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SUMMARY

Size. 0.3 linear feet.

Geographic locations.

Louisiana, Texas, New York, London, England.

Dates. 1940-1944.

Summary. Correspondence, printed items, and photographs documenting the

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Lobdell of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Warren Russell Lobdell (1920-1944, called "Russell") was raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His parents were William A. and Onis Lobdell. In 1940, he was a freshman at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. In December of 1942, Russell was selected for training as a pilot in the Army Air Force. He went to pilot training in Florida; at Harding Field, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; at the Aviation Cadet Center in San Antonio, Texas, at the Stamford Flying School in Stamford, Texas; at the Enid Army Flying School in Enid, Oklahoma, at the Advanced Flying School at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, and in New York. He graduated from training, November 3, 1943, and was stationed in England beginning in April, 1944. From there, he flew missions for the Air Force until June 27, when his plane (a P-47, or Thunderbolt fighter) was shot down over Northern France.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers consist chiefly of correspondence from Russell to his parents. Letters (Dec. 1942-June 1944) describe his flight training and his experience flying combat missions in Europe during World War II. Letters (May-July 1944) from Onis and William A. Lobdell to Russell are included. Other letters (1942-1944) relate to Russell's selection for pilot training and to his death. Printed items include newspaper clippings, mostly from the newspaper *Stars and Stripes*, cards, and ephemera. Photographs depict Russell and his associates in the Air Force at Harding Field, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in New York, and in England. Included are aerial photographs of Baton Rouge and the campus of Louisiana State University.

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INDEX TERMS

Lobdell, Warren Russell, 1920-1944.

Lobdell, William A.

Lobdell, Onis.

Harding Field, La.

Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College--Photographs.

World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations, American.

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