



Memories: Photograph Albums and Scrapbooks



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1) Album documenting the World War II military service of Clarence Wallace Tillman, 398th Bomb Group.

9 ½ x 11-inch album; 19 pages with photographs and ephemera in glassine sleeves on both sides of page. 74 black and white photographs documenting Tillman's World War II service and five color photographs from trips to 398th Bomb Group reunions in his later years. The photographs are 2 ½ x 3 ½, 3 x 5, and 4 x 5 inches, affixed by corners. Some of the Bomb Group photos have dates and/or the photographer's credits stamped on the back. Very good. \$275

The images include:

- Aerial bombing missions
- Men parachuting from planes
- Planes flying in formation
- B-17s on the ground and in flight
- The 398th Group in front of a B-17
- Group portraits on top of and in front of B-17s
- A B-17 with most of the cockpit blown away
- Tillman and military buddies at leisure

Several pages of the photographs are from his training time in South Dakota. One photograph is of a young woman named "Lil" from Luton, England; signed by her on the back side, wishing Tillman "bon voyage and good luck with ranching." Dated May 1945 – presumably around the time of his departure from England.

Tillman (1924-1991) was born in Seattle, Washington. He enlisted on December 10, 1942 as a private at only 18 years old. At the time of his enlistment he had graduated from high school and is listed as a "driver" of some kind, possibly a truck or tractor. After the war, in 1946, he married Bernice Aune, and continued to live in or around Seattle.

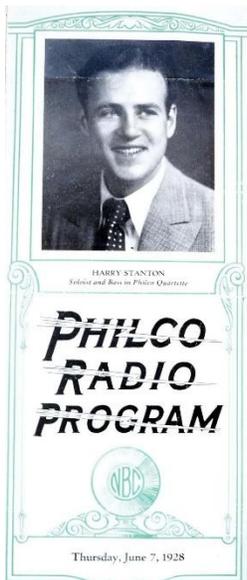
The 398th was part of the 8th Air Force 1st Air Division during WWII and was one of many B-17 Bomb Groups stationed in England. The 398th was formed in the United States in 1943 and was stationed in Nuthampstead, England from April 1944 until June 1945, having deployed from Rapid City SD. Most of the missions flown by the Group were to Germany – attacking targets such as factories in Berlin, warehouses in Munich, marshalling yards in Saarbrucken, shipping facilities in Kiel, oil refineries in Merseburg, and aircraft plants in Munster. The Group also attacked coastal defenses and enemy troops in France during the Normandy invasion (D-Day).

In addition to the photographs, there are many items of ephemera, including:

- Tillman's honorable discharge ID card
- 601st Bombardment Squadron Thanksgiving dinner program and menu dated 1943, with his name written on the front, key squadron leaders listed inside – **and signatures from 14 of the other servicemen attendees and their hometowns.**

- 398th Bomb Group First Combat Anniversary Program, May 6, 1945 – European Theatre
- Tillman’s Meritorius Service Certificate
- Diploma from the U.S. Army Air Forces Technical School stating that Tillman completed training as an aircraft armorer (bombardment), May 15, 1943
- Street map of Luton, Bedfordshire, England
- 10 pieces of ephemera from the combined 398th Bomb Group 2nd Annual Convention and the B-17 50th Anniversary, in July 1985, Seattle, WA, including program from the Bomb Group reunion, program from the B-17 ceremony, event schedules, welcome banquet tickets, and name badges. The celebration was attended by members of more than 20 WW2 Bomb Groups.
- Invitation letter to the 398th Bomb Group 87th Air Force/1st Air Division Reunion at Nuthampstead, England, that was held April/May 1986. Three photographs confirm that Tillman attended.
- Certificate from the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association stating that an American flag given in memory of Tillman was flown over the 398th Group Memorial at Nuthampstead on June 29, 1992, a year after Tillman died.
- Program from a memorial service for Leon Kravik, d. April 24, 1943

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2) Scrapbook documenting the career of 1930s radio singing star and WSU graduate Harry Stanton

Scrapbook (paper covered boards), 9x11 inches, 29 pages most with items pasted to backs and fronts, plus other items tucked in. Cord ties. Likely compiled by Stanton himself, containing photographs, newspaper and magazine clippings highlighting scores of his performances, Broadcast Weekly articles and newsletters, fan letters – including one from Butte Montana written on copper, NBC scripts, programs and other ephemera including his college graduation announcement from 1925. Very good condition. \$125

Harry Stanton (born Harry Stanton Issacs, 1906-1981 in Walla Walla, Washington), graduated from Washington State College (now Washington State University) in 1925. It was at Washington State College where he first began his singing career as a member of the college’s Varsity Quartet. After graduating he started a business in Portland, Oregon, but his heart was in performing. He jumped at the opportunity to become part of a quartet of Washington State

College men called the Foursome (and later the Doric Quartet) – and went on a cross-country tour with the group, performing in vaudeville and other theatres. Following that he relocated to San Francisco where he was signed by NBC as a feature artist in 1928.

He became a well-known radio star, performing regularly throughout the 1930s as a bass soloist on San Francisco’s NBC radio affiliates KGO and KPO (now KNBR), as well as many other stations and venues, including the Chamber Opera Company of San Francisco and in private recitals.

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3) 1945 Scrapbook of A. W. "Al" Wellens, Safety Engineer, Naval Supply Depot, Smith Cove, Pier 91, Seattle, WA

10x13 inch scrapbook, 25 pages, with 10 photographs, many newspaper clippings, a hand-illustrated retirement card and other ephemera. Newspaper clippings are affixed to the pages, photographs are laid in or loosely attached. String bound. Very good condition. \$100

The scrapbook was kept by Alexander W. "Al" Wellens. Wellens, a Safety Engineer, was responsible for safety at the Naval Supply Depot in Seattle, Washington, located at Smith Cove, Pier 91. The entries in the scrapbook date from 1945-1948. He was born in Minnesota, and graduated from Albany High School, Albany, MN in 1923. He relocated to Seattle in 1929 and in 1933 was responsible for sponsoring the Washington Motor Vehicle Inspection Law, which was passed in 1936. He worked in a capacity for that business until 1938. He came to the U.S. Naval Station in 1944 as Safety Engineer for the station, supply depot, receiving station, Harbor Island, Kirkland and all attached activities of the Naval Station.



The scrapbook contains scores of clippings related to safety, accidents and accident prevention at the Naval Station, and many of the clippings refer to Wellens in his capacity. Several copies of Smith Cove Naval News from the time period are included. There is also a card presented to Wellens on his retirement, handwritten and illustrated in color, with signatures of his colleagues.

There are 10 photographs, four of them 8x10, the rest ranging in size from 4 x 5 ½ to 5 x 12 ½. The photographs are laid in or loosely affixed. All very good condition. One shows Wellens receiving a commendation certificate issued by the Secretary of the Navy; and several show groups of men and women employed by the Station at the time. A color 5x7 photograph shows Wellens at an earlier age in military uniform.

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4) R. R. Prabhu Studio album of commercial photography depicting mid-century furniture settings

Album of photographs by R. R. Prabhu Studio, Bombay (marked on the back). 9x12 inches, containing 18 6 ½ x 8 ½ inch black and white photographs mounted to pages, each with tissue guard. Album spine split but book firmly bound; all photographs in very good condition. \$150

Each photograph depicts a furniture grouping from the 1940s/1950s— living room, dining room, office, and bedroom, furnished with accessories. The photos are clearly staged in the same room, suggesting that they were taken for the purpose of advertising, catalog or similar.

R. R. Prabhu is well known to have been the first Indian advertising/commercial photographer, beginning at a time in the 1940s-1950s when advertising/commercial photography in India was largely unknown. His career began in the late 1930s with a job in Cine Laboratories. He later started the first commercial studio in Bombay, working for the major ad agencies. Studio R. R. Prabhu turned out most of the leading photographers of the following decades.

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5) Album documenting a World War II serviceman's time in Egypt

Large 9 ½ x 13-inch photograph album, bound in leather with a color illustration of the Pyramids on the front. Bound with twine. 54 photographs on both sides of six album pages; most photographs affixed with corners. Two are 7x9 inches; the rest approximately 2 ¼ x 3 ½ inches. Most very good; the 7x9 inch image of the group of servicemen in front the Sphinx has several creases and has been affixed with archival tape around the sides and edges. Back corner of album cover has a fold. \$175

The album documents an unknown serviceman's time in Egypt during World War II, combining both military and tourist images. Many titled on the back "Egypt" and "1943" or "1944". One of the two large 7x9 photographs shows Winston Churchill and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jr. They were together in Iceland in 1941 in Reykjavik on the return from the Atlantic Charter meeting off the Newfoundland Coast, so the album owner may have also been there at the time, although this is not known.

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6) Album from a trip to Egypt in 1935 on the HMT Lancashire

Photograph album, 9x 6 ½ inches, containing 80 black and white photographs and one real photo postcard, affixed on both sides of 13 album pages with corners. Cord ties. Very good. Postcard unposted. \$80

The photographs document the experiences of a small group of people, presumably British, who traveled to Egypt aboard the

HMT Lancashire in April 1935. The subjects include tourist monuments including the Pyramids and Sphinx, local bazaar, items in the Egyptian museum including Tutankhamen relics, local people and sailing craft on the Nile. Images are a combination of purchased photos and snapshots taken by the travelers. The postcard shows an image of the Lancashire.

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