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## Descriptive Summary

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## Abstract

The collection contains documents, pamphlets, manuals, notebooks, projector slides, and other memorabilia related to Daniel Monson's service in the United States Army Air Forces. Most notably, the collection contains military records, aviation training materials, a leather unit patch, a map of France, and 35mm projector slides. Additionally, there are artifacts related to Corinne Richter Monson, Daniel Monson's wife who served in the Marine Corps Womens Reserve. The collection also contains digitized family photos of the Monsons. The collection contains material from 1941-1958.

## Creator

Monson, Daniel L., 1920-2012

## Extent

0.5 linear ft. (3 boxes)

## Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

## Use Restrictions

The copyright and related rights status of this collection have not been evaluated (See <http://rightsstatements.org/vocab/CNE/1.0/>)

## Acquisition Information

Donated by Mark Monson in July 2018 with an additional donation in October 2018.

## Processing Information

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# Biographical Note

Daniel L. Monson was a pilot in the United States Army Air Forces from March 20, 1943 to January 2, 1946. While he never saw combat, Monson was fully trained through the United States Army Air Forces Pilot Training school to be a B-29 bomber pilot.

Monson was born on April 12, 1920 and at age 22, he joined the Army Air Forces cadet program as an Aviation Cadet at Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas. As a part of his pilot training from 1942 to 1943, Monson logged over 100 flights before graduating and commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant on March 20, 1943 to be a VH Bomber pilot (job code: 1093). Monson continued his training until his separation from the military in 1946, learning skills such as advanced piloting techniques and how to identify different military vehicles/vessels from the view of an aircraft.

Corinne Richter Monson, Daniel Monson's wife, served in the United States Marine Corps Womens Reserve from February 7, 1944 to February 6, 1945. During her time in the Marine Corps, Corinne Monson served as a laboratory assistant to a consulting engineer in electronic research.

Daniel Monson died on February 19, 2012. Corinne Richter Monson died on January 18, 2013.

# Scope and Content

This collection documents Monson's experience as a trained pilot in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. Materials in the collection include manuscripts, manuals, pamphlets, programs, notebooks, a map, a leather unit patch, 35mm glass projector slides, and digitized family photos.

The physical collection consists of material that generally falls into the following categories: Aviation training and reference material, Topographical map of France, programs and informational booklets, Pilot log and notebook, Photo book and aviation unit patch, Personnel files, and Training projector slides.

# Related Material

The Special Collections Research Center also holds other material related to World War II including the [Jerome Epstein papers](#) and the [John Patrick Hawker papers](#).

## Keywords

Aviation  
Aeronautics  
United States. Army Air Forces  
World War, 1939-1945  
Monson, Corinne Richter, 1923-2013  
United States. Marine Corps Women's Reserve

## Bibliography

Ashcroft, Bruce A. We Wanted Wings: a History of the Aviation Cadet Program. Randolph Air Force Base, TX: HQ, AETC, Office of History and Research, 2009.

## Arrangement

This collection consists of three boxes and digitized photos. Folders fall into categories of subject-related materials as determined by the processor. Materials within these categories are arranged and foldered chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Aviation training and reference material (Folder 1 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136577

**Unit Date** June 1943

**box** 1

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### **Aviation training and reference material (Folder 2 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136578

**Unit Date** June-November 1943

**box** 1

**Container** 2 (Folder)

### **Aviation training and reference material (Folder 3 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136579

**Unit Date** 1944-1945

**box** 1

**Container** 3 (Folder)

### **Aviation training and reference material (Folder 4 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136580

**Unit Date** May 1945

**box** 1

**Container** 4 (Folder)

### **Topographical map of France**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136581

**Unit Date** 1943

**box** 1

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Programs and informational booklets**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136582

**Unit Date** 1933, 1943, 1944, 1953

**box** 2

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Pilot log and notebook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136583

**Unit Date** September 1942-May 1945

**box** 2

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Photo book and aviation unit patch**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136584

**Unit Date** 1943-1944

**box** 2

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Personnel files**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136585

**Unit Date** March 1943-July 1948

**box** 2

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**92 35mm Glass Training Projector Slides and wooden slide holder**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136586

**Unit Date** 1943-1944

**box** 3

**Digitized family photos**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/136587

**Unit Date** circa 1943-1945

**Scope and Contents**

Photos consisting of candid shots and military group and individual portraits of the Monsons. The photos can be viewed [here](#).