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Guide to Collection

Hubbard, Henry F., 1917-1942

Lt. Henry F. Hubbard, papers and photographs, 1917-1942

MS 225

5 boxes
1.5 linear ft.

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ACQUISITION: This collection was purchased by the Historical Collections in July, 2005, from Ms. Edith Gail Hubbard-Reaben of Houston, TX. Ms. Hubbard-Reaben is the daughter of Lt. Hubbard.

ACCESS: The collection is available for viewing; however, the photographs may not be photocopied.

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Summary

The collection contains correspondence, documents, and photographs relating to the life of Henry F. Hubbard, who died in battle during the Raid on Kiska, Alaska in 1942.

Biographical Note

Henry Frank Hubbard was born November 23, 1917 in Canton, Texas. He is the first born son of William Walton Hubbard and Lula Mae Beard Hubbard, and had two siblings, Gracie V. Hubbard and Warren "Jenks" Hubbard. He attended his early school years in Abilene and Eastland, Texas, graduating from Humble High School of Humble, Texas in 1934. Henry entered Hardin Simmons College in 1934 at age 16 ½ and attended two years.

He enlisted and received appointment as a Flying Cadet in the U.S. Air Corps in June of 1940. In October of 1940, he met his future wife Esther Joyner in Montgomery, Alabama. They married on May 17, 1941 in Hampton, Virginia. Their daughter, Edith Gail, was born December 29, 1941.

Lt. Hubbard was assigned to the Pacific Theater in World War Two, flying in the Aleutian Island Chain of the Territory of Alaska. He was one of the very first casualties of the Aleutian campaign, dying when his B24 bomber was hit in the air by Japanese fire during the raid on Kiska in 1942.

Scope and Contents Note

This collection consists of correspondence, awards, certificates, logbooks, clippings, photos, logs, and vital documents relating to the life and death of Lt. Henry Hubbard.

Accompanying these documents and photographs are two media discs; a radio feature on the acquisition of the collection produced at KTOO-FM Juneau, Alaska, and a DVD of footage taken by the Japanese Northern Fleet of the Kiska Island Raid, including an interview with Captain Fred Ramputi who participated in the raid and witnessed the death of Lieutenant Hubbard .

Subjects

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

Lt. Henry F. Hubbard, 1917-1942. --Archives
Alaska--History--1867-1959.
Aleutian Islands (Alaska)--History, Military.
World War, 1939-1945--Alaska--Aleutian Islands.

World War, 1939-1945--Campaigns--Alaska.

INVENTORY

DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND MEDIA

Box 1

Scrapbook: Clippings, awards, certificates, telegrams, receipts, photographs, notebooks, identification cards, vital documents, correspondence. Audio CD-R: Lt. Henry Hubbard Collection feature with Gladi Kulp, ASL Historical Collections; Ted Spencer, Alaska Historical Aviation Institute; Harry Klinkhammer, American Association for State and Local History; Edith Gail Hubbard-Reaben hosted by Matt Miller and broadcast on KTOO-FM Juneau, Alaska. DVD-R: Interview with Captain Fred Ramputi and Japanese Military footage of the U.S. Raid on Kiska.

Box 2

Certificate: 14.5" x 12". In Grateful Memory of 1st Lieutenant Henry F. Hubbard, A.C. 0-418959, who died in service of his country in Alaska, 11 June 1942. [Certificate accompanied the posthumous awarding of the Purple Heart to U.S. Soldiers.], 2nd Lieutenant Appointment, Air Corps Training Diploma, Engineer's Notebook

CORRESPONDENCE

Box 3

Correspondence: Lt. Hubbard's letters 11/1940-12/1940. Ether Joyner's letters 11/08/1940-08/1941 [Edith's note: I think she moved to Tampa, Florida, where her father was stationed 09/1941-10/1941.]

Box 4

Correspondence: Lt. Hubbard's letters 01/01/1941-08/1941 [Edith's note: From 09/1941-10/1941, Mom and Dad lived together in Tampa, Florida.]

Box 5

Correspondence: Esther's letters 11/1941-03/1942 [Edith's note: On 03/1942 she moved to March Field, California.] Lt. Hubbard's letters 11/1941-1942. Miscellaneous letters after 06/11/1942.