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Elrod, Cecil Murray, 1923-2002 (MSS 352)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Cecil Murray Elrod was born in Warren County, Kentucky on 4 December 1923. As a small boy, he was sent to Jefferson County to live with family. He attended Valley High School in Valley Station, where he met his future wife, Betty Lee Cloud. Elrod served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in Patrol Bombing Squadron, VPB-21. After his military service, Elrod worked for 34 years as civilian employee at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He was a Baptist, a Mason, and a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America. He died on 1 February 2002 and was interred in the Bethany Cemetery. The Elrods had one daughter, Pamela J. Elrod.

COLLECTION NOTE

This small collection contains information about Cecil Murray Elrod, particularly his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. The collection includes training notes he took about the operation and maintenance of planes, guns, and cameras. These notebooks also contain drawings of the same. Also in the collection are two aviator flight log books from 1944. A history of Elrod’s bombing squadron, Patrol Bombing Squadron VPB-21, is also included. This unpublished history contains information about seaplanes, particularly the PBM Mariner. Rosters and other commemorative material collected for reunions of Valley High School (Jefferson County, Kentucky) Class of 1943 are found in folder 8.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1  Cecil Murray Elrod  1924-1996  46 items
Folder 1  Inventory  1 item
Folder 2  Identification cards, membership cards, report  1924-1996  12 items
Cards and sundry other material related to
Folder 3  Cecil M. Elrod and other family members  Notebooks filled with notes and drawings related to operating and maintaining planes and guns and cameras on planes  [1943-1944]  2 items

Folder 4  Aviators flight log books  1944  2 items

Folder 5  Items removed from flight log books in folder 4  1944-1945  16 items


Folder 7  “Known Air Crew Members of VPB-21” – Roster  n.d.  1 item

Folder 8  Rosters and other information gathered for reunions of the Valley High School Class of 1943  1967-1996  8 items

Folder 9  Poems and doggerel  n.d.  3 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Material related to Cecil Murray Elrod chiefly about his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Patrol Bombing Squadron VPB-21. Includes notes on planes and guns discussed during training, aviators flight log books, and other military papers. Also includes information about reunions of the Valley High School (Jefferson County, Kentucky) Class of 1943.

½ box. 9 folders. 46 items. Originals and photocopies.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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