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## ARCHIVES

John G. Reed Military  
Collection

2012.49

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### Collection Information

Abstract : The collection includes his uniforms, badges, flight log books, training manuals, diaries and photographs

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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Provenance : Donated by Evelyn Reed, September 2012

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Mr. John G. Reed was born April 14, 1919 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He served as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Army Air Corp pilot of a B-24 bomber (named Night Clubber). When asked during an oral history interview conducted at WHM in 2002 why he joined the Army Air Corp, he stated that “he just always wanted to fly.”

After basic and flight training he became a member of the famous *Flying Tigers*. The 1st American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force, nicknamed the *Flying Tigers*, was composed of pilots from the United States Army and Navy. The group trained in Burma before the American entry into World War II with the mission of defending China against Japanese forces. The Tigers' remain among the most recognizable of any individual combat aircraft of World War II. The group achieved notable success during the lowest period of the war for U.S. and Allied Forces, giving hope to Americans that they would eventually succeed against the Japanese.

Mr. Reed piloted over forty missions during the war. John G. Reed died on March 13, 2006.

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## **Series Description**

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Series 1, Training Manuals

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| 1            | 6               | 2012.49.3.1        | Diary (February 24, 1943 – May 11, 1945) |

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| 1            | 7<br>immunization | 2012.49.4.1        | Various records including ID, license, records, pay stubs, etc.                                      |
| 1            | 8                 | 2012.49.4.2        | Various record including general and special orders, crew lists, commendations, etc.                 |
| 1            | 9                 | 2012.49.4.3        | Various records including certificates, bombing targets, flight certificates and flight check forms. |
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| 1            | 12              | 2012.49.5.15-..54  | Various images of John G. Reed, his plane and his<br>crew while serving during WWII. |
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| 1            |                 | 2012.49.6.9        | Chennault's Flying Tigers and other miscellaneous journals. |