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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	George Bech Diary and Photographs
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0474
<b>Date:</b>	1940-1945
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 cubic feet ((1 folder))
<b>Creator:</b>	Bech, George N., Jr.
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

George N. Bech, Jr., gift, unknown, XXXX-0474, unknown

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

1st Lt. George N. Bech, Jr. was a World War II pilot and bomber with the 303rd Bomb Group, 8th U.S. Army Air Force, stationed in Europe. His plane, the Boeing B-17G Bonnie B, was probably named after his newborn daughter, Bonnie Bech, and is featured in a National Air and Space Museum mural painted by Keith Ferris.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of George Bech's diary, detailing his life and missions from December 11, 1943 to July 1, 1944, as well as original photographs and copy prints of the Bonnie B, George Bech, and the 303rd Bomb Group. There is also a memorandum of special orders from Headquarters, Air Transport Command, 3/16/1944.

## General

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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  
Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress  
World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:

Diaries  
Photographs

Names:

Bech, George N., Jr.  
United States. Army Air Forces. 303rd Bombardment Group