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Inventory of the Mel Kraus Papers, 1944-1945

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Mel Kraus papers
Date(s)	1944-1945
Creator:	Kraus, Mel
Abstract:	The collection consists of five photographs of Mel Kraus, a U.S. soldier who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Included is a photocopy of a two-page flight manifest detailing the August 1945 transport of Nazi prisoners to Nuremberg, Germany, in preparation for the war crimes trials held there later that year.
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Biographical Note

Mel Kraus was a Jewish airman who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the 305th Squadron of the 442nd Troop Carrier Group and served as a crew chief on flights to resupply the front lines, evacuate the wounded, and provide other transportation as necessary.

Collection Overview

The collection consists of five photographs of Mel Kraus, a U.S. soldier who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Photographs show Kraus working in France, where his squadron was based. Included is a photocopy of a two-page flight manifest detailing the August 1945 transport of Nazi prisoners to Nuremberg, Germany, in preparation for the war crimes trials held there later that year.

Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Search Terms

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Names

Kraus, Mel
United States. Army. Air Corps

Subjects

Nuremberg Trial of Major German War Criminals, Nuremberg, Germany, 1945-1946
World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations, American
World War, 1939-1945--United States

Types of Material

Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white slides
Digital images
Photocopies
Photographs

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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Processing Information

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Inventory

Folder 1 Photographs, 1944, undated

Folder 2 Flight manifest, 1945

Photocopy of a flight manifest written by Kraus in August 1945, listing eight Nazi prisoners his squadron transported to Nuremberg for the war crimes trials. A second page lists eight additional prisoners; it is unclear if these prisoners were transported on the same flight.