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Abstract

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Creator

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

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.25 Linear Feet

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There are no access restrictions.

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Historical Note

The Hawaiian Islands were irrevocably and drastically changed by the Second World War and the U.S. Military. After the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7 1941, Hawaii - particularly the island of Oahu - became the United States' bastion of the Pacific War.

After Pearl Harbor, martial law was enacted in Hawaii and would remain in place for the rest of the war. The U.S. Army Air Force - the precursor to the United States Air Force - held a large presence on Oahu and had multiple facilities on the island, such as Wheeler Army Airfield and Bellows Field. Servicemen and their families arrived from the mainland and quickly populated Oahu. This domination of military life severely altered the culture and everyday lives of Hawaiians and other island residents for decades to come.

Scope and Content

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Most of the photographs have written commentary from the creator - who is himself depicted in some pictures, as is his wife Kathleen - which is often sexist and offensive in nature. Some of the photographs do not have written commentary. There are a number of photos missing from the album.

There are three loose photos at the beginning of the album, including a copy of a letter by Lieutenant Glenn E. Swing, who according to the American Air Museum in Britain, was killed in action in Berlin in 1944.

Related Materials

The Special Collections Research Center also holds the

The holds multiple collections pertaining to life in Hawaii during World War II.

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Photography

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Arrangement

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