Slides [McC Campbell]
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1941-1946
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2024.0008
<b>Creator:</b>	McC Campbell, William Pancoast, 1921-1993
<b>Extent:</b>	0.02 Cubic feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	William P. McC Campbell (1921--1993) served with the US Army Air Forces during World War II as a pilot flying Douglas C-47 Skytrain aircraft in the European Theater. McC Campbell was also an avid amateur photographer. This collection consists of seventy-five 35mm color slides relating to McC Campbell's service during the war and includes views of equipment, ships, aerial views, aircraft, and notable local places. The collection also contains a portrait of McC Campbell in uniform, a 1945 letter from McC Campbell to his uncle sent from Germany in which McC Campbell details his unit's participation in the airborne assault across the Rhine in March 1945, and other printed material.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): NASM-9A20231: US Army Air Forces aviation cadet William P. McC Campbell poses in front of a Beech AT-10 Wichita; Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana; May 1944.</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Laura McC Campbell Villarreal, Gift, 2023, NASM.2024.0008

### Processing Information

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### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

William Pancoast McCampbell (1921--1993) served with the US Army Air Forces during World War II. McCampbell was a pilot with the Ninth Air Force, 442nd Troop Carrier Group, 303rd Troop Carrier Squadron flying Douglas C-47 Skytrain aircraft in the European Theater. McCampbell's unit participated in the airborne assault across the Rhine as part of Operation Plunder/Varsity in March 1945 in which McCampbell and some of his fellow C-47 pilots were assigned to act as glider co-pilots. McCampbell was also an avid amateur photographer.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of seventy-five 35mm color slides relating to William Pancoast McCampbell's service in World War II. The slides include images taken at Randolph Field, Texas as well as images taken in France, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. The images include views of various US Army Air Forces personnel, including several images of McCampbell; views of equipment; ships; aerial views; aircraft, including air to air views; and notable local places. Aircraft shown in the slides include the North American P-51 Mustang, North American BT-9 Yale, North American AT-6 Texan, Douglas B-18, Douglas C-47 Skytrain, Beech AT-10 Wichita, and the Junkers Ju 88. The collection also contains copies of the following items: a portrait of McCampbell in uniform, a 1945 letter from McCampbell to his uncle sent from Germany in which McCampbell details his unit's participation in the airborne assault across the Rhine in March 1945, a redacted copy of McCampbell's military service record, and a newspaper clipping featuring a photograph of McCampbell.

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## Arrangement

Materials in this collection are grouped by format. The 35mm color slides have been loosely grouped by subject and arranged in roughly chronological order.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Air pilots
- Airplanes
- Douglas C-47 Skytrain Family
- North American BT-9 Yale
- North American P-51 Mustang Family
- World War, 1939-1945
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations

### Types of Materials:

- Color slides
- Documents

## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	<p>35mm Color Slides, Original Cardboard Slide Mounts, 1944-1946</p> <p><a href="#">Image(s): 35mm Color Slides</a></p> <p>Notes: The original cardboard-mounted 35mm Kodachrome color slides (transparencies) have been loosely grouped by subject and arranged in roughly chronological order. Digital reference images have been made of the slides housed in transparency slide storage pages; each page has been scanned once in reflected light (to show the original WWII-era annotations on the mounts) and once in transmissive light (to show the film image). Slides have been assigned item-level NASM Archives image reference numbers NASM-9A20231 through NASM-9A20305; these numbers have been added to the transmissive-light scans. Note that many slides were later annotated (generally in red felt tip pen) by McCampbell or his family with McCampbell's initials (WPMc) and/or printing notes, such as "Printed 12/91."</p>
Box 1, Folder 1	<p><a href="#">35mm Color Slides, Scans of Individual Slides, 1944-1946</a></p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Additional Material, Circa 1941-1946</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p><a href="#">Portrait of Lt. William P. McCampbell in US Army Air Forces uniform [digital ink jet print], undated, circa 1941-1946</a></p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p><a href="#">Letter from William P. McCampbell to John S. McCampbell [photocopy], Germany, April 8, 1945</a></p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p><a href="#">Lt. William P. McCampbell, Military Record and Report of Separation Certificate of Service [copy prepared by National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), September 13, 2019]</a></p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p><a href="#">Newspaper clipping, "William Pancoast McCampbell" [unknown publication, digital ink jet print], 1943</a></p>