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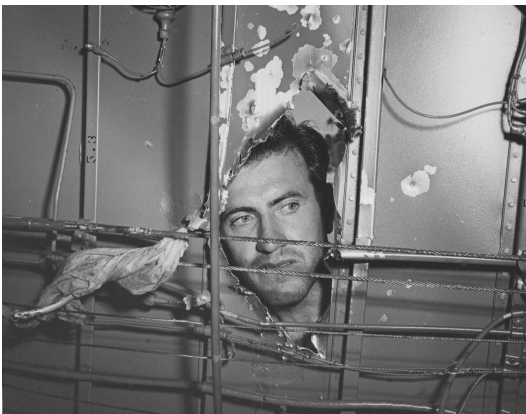
World War II Air Force Unit Photographs

The largest collection of Air Force photographs relating to WWII in the National Archives is [Black and White and Color Photographs of U.S. Air Force and Predecessor Agencies Activities, Facilities and Personnel – World War II and Korean War, ca. 1940 – ca. 1980](#) (National Archives Identifier 542351).



Left: FEAF BOMBER COMMAND, JAPAN--Combat infantrymen must know how to do a flat crawl, ca. 3/1953. [National Archives Identifier 542362](#)

Right: Photograph - Operation Fire Fly, 8/25/1945. [National Archives Identifier 142664251](#)



Left: Photograph of Lt. Lou Zamperini, Bombardier, Examining the Damage a Japanese Cannon Shell did to His Liberator, 1943. [National Archives Identifier 16801970](#)

Right: Photograph of USAF F-86 "Sabre" Jet During Takeoff, ca. 7/1953. [National Archives Identifier 142664275](#)

This series consists of photographs documenting the activities of the U.S. Air Force and its predecessors during World War II and the Korean War, as well as U.S. military aviation history. The records are grouped into six broad subject categories: World War II; Pre-1940 Domestic; Pre-1954 Domestic; Non-Domestic; Korean War; and additional materials.

The World War II category consists of approximately 50,000 images. Subjects covered include aircraft, crews and units, fields and installations, aircraft maintenance, transportation, reconnaissance, bombing and strafing, medical care, combat action, and more.

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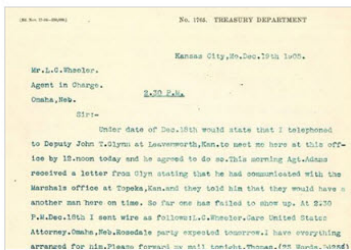
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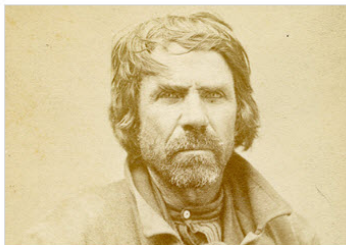
5,071,090 estimated total textual pages in this Record Group ([Learn more about these numbers](#))

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Our work isn't finished yet. We have more digitizing to do.

In the meantime, explore descriptions of our records. These records, though not yet digitized, are available at National Archives locations.



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