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FREDERIC EARL FORD PAPERS

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The photographs of Frederic Earl Ford cover the years 1935-1945. Most photographs center on the war action in the Pacific Theater of World War II from 1943 to 1945. They were given to Wright State University Archives in September of 1978 by his wife, Mrs. Barbara J. Ford.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3.33

Approximate number of items: 2,586

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Frederic Earl Ford, Lt. Col. Ret., U.S.A.F. was born in Dayton, Ohio on August 14, 1920. He was the son of Earl and Sara Ruth Ford. He attended college at Purdue University in 1938, then attended the University of Vermont. He received his B.S. degree in chemistry, then attended the University of Virginia for graduate work. He completed his Master's degree in chemistry in 1950.

Ford served in the 5th Bomb Wing in the Pacific theater in World War II. He was the commander of the photography group, receiving many medals and commendations including the bronze star. His major field was research and development. After the war, held research and administrative positions as an officer with the Air Force in Alaska, California, Ohio and in Arlington, Virginia, where he retired in 1968 after 20 years of military service.

On December 27, 1948, he married Barbara Jean Suter of Little Rock, Arkansas. They had three children: Lucy Karen Ford, Janet Sharon Ford, and Gary Wayne Ford.

Fred Ford was an avid naturalist and photographer. After he retired he served as volunteer and teacher at the Aullwood Audubon Nature Center, worked with the Museum of Natural History, the YMCA Travel Series and the Nomad Club.

Lt. Col. Fred Ford died at his home in Beavercreek Township, Xenia, Ohio on January 2, 1978.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Frederic Earl Ford papers consist mostly of photographs and negatives. Booklets, reels of movie film, hard-bound books, and leaflets are also included. The earliest document dates 1935 and the latest 1945. Most photographs are dated in the latter part of WW II: 1943-1945.

The researcher should be aware of the following before using the collection:

1. Three photograph albums were included in the collection. The processor preserved the original order used by Fred Ford; so photographs are listed by album and file number as they had been found.

2. All photographs are identified and dated on the back, as written by Fred Ford.

3. The Photographs show many aspects of military and camp life, as well as customs and traditions of the people in the area that Fred was stationed.

FREDERIC EARL FORD MANUSCRIPT FILES

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CONTAINER LISTING

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Students Negative Data Sheet	1942
	2	Two booklets listing negatives	1943-1945
	3	Two photographs in booklets	c. 1945
	4	Negatives of Purdue University and Niagara Falls	n.d.
	5	Negatives of Fred's days at camp	c. 1938
	6	Negatives of Fred in uniform - some of his friends	n.d.
	7	Negatives of Pacific area and action	c. 1943-1945
	8	Negatives of lifestyles of natives, Pacific Theater action, camp life	c. 1943-1945
	9	Negatives of Philippine action	c. 1943-1945
	10	Miscellaneous photographs	1930-1935
	11	Miscellaneous photographs	1936
	12	Miscellaneous photographs	1937-1938
	13	Miscellaneous photographs	1939-1940
	14	Miscellaneous photographs	1941
	15	Miscellaneous photographs	1942-1943
	16	Unidentified photographs	n.d.

(The Following Contains All Photographs)

		<u>Album 1</u>	
2	1	Friends and Family in Woodbine, Vermont	1938
	2	Officer's Club in Guadalcanal	1943
	3	Officer's Club in Guadalcanal	1943
	4	Military life in Mirotai	1945
	5	Military life in Mirotai	1945
	6	Military life in Mirotai	1945
	7	Military life in Mirotai	1945
	8	Military life in Mirotai	1945
	9	Military life in Mirotai	1945
	10	USO Show - Mirotai	1945
	11	Guadalcanal Band 1943; USO Show	1944-1945
	12	USO Show Girls	1944-1945
	13	GI Show; USO Show - Guadalcanal	1943-1944
	14	USO Show - Guadalcanal	1943
	15	USO Show - Guadalcanal	1943
	16	GI Show - Guadalcanal	1943
	17	Catholic Services - Guadalcanal	1943
	18	USO Show - Los Negros	1944
	19	Military Life - Noemfoor	1944
	20	Camp Life - Noemfoor	1944
	21	Camp Life - Noemfoor	1944

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	22	Military Life - Munda, N. Georgia	1944
	23	Military Life - Los Negros	1944
	24	Military Life - Samar	1945
	25	Military Life - Samar	1945
	26	Military Life - Munda, N. Georgia	1944
	27	Military Life - Los Negros	1944
	28	Military Life - Wakde, Samar	1944-1945
	29	Military Life - Wakde	1944
	30	Military Life - Munda, Noemfoor	1944
	3	1	Military Life - Noemfoor, Los Negros
2		Military Life - Mirotai	1944
3		Military Life - Los Negros	1944
4		Military Life - Mirotai	1945
5		Military Life - Munda	1944
6		Military Life - Guadalcanal	1943
7		Military Life - Wakde	1944
8		Munda, Los Negros, Guadalcanal	1944-1945
9		Military Life - Munda	1944
10		Military Life - Samar	1945
11		Military Life - Samar	1945
12		Military Life - Samar	1945
13		Military Life - Samar	1945
14		5th Bomber Group - Samar	1945
15		Native Life - Los Negros	1944
16		Native Life - Los Negros, N. Guinea	1943-1945
17		Native Life - N. Guinea	1944
18		Military Life - Guadalcanal, N. Guinea	1943-1944
19		Samar-Cartoon Sketches	1943-1945
20		Fiji	1942
21		Lake Placid, N.Y.	1947
22		Military Life - N. Hebrides, N. Caledonia	1942-1943
23		Military Life - N. Caledonia	1942
24		Military Life - N. Hebrides	1943
25		Military Life - Guadalcanal	1943
26		Military Life	1944-1945
27		Military Life - Mirotai, Samar	1944-1945
28		Miscellaneous	1936-1945
29		Denver, Colorado	1942
30		Family Members	1936-1947
4	1	Family Members and Friends	1935-1937
	2	Photographs of Francis Kenton, a Friend	1942
	3	Denver, Colorado	1942
	4	Denver, Colorado	1942
	5	Pike's Peak, Colorado	1942
	6	Pike's Peak, Colorado	1942
	7	Mountain Cavalry at Pike's Peak	1942
	8	Frederic Earl Ford	1942
	9	Military Life-N. Georgia, Samar	1944-1945
	10	Bombing of N. Briton	1943-1944

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
		<u>Album 2</u>	
3	11	N. Georgia	1943-1944
4	12	Woleai	1944
	13	Bombing Raids on Ceran, Halmekera, Woleai, Borneo	1944
	14	Bomb Raid on Borneo	1944
	15	Bomb Raid on Borneo	1944
	16	Sulu Sea, Pacific Island	1944
	17	Leyte	1944
	18	Borneo	1944
	19	Bomb Raid - Tarakin	1944
	20	Bomb Raid - Mindanao	1944
	21	Tarakin, Los Negros	1944
	22	Bomb Raids - Los Negros, Borneo	1944
	23	Kurur Island and Luzon	1944-1945
	24	Bombing - Los Negros	1945
	25	Bombing - Los Negros	1945
	26	Bombing - Luzon	1945
	27	Bombing - Borneo	1945
	28	Bombing - Cebu, Kolumbangara, Samar	1944-1945
	29	B-24's - Samar	1944
	30	Manila, Yap	1945
5	1	5th Bomb Group Blueprints	1944-1945
	2	Bomb Plans - Borneo	1944
	3	Makassar St., Negros	1944
	4	Brunei Bay	1944
	5	Bomb Raid - Cebu	1944
	6	Bomb Raid - Borneo, Luzon	1944
	7	Luzon	1945
	8	Cavite, Naurv	1943-1945
	9	Naurv, Examples of Bombardment Photography	1943-1945
	10	N. Britain	1944
	11	N. Britain, Woleai, Truk	1944
	12	Biak	1944
	13	Sulu Sea, Pacific Islands	1944
	14	Sulu Sea, Pacific Islands	1944
	15	Borneo	1944
	16	Hickham Field, Hawaii	1941
	17	Mindanao	1945
	18	B-24 Designs	1943-1944
	19	B-24 Designs	1943-1944
	20	B-24 Designs	1943-1944
	21	B-24 Designs	1943-1944
	22	5 BG Ship enroute from Hawaii to Sopoi	1942-1943
	23	Guadalcanal	1943
	24	Guadalcanal, Mirotai	1943-1945
	25	Woodbine, VT - Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1943-1944
	26	Florida-Charlottesville, Va	1944-1945

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	27	Friends and Relatives	1942-1945
	28	Samar	1945
	29	N. Briton	1944
	30	Bougainville, N. Briton	1943-1944

(Note: Photographs listed below deal with military and camp life)

6	1	Truk, Guadalcanal, Solomon, N. Briton	1943-1944
	2	Truk	1944
	3	Biak, Truk	1944
	4	Biak	1944
	5	Guadalcanal	1943
	6	Guadalcanal	1943
	7	Guadalcanal	1943
	8	N. Caledonia	1942
	9	N. Caledonia, Espiritv Santos	1942-1943

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	10	Guadalcanal	1943
	11	Guadalcanal	1943
	12	Guadalcanal	1943
	13	Guadalcanal	1943
	14	Guadalcanal	1943
	15	Guadalcanal	1943
	16	Guadalcanal	1943
	17	Guadalcanal	1943
	18	Fiji Islands	1942
	19	N. Hebrides	1943
	20	N. Hebrides	1943
	21	N. Hebrides	1943
	22	N. Hebrides	1943
	23	N. Hebrides	1943
	24	N. Hebrides	1943
	25	N. Hebrides	1943
	26	N. Hebrides	1943
	27	N. Caledonia	1942
	28	Guadalcanal	1943
	29	New Georgia	1944
	30	N. Caledonia, Guadalcanal	1942-1943
7	1	Guadalcanal	1943
	2	N. Hebrides	1943
	3	N. Hebrides	1943
	4	Guadalcanal	1943
	5	Fiji Islands	1942
	6	N. Hebrides	1943
	7	Stewart Islands	1943
	8	Guadalcanal	1943
	9	N. Caledonia	1942
	10	N. Hebrides	1943
	11	Guadalcanal	1943

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7	12	N. Caledonia	1942	
	13	Guadalcanal	1943	
	14	Samar	1945	
	15	Los Negros, Samar	1944-1945	
	16	Guadalcanal	1943	
	17	N. Hebrides	1943	
	18	Guadalcanal	1943	
	19	Los Negros	1944	
	20	Los Negros	1944	
	21	Guadalcanal, N. Georgia	1943-1944	
	22	New Georgia	1944	
	23	Oaku	1941	
	24	Guadalcanal	1943	
	25	Guadalcanal	1943	
	26	Guadalcanal	1943	
	27	Guadalcanal	1943	
	28	Munda, N. Georgia	1943	
	29	Munda, N. Georgia	1943	
	30	Munda, N. Georgia	1943	
	8	1	Munda, N. Georgia	1943
		2	Guadalcanal	1943
		3	Bomber Aircraft	1943-1945
		4	Kolumbangara	1944
		5	Guadalcanal, Kolumbangara	1943-1944
		6	Noemfoor	1944
		7	Guadalcanal	1943
		8	Mirotai	1944
		9	Wakde	1944
		10	Biak	1944
		11	Guadalcanal, Biak	1943-1944
12		Guadalcanal	1943	
13		Awards in Guadalcanal	1943	
14		Guadalcanal, Munda, N. Georgia	1943-1944	
15		Guadalcanal	1943-1944	
16		Guadalcanal	1943	
17		Mirotai, Munda, Los Negros	1943-1944	
18		Guadalcanal, Mirotai	1943-1945	
19		Guadalcanal, Los Negros, Noemfoor, Samar	1943-1945	
9	1	Three reels of movie film - B-24 and Guadalcanal		
	2	Three reels of movie film - Pike's Peak, B-24's		
	3	Five large negatives - B-24's		
	4	Contact sheet showing a friend of Fred's		

The following books are catalogued and placed in the reading-research room with the section of books on aviation:

1. History of the Fifth Bomb Group - 1945

Compiled by the 5th Group Historical Officer; Published by Hillsborough House.

2. From Fiji Through the Philippines with the Thirteenth Air Force - 1948
By Lt. Col. Benjamin E. Lippincott. Published by Newsfoto Publishing Co., San Angelo, Texas
3. 17th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron - 1945
Compiled by the 13th U.S. Army Air Force
4. The Campaigns of the Pacific War - 1946
Published by the Naval Analysis Division