



# Vincent F. Seyfried World War II Combat Scrapbook, 1944

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0.5 cubic ft.

Vincent F. Seyfried was in the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force during World War II. He was stationed in Foggia, Italy. From Foggia he flew bombing missions over Europe.

The scrapbook contains lists of his itinerary and the missions he flew while in Europe. Many maps are included showing the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force area of operations. There are aerial photographs taken from Seyfried's aircraft and related newspaper clippings saved by his mother. While he was at war, Seyfried would write home and tell his mother where he had flown. She would save newspaper articles that related to the places he had been. In one photograph identified "Wiener-Neudorf. Vienna Austria July 26, 1944 11:23 AM. 26,400 Altitude. 325 degree axis. LAST MISSION!!" you can clearly see the roads, fields, and city with the smoke of bombs and numerous bombs falling to the earth.

Many of the maps that are printed with black, blue and red ink are military-issue maps known as target charts that were used by the aircraft crews during the bombing missions. These maps have red concentric circles zeroing in on the target to be bombed.

There is extensive information about the Air Force bombing of the Polesti Oil Fields in Romania. There is information about many bombing missions including those in France, Germany, Italy and Yugoslavia. Other pages contain examples of propaganda pamphlets written in German, Hungarian, Romanian and Austrian. Propaganda pamphlets like these were dropped from planes

Ephemera includes Italian currency, occupation money and an army ration card. A booklet and photograph showing the recreation activities at an officers club in Italy give a glimpse into the off-duty hours of soldiers at war.

There are numerous photographs of Seyfried and his fellow servicemen. There are also photographs of the people and environs of Dakar, Senegal and Marrakech, Morocco. Seyfried talked with local Europeans and did research while he was stationed in various places and has written short histories of places like Foggia, Siponto, and Manfredonia. The histories are illustrated with maps, photographs and postcards. There are also materials about Bari, San Severo and Mount Gargano.

Formats: Ephemera, maps and photos mounted in an oversize (14x 18 in) scrapbook published by Oliver K. Whiting, London.