

BEN RITTER COLLECTION

ACCESSION NUMBER 280

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COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

COLLECTION: Ben Ritter Collection

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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

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CONTAINER LIST

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
negatives, 8