

Robert Clift World War II map and papers collection.

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Collection Summary

Title: Robert Clift World War II map and papers collection.

Span Dates: 1945-1947

Call No.: G5721.S7 coll Clift

Extent: 1 map

Extent: 7 documents

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Robert Clift served as a navigator in the 492nd Bomb Group during World War II. The second lieutenant flew on missions from February 22 to April 26 in Europe. He took part in hazardous, low-level insertion missions of Allied agents behind enemy lines. His unit received a citation from the War Department in 1947. The collection consists of a map that illustrates sixteen missions and copies of photos and official military documents.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Clift, Robert, collector.

Organizations

United States. Army. Air Corps.

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Subjects

World War, 1939-1945--Maps.

Form/Genre

Maps.

Provenance

The materials were donated to the Geography & Map Division.

Processing History

The collection was arranged and described by Ryan Moore in 2017.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright of the Robert Clift World War II map and papers collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Robert Clift World War II map and papers collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Geography & Map Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Robert Clift World War II map and papers collection, Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a map that illustrates sixteen missions and copies of photos and official military documents.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into a single series

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Description of Series

Container

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Container List

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ITEM 1A	Map of sixteen missions 1945 Annotated map Includes: target, coordinates, date, and mission type
ITEM 1B	Mission roster 1945 Lists sixteen missions Includes location name, time, and coordinates
ITEM 2	List of crew and aircraft 1945 Names, rank and duties of nine crew members B-24 Liberators flown - "Pipecraft O" and "Reach Forth H"
ITEM 3	Photograph of the crew 1945 Clift is in back row on the right
ITEM 4	History of missions 1945 Explanation of bombing raids, supply drops to the "Norwegian Underground" and allied agent insertion missions along the Bavarian Mountains
ITEM 5	Letter from U.S. War Department for Unit Citation 1947 Dropping supplies to resistance group, parachuting agetnts, low altitude, dangerous missions behind enemy lines.
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