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## World War II Air Force Unit Photographs

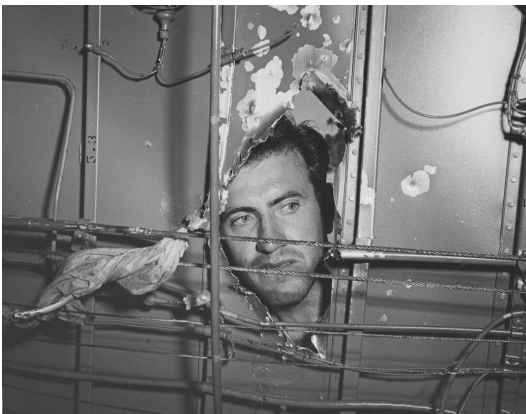
The largest collection of Air Force photographs relating to WWII in the National Archives is [Black and White and Color Photographs of U.S. Air Force and Predecessor Agencies Activities, Facilities and Personnel – World War II and Korean War, ca. 1940 – ca. 1980](#) (National Archives Identifier 542351).



Left: FEAF BOMBER COMMAND, JAPAN--Combat infantrymen must know how to do a flat crawl, ca. 3/1953. [National Archives Identifier 542362](#)



Right: Photograph - Operation Fire Fly, 8/25/1945. [National Archives Identifier 142664251](#)



*Left: Photograph of Lt. Lou Zamperini, Bombardier, Examining the Damage a Japanese Cannon Shell did to His Liberator, 1943. [National Archives Identifier 16801970](#)*

*Right: Photograph of USAF F-86 "Sabre" Jet During Takeoff, ca. 7/1953. [National Archives Identifier 142664275](#)*

This series consists of photographs documenting the activities of the U.S. Air Force and its predecessors during World War II and the Korean War, as well as U.S. military aviation history. The records are grouped into six broad subject categories: World War II; Pre-1940 Domestic; Pre-1954 Domestic; Non-Domestic; Korean War; and additional materials.

The World War II category consists of approximately 50,000 images. Subjects covered include aircraft, crews and units, fields and installations, aircraft maintenance, transportation, reconnaissance, bombing and strafing, medical care, combat action, and more.

Learn more about how to research these records on the [Unwritten Record blog](#).

Have questions related to researching military records at the National Archives? Find answers and contribute to the conversation on [History Hub](#).

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## Record Group Explorer Missions for Citizen Archivists

In our [last newsletter](#), we announced a new pathway to view and explore the records of the National Archives: the [Record Group Explorer](#). You can use this tool to see an overview of the scans of records currently available in our Catalog, organized by Record Group and format.

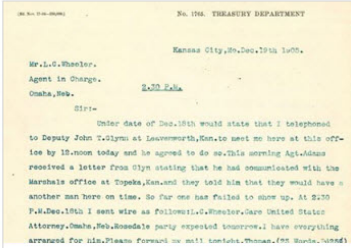
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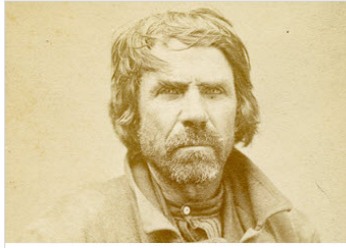
5,071,090 estimated total textual pages in this Record Group [\(Learn more about these numbers\)](#)

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1982	576.8	603.3	18908	9785	10220	3022.8	1899.8		
1983	623.8	623.8	18938	10450	10450	3132.2	1906.8		
1984	665.2	643.1	18958	11270	10990	3289.5	1913.8		

#### Electronic Records

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#### Audiovisual

Our work isn't finished yet. We have more digitizing to do.

In the meantime, explore descriptions of our records. These records, though not yet digitized, are available at National Archives locations.



#### Become a Citizen Archivist

To celebrate the launch of the Record Group Explorer, we've created [special missions](#) for each Record Group. Give the Explorer a try while contributing as a citizen archivist! Jump in and help tag and transcribe [Records from the U.S. Secret Service](#) and the [Records of the Government of the District of Columbia](#). We'll feature additional Record Groups for future missions.

Each of your contributions to these records will help unlock history and make them easier to find in our Catalog for other users.

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