

Leon A. Brooks Collection

Accession number: 1995.002

Location: Jackson Barracks Museum, Archive 2 (The Lake)

Description: 1 document box, legal size, 10 folders

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Scope and Content

1930s-1960s (1942-1945)

The collection contains documents, photos, periodicals, correspondence, publications and other miscellaneous items, featuring activity of the 122nd Observation/Bomb Squadron from the 1930s-40s and the post-war service of Leon Brooks. It contains items and documentation relevant to the study of the 122nd Squadron and World War II history; and Leon Brooks' Post World War II career.

Historical Background:

Leon Brooks enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard in the 1930s and was commissioned an officer in the regular US Army prior to the outbreak of World War II. He served with distinction and rose through the ranks while serving overseas in the North African campaign. The 122nd Observation/Bomb Squadron served in the European Theater of Operations, primarily in North Africa, and was attached to the 68th Reconnaissance Group and later the 15th Air Force. Leon Brooks returned to the Louisiana National Guard after World War II ended, helping Major General Raymond Fleming re-organize it. He rose to become a Lieutenant-Colonel in the US Air Force before retiring in 1963.

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10 folders – Leon Brooks' Post World War II career – includes Louisiana National Guard, US Army, and US Air Force

1. Leon Brooks Newspaper Articles and Photographs 1938-1940
2. Leon Brooks Photographs 1941
3. Leon Brooks Photographs 1941/1942
4. Leon Brooks Photographs 1942/1943
5. Leon Brooks Service Record Paperwork
6. Miscellaneous Newspaper Articles
7. Miscellaneous Photographs

8. Miscellaneous Military Documents
9. Special Orders and Letters
10. Brooks 1952 Promotion Paperwork

Folder Contents

1. Newspaper articles and photographs from the period 1938-1940.
2. Photograph of troopship in Gulf of Mexico and 122nd group photograph
3. A-20 Havoc photograph at Morris Field, North Carolina
Training photographs at Charlotte, North Carolina
Training photographs from Fort Benning, Georgia
Photographs from North African invasion November 1942 and photographs from New Orleans in 1941
Photograph of 68th Reconnaissance Group Personnel November 1942
Miscellaneous photographs North Africa 1942
4. Photographs from Oujda Airfield 1942-1943
Miscellaneous photographs 1942-1943
Photograph of Brooks and telegram assigning him as liaison a to General Patton's forces 1942
Photograph of 122nd Squadron in New Orleans in 1942
Obituary for Captain Samuel Zemurray and photograph of taps being played for him in North Africa
North Africa photographs 1943-44
5. Commissioning document as First Lieutenant 1940
Brooks World War II identification badge and selective service card
State of Louisiana General orders number 5 from May 11, 1959 awarding Brooks Louisiana General Excellency Medal
Classification questionnaire for officers National Guard
Army Extension Course certificates in Finance, Infantry, and Adjutant General
Honorable discharge from Louisiana National Guard as First Sergeant in 1940 to take commission in US Army
Certificate of honorable discharge from 1940 from Louisiana National Guard
Certificate from State of Louisiana making Brooks a Sergeant in Louisiana National Guard in 1935

Certificate from State of Louisiana making Brooks a Corporal in Louisiana National Guard in 1935

Certificate from State of Louisiana making Brooks a Staff Sergeant in Louisiana National Guard in 1936

State of Louisiana honorable discharge 1937

Copy of September 20, 1936 service record of Brooks

American flag invasion brassard from North Africa

6. Newspaper articles from pre and during World War II
7. Miscellaneous photographs from North Africa
Louisiana National Guard headquarters staff personnel 1939
8. Movement orders for Brooks along with promotion information
Pilot licenses (2)
Brooks' Military History
Return of funds form from World War II
Brooks citations and retirement paperwork from 1963
Flight records for Brooks from World War II
9. Officer house addresses during World War II (probably 122nd Officers)
Miscellaneous military paperwork World War II
Bronze star award to Brooks July 1945
Personnel files from World War II
Letter from Christopher C. Shaw of USS *Solomons* to Brooks
Brooks last will and testament from World War II
Immunization record from World War II
Letter from CIA to Brooks about book
Letter from John Makillus to Brooks
10. Letter of recommendation for Brooks to a Lieutenant-Colonel
Photographs of Brooks
Training report for Brooks








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Department of Air Force certificate to Brooks for Meritorious Service from 1963

Certificate of retirement from Air Force 1963

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Catalog / Objectid / Objname	Description	Location	Min. Value:
O 2012.003.066 Flight Suit	 Type A-4 WWII Flight Suit "DWG NO 30-73?" "AC ORDER NO" "42-7449?"	Jackson Barracks Museum 18 C12 Temp. Location:	Collections 0.00
O 666129 Armband	 GERMAN WWII POLITICAL ARMBAND Nazi	Jackson Barracks Museum 32 H05L Temp. Location:	Collections 50.00
O JBCF053 Boots	 Pair M44 Combat Boots	Jackson Barracks Museum 10 A04 Temp. Location:	Collections 0.00
O JBEA453 Compass	 Silver Compass in Black Leather Case with address sticker: "...n Brooks/...asan Dr./...39531"	Jackson Barracks Museum 09 B07 Temp. Location:	Collections 0.00
O JBEA458 Computer, Air Navigatic	 Dead Reckoning Air Navigation Computer AF5916983 G. Felsenthal & Sons., Inc. 3 marked metal concentric plates over rectangular	Jackson Barracks Museum 09 B07 Temp. Location:	Collections 0.00
O JBEA459 Goggles	 Blue Tinted Flying Goggles no marks hinged at nose	Jackson Barracks Museum 09 A01 Temp. Location:	Collections 50.00
O JBPE039 Sunglasses	 Aviator's Sunglasses purple lens, gold frame with leather case marked LTC L.A. Brooks	Jackson Barracks Museum 09 A01 Temp. Location:	Collections 15.00

Catalog / Objectid / Objname	Description	Location	Min. Value:
O MB111 Knife	 <p>Indonesiana Kris with wooden scabbard. Knife/ Blade has three wqaves in it/ engraved both sides/ guard is made of two pieces os brassn scrolled on the ends/blade is loose in hilt/ hilt is wood covered</p>	Jackson Barracks Museum 09 D06 Temp. Location:	50.00
O MB113 Knife	 <p>Indonisian Kris Sword with wooden scabbard Wavy blade/ engraving deep both sides of blade/ 6 waves/ guard is widening of blade in both sideward directions with several quillion like projections/ blade</p>	Jackson Barracks Museum 09 D06 Temp. Location:	45.00
Total Items 9			Total Value: 210.00