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## Guide to the Thomas Garvin Korean War Scrapbook, 1951-1953

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Thomas Garvin Korean War Scrapbook
<b>Date:</b>	1951-1953
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0756
<b>Creator:</b>	Garvin, Thomas (Creator) Vines, Gail
<b>Extent:</b>	0.3 Cubic feet (1 folder)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The scrapbook was donated to the Archives Center by Ms. Gail Vines, Garvin's daughter, in December 2000.

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### Related Materials

Of interest to researchers might be collection #755, Stephen A. Douglas World War II Envelopes, 1942-1945. Douglas used watercolors to decorate envelopes he sent home to his family during the war.

The Archives Center also has numerous collections containing scrapbooks and war related materials.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Jennifer Synder, January 2002.

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## Biographical / Historical

Thomas Garvin was a fighter pilot during the Korean War. During his tour he wrote letters home with a hand-drawn illustration on each envelope. He also edited an Air Force magazine called *Air Scoop*.

According to an unidentified article sent by Gail Vines, Garvin's daughter:

"Thomas Garvin graduated from the Army Air Corps cadets as a second lieutenant in 1945. He served as a flight instructor at Perrin Field, Texas, and was then transferred to Williams AFB, Arizona. His next duty assignment was to Korea, where he served through 1952, flying 100 missions in F-86 and being credited with one confirmed MIG-15 kill and one probable kill.

"After Korean combat, he was assigned to the 50th Fighter Wing, Cannon AFB, New Mexico, and then to duty as operations officer of the 38th Squadron, Alexandria, Louisiana...."

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## Scope and Contents

One scrapbook of fourteen pages consisting of hand-drawn illustrations cut from envelopes and glued to the scrapbook pages.

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## Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

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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:

- Fighter pilots
- Korean War, 1950-1953 -- Art and war
- War in art

Types of Materials:

- Drawings -- 1930-1970
- Envelopes
- Scrapbooks -- 1900-1950

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## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1

14 page scrapbook of illustrated envelopes