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Bill Corcoran World War II Scrapbook Collection

Creator: William L. Corcoran
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Biographical Note

During World War II, William L. Corcoran collected newspaper clippings and created a scrapbook of the major events of the war.

Corcoran joined the United States Army Combat Engineers and fought during the Korean War. Following his military service, Corcoran was a columnist for various Chicagoland newspapers for 40 years.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The collection contains a scrapbook created by William L. Corcoran as well as a number of loose items that came from the scrapbook. The collection concerns events that took place during World War II.

The 349 page scrapbook is of newspaper clipping from every year of U.S. involvement in the war. Included in the scrapbook are maps of the European and Pacific theaters, political cartoons, as well as a number of artifacts, including German Flying Wings and German Cigarettes.

Arrangement

The original order of the scrapbook has been maintained. For conservation purposes, the scrapbook has been unbound and re-housed in three archival flat boxes. Loose items were removed from the scrapbook and are contained within one archival box. The original page locations for loose items are noted in the detailed inventory below.

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Robert Luchs Collection
Robert O. Harder Collection

Separations

Newspapers in process.

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

Corcoran, William, 1929-

Subjects

World War II, 1939-1945 -- Scrapbooks.

Container List

Box One

Scrapbook (pages 1-174)

Editorial Cartoons:

Page 14- 'O.K. Buddy, You Asked for It!'

Page 14- Air Supremacy

Page 17- Stamp Him Out, Defense Savings Stamp Card

Page 17- Nemesis

Page 19- Comrades, "We Stand By Honorable Japan!"

Page 19- AGAIN. WAR.

Page 20- The Bomber

Page 20- Made In Japan

Page 20- "We'll Make 'Em Yell 'Uncle!'"

Page 21- True to Tradition

Page 22- The Bad Little Boy—Don't Forget to Drop Something Down His Chimney

Page 23- Don't Let 'Em Stop for Lack of Tires. Keep 'Em Rolling!

Page 24- A Full Sock For Somebody

Page 26- Out For Vengeance!

Page 28- Fly on, Brave Son!

Page 29- Frostbite, Or Cold Feet?

Page 30- The 21st Of December Is Said To Be The Shortest Day Of The Year, But It's Really One Of The Four Longest

Page 31- Sledge Hammer Blows That Toughen Our Metal

Page 36- History of An Empire

Page 37- A Sideline for Somebody

Page 38- Blitz on Der Fritz

Page 39- He Can Take Care of Himself

Page 40- Satan: "'Son of Heaven,' My Eye!"

Page 41- The Power of Imagination

Page 42- The Supreme Test

Page 43- The Strongest Weapon

Page 45- Dropping the Pilot

Page 45- The Raw Recruit

Page 47- Scorched

Page 47- "I am responsible for the present of the German people...and their future."—Hitler

Page 48- Heroic Stance—1941
Page 50- New Year's Resolution
Page 50- To Japan
Page 51- Bed Time Story, 1942
Page 52- New Steps
Page 53- The Heroic Role
Page 54- "What Uniform Do You Wear Today Sir?"
Page 55- Hibernating Time
Page 55- Trickle...Trickle...
Page 69- Bomb Voyage!
Page 70- "Asia for the Asiatics"
Page 72- Help Put 'Em In The Jug!
Page 72- Phoenix!
Page 74- Very Dark Pages, But Not The End Of The Book
Page 74- Retreat From Moscow
Page 75- They Fought Best When The Going Got Tough
Page 77- Papa Will Show You How
Page 77- Reflection in the Sky!
Page 83- Missile Toe Joe
Page 84- Running Commentary
Page 88- "The Fool Rageth and Is Confident"
Page 97- The Hour and a Half Before the Jap Attack At Pearl Harbor
Page 98- Britain's Shield
Page 99- Oh Say, Can You See?
Page 151- Guardian of the Temple
Page 151- Private Buck
Page 156- Private Buck
Page 164- Private Buck
Page 173- Private Buck
Page 173- "Some of your ammunition was delivered to us by mistake"
Page 177- Private Buck
Page 179- Deutsches Luftwaffe

Artifacts

Page 126- Postal Savings Plan United States Defense Savings Bonds

Box Two

Scrapbook (pages 175-349)

Editorial Cartoons

Page 183- Private Breger Abroad

Page 183- Private Buck
Page 188- Private Breger Abroad
Page 196- Private Buck
Page 196- Private Breger Abroad
Page 200- Private Buck
Page 200- Private Breger Abroad
Page 205- "A Black cat's crossing our path!"
Page 209- Private Breger Abroad
Page 209- Private Buck
Page 213- Private Buck
Page 213- Private Breger Abroad
Page 215- Private Breger Abroad
Page 240- Me and My Mable Sure Get Around
Page 276- The Creed of the Pilot

Artifacts

Page 240- Office of Price Administration, Notice to War Ration
Book No. 3 Volunteers
Page 258- German Cigarettes captured in Tunisia
Page 258- Coupon captured in Tunisia
Page 272- War Ration Books
Page 304- What to do in an Air Raid Pamphlet
Page 354- War & Navy Department Correspondence
Page 354- German Wings
Page 354- V-Mail
Page 354- Japanese Money

Loose Items

Page 258- German Cigarettes

Box 3

Loose Scrapbook Items

Folder One

Page 109- Newspaper Clipping
Page 113- Newspaper Clipping
Page 260- Newspaper Clipping
Page 281- Newspaper Clipping
Page 315- Newspaper Clipping
Page 323- Newspaper Clipping

Folder Two

Page 129- Newspaper Clipping