

LIBERTY AVIATION MUSEUM



Mullens Family Collection

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Introduction

This collection was given to the Liberty Aviation Museum by Mullen's family, August 10, 2014. Permission to use this collection for research purposes was granted by the donor.

Biographical Sketch

Bernard A. Coburn was born on April 27, 1906 in Connecticut. Coburn's parents were, John Coburn and Verna Hornjah. Coburn was married to Alice E. Coburn, while together they lived in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

On October 15, 1940 to October 31, 1941, Coburn served in active Federal Service in the Army of the United States. Then on May 18, 1942, Coburn enlisted in the United States Air Force, later that year Coburn began training. In late 1942, Coburn received his diploma in airplane mechanics. Coburn also received his diploma in B-24 familiarization school, where he received an Army and Navy Distinguished Flying Cross Medal.

On January 31, 1943, Alice E. Coburn received recognition for her contribution to the war effort. T/Sgt. Coburn as a gunner and aerial engineer on a B-24 Aircraft in 328th Bombardment Squadron, he participated in 25 operation sorties all from July 7, 1943 to March 6, 1944 and he received many awards and decorations.

William S. Grieves Jr. was born on July 21, 1926, in Detroit Michigan. Grieves parents were Jean Smith and William Scott Grieves Sr. Therefore, Grieves was the stepson the Bernard Coburn. Grieves was enlisted into active service on November 28, 1944, while active he served as a truck driver and worked with the post office in Manilla, Luzon in the Philippine Island. During Grieves' service of rebuilding infrastructure in the Philippines after the war, he was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal likely, and Philippine Liberation ribbon. Grieves was honorably discharged on November 21, 1946.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of documents from World War 11 and Post World War 11. As well as, personal and military photographs. This collection also features various periodicals and a scrap-book created by Bernard Coburn is included. Coburn's archives are from World War 11 time period, as well as post World War 11 for his veteran affairs. William S. Grieves, the step son of Bernard Coburn also participated in active duty for the effort of World War 11. Grieves archives consist of mainly post World War 11. Grieves participated in the reconstruction of the Philippines after World War 11, and received many awards for his contribution.

Inventory

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Box 1

Folder 1-Personal History

Baptismal Record of Bernard A. Coburn.
Correspondence Lists

Folder 2-Fish and Wildlife

Farm and Pond Booklet
Fishery Leaflets

Folder 3-Photos

Military Service Photographs
Personal Photographs

Folder 4-Letters

Letter to Bernard Coburn

Folder 5-Military History-During World War 11

Military Service Correspondence to Bernard Coburn
Military Service Records
Military Service Awards

Folder 6- AAF Unit Special Events

Event Records
Special Orders Records

Folder 7-Military History Post World War 11

Special Orders
Disability Record
Finance Record

Folder 8-Unit Records

AAF Unit Roster
AAF Unit Awards

Folder 9-Periodicals

Red Cross Map of London
World War 11 Events
B-24 Liberators

Folder 10-Oversize Periodicals

'Stars and Stripes' Newspaper
'Yank Army Weekly' Magazine
'Wings for Combat' AAF Training Command

Folder 11-Scrapbook

Bernard Coburn
World War 11 Events and Records

Folder 12-William S. Grieves

Personal History
Military History

* Objects in relation to the Mullens Family Collection, *i.e. Ribbons, Badges, Tunic, Currency and Nametag*, can be viewed upon request on site at **Liberty Aviation Museum** *