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**PALMER FAMILY
PAPERS, 1865; 1918–1948**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box; 2 oversize folders; artifacts
COLLECTION DATES:	1865; 1918–1948
PROVENANCE:	Thomas R. Palmer, Greenwood, Indiana, July, 2010
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The collection contains papers relating to three individuals: Carl Klinefelt; Roy W. Palmer; and Roy M. Palmer.

Carl Klinefelt was born in Germany in 1839 and was married to Roma Klinefelt and immigrated to LaPorte County, Indiana. He enlisted as private in the 21st Battery, Indiana Light Artillery in September, 1862 and was mustered out in June 1865.

Roy W. Palmer was born in Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana; in 1897 he was a farmer and a teacher in LaPorte County. In April, 1918, he was drafted into the U. S. Army, promoted to corporal in July and discharged on November of the same year apparently due to health reasons.

Roy M. Palmer, son of Roy W., was born in LaPorte County in 1921. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1943, was promoted to staff sergeant and served as a member of the 879th Bomb Group, 20th Air Force as a radio operator on a B-29 bomber in the Pacific, 1944–1945. After the war, Palmer returned to LaPorte County and married Noreen Mae Schultz (1924–2008) in 1947 and they had three sons and one daughter. Palmer died on 19 April 1997.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/> searched 20 July 2011.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection primarily consists of documents, military records and publications for Roy M. Palmer, 1944–1945. These include squadron orders, flight records, and his individual combat record listing his bombing missions, 1944–1945. Additional Roy M. Palmer items include his diary, March–April 1945; flight school and related Army Air Corps training manuals, 1941–1944; and a scrapbook of articles written by Ernie Pyle while he was a correspondent in the Pacific Theater, 1945. The collection also contains a significant number of his artifacts including military ribbons, buttons, insignias and patches as well as Japanese and Chinese currency.

Other items in the collection include Carl Klinefelt's Civil War discharge, 26 June 1865, and Roy W. Palmer's honorable discharge, November, 1918, and his partial disability pension claim, 1939.

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Roy M. Palmer, WW II Service Records, 1944–1945

Roy M. Palmer, Diary, 1945

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Flight School Manual, Maps and Charts, 1943

Flight School Manual, Aircraft Recognition, 1943

Flight School Manual, Physics, 1943

Navigation Manual, E-6B Computer, 1944

Student Notebook, Air Navigation, ca. 1944

Radio Operator's Information File, 1944

Ernie Pyle, Scrapbook of Articles from the Pacific, 1945

The Tale Spinner, 10 April 1943 (newspaper for pre-flight school cadets, San Antonio, Texas)

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Artifacts, ca. 1943–1945

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