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HARLEY W. RHODEHAMEL, JR.
COLLECTION, 1941–2003

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box; 4 folders of photographs

COLLECTION DATES: 1941–2003

PROVENANCE: Evaline Rhodehamel, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2005, 2006

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harley W. Rhodehamel, Jr. (1918–2006) was born in Indianapolis, Indiana and attended Orchard and Park schools. He received graduate and undergraduate degrees in chemistry from Purdue University. In July, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet. He was promoted to Captain and served in the 450th Bomb Group, 15th Air Force, flying B-24s out of Italy. Rhodehamel received 11 Bronze Stars for his service in World War II. After completing his education, Rhodehamel went to work for Eli Lilly and Company. He worked for Lilly for 37 years and served as the Vice President of the Biochemical Department and received a patent for his work in 1953. He was married to Evaline Hitz Rhodehamel and they had four children.

Sources:

Indianapolis *Star*, 18 August 2006

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 20 June 2014

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains records, historical information and photographs relating to Harley Rhodehamel's service record during World War II. Included are his official papers, service record, orders, training command graduation and a copy of the soldier's and sailor's prayer book, 1941–1945. There also are a significant number of photographs including formal photographs and photographs of Rhodehamel and his unit while stationed with the 720th Bomb Group in Italy, 1942–1945. In addition, there is a published history of the 720th Bomb Group by Rhodehamel in 1995 and additional writings and research regarding the unit as well as newsletters for the group and the 15th Air Force.

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