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CRABB, JARRED V., MAJOR GENERAL
USAF (RETIRED)
1929-1961
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Major General Vincent Crabb (1902-1981) joined the Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet on 21 February 1929. Graduating and receiving his wings in 1930, he became a Second Lieutenant in the Air Reserves. As a company grade officer, Crabb held various positions in an expanding Air Corps. These included Commanding Officer (CO) of the 19th Composite Wing, Albrook Field, Florida, in 1933 and CO of the 14th Reconnaissance Squadron, Miami, Florida. He participated in the 1935 Mitchell Trophy Races at Selfridge Field, Michigan.

At the start of World War II his experience with reconnaissance led him to bomber aircraft. His principal overseas assignment was with the 5th Bomber Command as Chief of Staff, 1942-1943, in the Southwest Pacific, and later as CO, Headquarters Advance Echelon, 5th Air Force. After the war, he remained in the Pacific Theater. From 20 June 1949 -17 January 1952, he acted as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Far East Air Forces (FEAF), in Tokyo, Japan. From this position he was able to follow much of the day-to-day military activity of the Korean War. After the conflict, Major General Crabb accepted assignment as Chief of Staff, Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he retired in July 1961.

Major General Crabb donated this collection to the Air Force Academy in 1971.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection relates to Major General Crabb's military career, from 1929-1961. The most significant part of the material deals with Crabb's official role as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations of FEAF during the Korean War. The balance, mostly of personal nature, contains materials which relate to the Army Air Corps of the 1930s and WWII in the Southwest Pacific.

This collection consists of four boxes of manuscript material arranged in six series, outlined in the Arrangement and Description section below. Additionally, the Oral History Collection of Special Collections contains an Oral History Interview prepared by the Department of History, USAF Academy. The tape and corrected transcript cover Major General Crabb's WWII experiences with particular emphasis on aircraft and personalities, e.g., MacArthur, Kenny.

Keywords and Terms: 1929-1961; World War II, Pacific; World War, 1939-1945; Korean War; FEAF Far East Air Forces (FEAF); Pacific Theater; HQ Pacific Air Command; Military Communications; B-29 Operations History; B-29 Pre-Strike Planning; B-29 Post-Strike analysis; Soviet MiG-15s; North American F-86, Sabres; Army Air Corps; Air Defense Command; 5th Air Force; 5th Bomber Command Chief of Staff; Army Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific; Chief of Staff, Air Defense Command (ADC); War Department Policy; Panmunjom Peace Talks; Mitchell Trophy Race 1935;

Names: Crabb, Jarred V.; Whitehead, Ennis C.

Places: Tokyo, Japan; Korea; Southwest Pacific; New Guinea; United States

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ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE

JOURNALS, 26 JUNE 1950 - 9 JANUARY 1952

BOX ONE

Folder 1	Journal One	26 June 1950 - 29 September 1950
Folder 2	Journal Two	1 October 1950 - 31 December 1950
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BOX TWO

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BOX TWO

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BOX TWO

Folder 3	Items from Folders 3 and 4 are Missing
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- Folder 6 *Role Fifth Air Force, 28 November 1945*
Folder 7 *Strike against Japanese Naval Units, 27 April 1945*

SERIES FIVE **PHOTOGRAPHS**

BOX THREE

- Folder 1 World War II
Folder 2 1950s

SERIES SIX **SCRAPBOOKS**

BOX THREE

- Folder 3 Scrapbook No. 1, early career, 1929 - 1945

BOX FOUR

- Folder 1 Scrapbook No. 2, photographs
Folder 2 Loose pages