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**DILLINGHAM, MAURICE S.**

**1944-1945**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Maurice Stanley Dillingham (1908-2008) was a Major and pilot in the US Army Air Corps, 384th Bomb Group. He and his crew were shot down during a combat mission near Solingen, Germany on 1 December 1943. He was held at the Stalag Luft I prison camp for over a year before it was liberated by Soviet forces in May 1945. Dillingham donated this collection to the Academy in 1993.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection is comprised of three series divided into four folders. Series One includes Major Dillingham's wartime log book, of which a page-by-page description is included below. Series Two includes some miscellaneous magazine articles that he donated along with the log book, and Series Three consists of a single folio that includes artwork and captions from an Air Force pilot and artist named Charles Ross Greening.

**Names:** Dillingham, Maurice S.; Greening, Charles Ross

**Keywords and terms:** World War II; World War, 1939-1945; United States Army Air Corps; 384th Bombardment Group; Stalag Luft I; Prisoners of War (POWs); Diaries; Journals; Art; Barth, Germany; 1940s

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**ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION**

**SERIES ONE: LOG BOOK**

Folder 1	Dillingham Prisoner of War Log
Page 2-3	Hand drawn map of the Stalag Luft I compound
Page 4-28	"Thirteen Months a P.O.W." Twenty-four page handwritten account of Dillingham's imprisonment and liberation from the Stalag Luft I prison camp. A transcribed copy, written by Dillingham, is located in Folder 2

Page 29	Evacuation orders, 12 May 1945
Page 30	Passport/automobile authorization
Page 31	End of war notice. Barth, 8 May 1945
Page 45	Identification photos: Dillingham, H. Zemke, C.T. Weir, and W.P. Todd
Page 46	Stalag Luft I Bulletin, 26 February 1945
Page 49	Barracks #9, room 3 layout map
Page 52-53	Correspondence from Ben, Dillingham's nephew
Page 54	P.O.W. Mail Red Cross envelope
Page 56	French cigarette package
Page 57	German punishment notice, 20 April 1944
Page 58-59	Map of Groningen, Netherlands and northwestern Germany. Hand drawn. Text states "Map prepared in camp for use in escape attempt"
Page 60-63	Newspaper clippings
Page 64	Red Cross Christmas greeting card
Page 66-67	B.E.W. License for POW parcels
Page 70	Program for 'Stalag Serenade' swing orchestra and glee club show. Hand drawn, no date
Page 71	Program for "Hit the Bottle: A Musical Comedy in Three Acts." Printed, 3 July 1944
Un-numbered	Approximately 40 un-numbered pages of artwork and photographs. Artwork includes drawings of the compound, individual prisoners, airplanes, and more. Photographs were sent to him from home and depict family members
Page 73-75	Hand-drawn schematics of camp living quarters
Page 77-91	Hand-drawn artwork, primarily of airplanes
Page 95-105	POW poems
Page 107	"Kriegie Quotes"
Page 109	Mess Hall Menu

Page 115-139 Artwork. Hand-drawn and painted artwork depicting the compound, soldiers, and other subjects

Page 140-145 List of books read

Page 146-148 List of fellow prisoners with addresses

Folder 2 Log Book Excerpts and Inserts

- Bulletin, No. 46, from Headquarters, Wing X, USAF, with attached copy of diary written by M.S. Dillingham while a POW, 12 May 1945
- "POW Exposition: Army Air Forces." Pamphlet issued by the YMCA, no date. Was included inside the back cover of the log book
- German insignia woven in cloth. Approximately 5" by 10," black-on-white. Was included inside the back cover of the log book

## **SERIES TWO: ARTICLES**

Folder 3 Articles

- Glines, C.V. "Artifacts from a POW." *Retired Officer Magazine*, June 1991.
- "How It Was behind the Wire." *8th AF News*, November 1981.
- *Kregie Times*, Vol. 2, No. 1. Sagan, Germany, 8 February 1944.
- Stevens, Bob. "There I Was..." *Air Force*, November 1988.

## **SERIES THREE: FOLIO**

Envelope 1 Folio, "Not as Briefed," by C. Ross Greening, containing many captioned drawings pertaining to air combat during World War II