SC-304: Bruno Porta World War II Photographs

Collection Number: SC-304

Title: Bruno Porta World War II Photographs

Dates: 1942-1943

Creator: Porta, Bruno

Summary/Abstract:
The collection consists of 13 photographs depicting Benito Mussolini, Erwin Rommel, and other Italian and German military officers in North Africa in 1942-1943. Lieutenant Bruno Porta was an Italian Army officer in WWII. Porta later gave the photographs to his friend Richard Dawson, who served in the 415th Night Fighter Squadron.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.1 linear foot (13 photographs)

Language(s):
Original photograph captions are in Italian, with English translations provided in this finding aid by archivist.

Repository:
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Acquisition:
The photographs were donated to Special Collections & Archives by Peter Dawson, son of Richard Dawson, in March 2017.

Custodial History:
The photographs were taken by Bruno Porta, who later gave them to his friend Richard Dawson. Dawson served in the 415th Night Fighter Squadron. Porta’s son married Dawson’s daughter.
Separated Material:
Materials specifically pertaining to Richard Dawson that were donated at the same time have been added to MS-120: Night Fighters of World War II Historical Collection, Series XVIII and Series XIX.

Related Material:
MS-120: Night Fighters of World War II Historical Collection

Processing Information:
For clarification purposes in the image descriptions, the location has been listed first, and personal names have been underlined. English translations of Italian military titles have been provided by the archivist.

Processed by: Lisa Rickey, March 2017

Arrangement:
The collection is arranged in a single series, in the order in which the photographs appeared in the original photo album in which they were received.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families
Bastico, Ettore, 1876-1972
Giglioli, Emilio
Mussolini, Benito, 1883-1945
Porta, Bruno
Rommel, Erwin, 1891-1944

Subjects (General)
World War, 1939-1945 Africa, North

Material Types
Photographs
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<td>North Africa, Libia, Marzotto, Cirenaica (Marzotto, Cyrenaica, Libya, North Africa) Ettore Bastico; Benito Mussolini; Generale Barracco, Generale Emilio Giglioli (briefing Mussolini); Generale di Brigata (Brigadier General) Dal Pozzo</td>
<td>1942 July 9</td>
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<td>Buerat, Sirtic Desert, Libia (Buerat, Libya) Erwin Rommel, Commander of German Troops in North Africa; German General; Generale di Stato Maggiore (Chief of staff) Gandini; Generale Emilio Giglioli</td>
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