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Scope and Contents

Papers of Murray Nadel (1918-1997) of New York City. Nadel served with the 8th Air Force, 379th Bomb Group, 527th Bomb Squadron in WW II and his plane was shot down and captured. He was interred in a German Prison camp from January 1944 to May 1945. Included are military records detailing the shooting down of Nadel's plane and the fate of his fellow crew members. Also included, among other items, are forms and correspondence from the Veterans Administration, his honorable discharge and photographs.

An itemized description was provided by the seller. See folder link below.

Keywords

Birth certificates

Clippings (information artifacts)

Letters (correspondence)

Military records

Photographs

World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations

World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners of War

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Custodial History:

Seller acquired papers directly from Murray Nadel's estate.

Description of Subordinate Components

Papers

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Unit Date 1940-1981

Mixed Materials Small Collections Box 41 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

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The following information was provided by the seller and has not been verified for accuracy: "Page # 1 : Picture of Murray sitting on a park bench in his Dress Uniform with his crewman's Wings Page # 2: front of page copy of Murray's Separation Qualification Record, redlined to to change term of Imprisonment from 16 months to 17 states he was liberated in May 1945, rear of page is info on Murray's background such as

education, as Machine operator, and sales clerk Page # 3: front and back of page are extract orders dated 23 October 1945 Page # 4 :copy of Enlisted Record and Report of Sepqration has notes on Murray's Medals/Awards : American Theater, EAME, Good Conduct, Purple Heart, Air Medal, mentions his ankle injury obtained during landing after bailout 11 January 44 Germany Page #5 : front of page is a list of all Flight Crew that bailed out including home adresses and next of kin, back of page are hand written notes one of which is S/Sgt Sutton (casualty) Page # 6: copy of restricted Missing Air Crew Report lists all Crew aboard plane, their positions; all but 2 being RTD (returned to duty) 2 being KIA (killed in Action) dated Mar 1 1946 Page # 7: Original 4 page letter dated March 18,1949 (notarized) written by Louis Sortino describing and validating Murray's interment in Stalag 17 B located in Krems Austria, talks of a march they made ,to get the camp sleeping outside under shelters they fashioned from branches and bark Page # 8:copy of Casualty questionnaire for Murray Nadel ,notes that Noel Hillyard , waist door (gunner) was found dead on ground 200 yards from downed Aircraft "He never pulled his ripcord". Page # 9 : an original write up on the 379th BG describing their action ans accomplishments Page # 10: front and back of page is an original listing of "restricted" listing men who are to report to duty from rehabilitation and recovery dated 24 July 1945 Page #11: copy of "Report on Capture of Members of Enemy Air Forces" for Waggoner Jr 2nd Lt Page #12: same as above for Young 2nd Lt, both were captured by the Mayor of Sievershausen 11 Jan 44 Page #13: copy of report on Captured aircraft shot down by Fighter, notes plane was heavily destroyed and disintegrated into small pieces,notes plane was B17 F 2780 -R Page #14: Copy Casualty Questionnaire for Herbert Young 2nd Lt speaks of mission and details Page # 15: front of page same as above for Sutton Robert J (dead),back of page describes the details of wounds Sutton received shrapnel and he was discovered (dead) prior to Bailout,he had flown 4 missions prior his missions are listed Page # 16: copy of page giving additional details on Sutton by Lt Waggonor Page # 17: front of page copy of Individual Casualty Report on Hillyard,by Murray Nadel, notes that Hillyard last man out of the waist but his chute was still attached and unopened on ground,lots of other details,back of page handwritten notes by Murray discussing Identity and that Germans had removed his dogtags Page #18:copy of notes speaking about Mayoy of Burgdorf and familiarity of crash site 11 Jan 44 Page #19: copy of handwritten page on Crew, Rank DOB, note taken prisoner ID numbers etc. Page # 20 : Murray's original Birth Certificate Dec 2 1918 Page #21: Original Newspaer article which Says : Nadel retires after 25 years as Postman Jan 9th,1981. Below that a photo of Murray and Eli Wallach (Hollywood Actor) Page # 22: copy Casualty Questionnaire for William Cowan S/Sgt. speaks to Robert Sutton being found dead Page # 23 : front of page copy of Report on Capture of Members of Enemy Air Forces on Adkins, Bray taken prisoner by Mayor of Haenigsen Page #24: original certificate dated 12 -1-49 for benefits by USA Veterans Administration Page 25: front of page,original letter speaking to Murray's involvement in the crash and the US Headquarters of Army Air forces intention to investigate the crash details fully .back of page original letter to Murray detailing his entitlement to Monthly award of \$ by Veterans Administration. Page #26: copy of Military Education for Murray Nadel Page #27: there is a loose 8 x 10 of Murray and his wife on their Wedding Day , a loose photo of a very thin gaunt Murray being examined by Physician ,this is an official photo having much info written on the back in blue type it is hand initialed and dated 2 May 1945"