BEN RITTER COLLECTION
ACCESSION NUMBER 280

Processed November 2005
COLLECTION: Ben Ritter Collection

ACCESSION NUMBER: 280  INCLUSIVE DATES: circa 1945

DONOR: Ben Ritter  RESTRICTIONS: None

DATE OF GIFT: September 2001  LOCATION: Small manuscripts

SIZE: 1 folder  COLLECTION GUIDE AVAILABLE: No

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The photographs were probably taken in the latter part of 1945 as the Allied forces moved across the French countryside. The photos represent scenes of a victorious army and show the remnants of aerial combat.

SUBJECT: World War II German aircraft; Paris scenes; American GIs

FORMS OF MATERIAL: The collection consists of eight small photographs and negatives circa 1945. Five of the photos show downed aircraft including two photos with the swastika symbol. One photo is of soldiers eating in the field and the remaining two are of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

AUTHOR/DONOR: Ben Ritter lives in Winchester, Virginia and obtained these photographs when Valley Photo Center in Winchester changed ownership. Mr. Ritter asked for all of the unclaimed photos and these photographs were in that group.

ARRANGEMENT: 1 folder
Folder 1

- photograph 1, downed German aircraft Focke-Wulf Fw 190
- photograph 2, American soldier sitting in downed Fock-Wulf
- photograph 3, unidentified downed German airplane, possibly a Dornier
- photograph 4, downed German aircraft, possibly a Dornier
- photograph 5, heavily damaged downed German airplane
- photograph 6, American GIs eating chow in the field
- photograph 7, two American GIs in front of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris
- photograph 8, Arc de Triomphe, Paris

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