

# Guide to the William R. Burt Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1654

**CREATOR:** Burt, William R.

**TITLE:** William R. Burt papers

**DATES:** 1940-1943

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of copies of charts and memoranda prepared by the War Department. The documents relate to the availability and condition of aircraft, their allocation to various theaters of operation, and efficient utilization of air power during World War II.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of William R. Burt, 1994.

## Conditions Governing Access

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## Biographical / Historical

William R. Burt served as staff officer to General Hoyt S. Vandenberg during 1940-1946, as well as Secretary of Air Staff for the USAAF in Washington, D.C. He also served as duty officer for the Allied Expeditionary Air Force and as Chief of Policy and Liaison for Air Division U.S. Control Council, Berlin.

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## Scope and Contents

The William R. Burt Papers consist of copies of charts and memoranda prepared by the War Department relating to the availability and condition of aircraft and their allocation to the various theaters of operation to efficiently utilize air power during World War II. The collection was the gift of William R. Burt in 1994.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	"Materiel Division's Estimate of Deliveries of Airplanes" English	1941 July - August
b. 1, f. 1	"Report on Condition of Combat Airplanes (in Accordance with CTI-309)" (with cover letter) English	1941 July - December
b. 1, f. 1	"Actual airplane acceptances classified by customer and type (by months 1941)" English	1941 August - November
b. 1, f. 1	"Allocation of Airplanes: 16 groups - 1st aviation strength English	1941 September
b. 1, f. 1	Allocation of Airplanes: 54 group program - 1st aviation objective and the augmentation of these groups to 2nd aviation strength	1941 September - November
b. 1, f. 1	"Graphs (by month, geographical location, divisions)"- Heavy Bombers- Medium Bombers- Light Bombers- Pursuit Group Allotments English	[ 1941 ]
b. 1, f. 2	"Airplane Allocation (25 Group Program)"- Bombardment-heavy- Bombardment-light and medium- Pursuit- Observation- Transports English	1940 October
b. 1, f. 2	"Preference List as a Guide in Making Allocations," memo for Joint Aircraft Committee from <i>Special Committee on Revision of Preference List</i> (Exhibit C) English	1941 Sept, October
b. 1, f. 2	"Report of Number of Airplanes that can be Maintained in Combat" English	1941 November
b. 1, f. 2	"Recapitulation of Air Corps Units" English	[ 1941 ]
b. 1, f. 2	"Officers of the Army Stationed in or Near the District of Columbia"	1940 October - 1941 October, 1943 July

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Air power  
Air warfare  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations,  
American

### **Names**

Burt, William R.