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Inventory of the Lawrence Layden Scrapbook, 1941-1945

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Lawrence Layden scrapbook
Date(s)	1941-1945
Creator:	Layden, Lawrence, 1916-2011
Abstract:	The collection consists of a scrapbook compiled by Lawrence "Ed" Layden, an officer with the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. The scrapbook contains photographs of Layden at various bases during the war, reconnaissance photographs, and photographs of Buchenwald concentration camp, which Layden visited on April 17, 1945, six days after it was liberated.
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Biographical Note

Lawrence "Ed" Layden (1916-2011) served with the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group of the Army Air Corps during World War II. Layden created a scrapbook detailing his service in World War II from his induction in June 1941 until his formal discharge in December 1945. Layden's squadron provided aerial reconnaissance for Operation Overlord and the assault on Nazi Germany. Materials in the scrapbook include photographs, maps, correspondence, and newspaper clippings from Layden's initial assignments in the United States to bases in England and continental Europe.

Collection Overview

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Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

Layden, Lawrence, 1916-2011
Buchenwald (Concentration camp)
United States. Army. Air Corps. Air Force, 9th

Subjects

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations, American
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Germany
World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives, American
World War, 1939-1945--Reconnaissance operations, American

Types of Material

Black-and-white photographs
Clippings (information artifacts)
Correspondence
DVDs
Identity cards
Orders (military records)
Photo CDs
Photocopies

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Lawrence Layden scrapbook, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2006 by Lawrence "Ed" Layden.

Alternate Form of Materials

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Inventory

Folder 1

Scrapbook, 1941-1945

Layden's scrapbook consists of original materials, including Layden's Army orders and promotions; identification cards; uniform patches; photographs of Layden taken in Louisiana, England, Belgium, and Germany; aerial reconnaissance photographs, including photographs of the beaches of Normandy prior to D-Day, taken by Layden's group, the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group of the Ninth Air Force; photographs of General Dwight D. Eisenhower taken when he visited the group on June 25, 1944; postcards collected by Layden in Louisiana, England, and France; newspaper clippings about the Ninth Air Force and Layden; and photographs taken in Buchenwald concentration camp after it was liberated, including victims' bodies, survivors, bunks, crematoria, and gallows.

Folder 2

Photocopies, 1941-1945

Photocopies of all pages in the Layden scrapbook. Also includes digital images on CD and DVD.