Reference Notes to the poster presentation SAA 2017 Research Forum

“Where are the original documents?

Comparison of several Captured Japanese Air Technical Documents Lists”

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I noticed the National Air and Space Museum Archives when I heard the news of Arthur C. Clarke papers.

<http://insider.si.edu/2015/04/sir-arthur-c-clarke-collection-soon-available-to-researchers-at-air-and-space-museum/>

Current Web page of National Air and Space Museum

Archives <https://airandspace.si.edu/archives>

Archival Collection “German-Japanese Air Technical Documents”

<https://airandspace.si.edu/collections/archival-collection/captured-german-japanese-air-technical-documents>

Desk catalog

<https://books.google.com/books/about/Desk_Catalog_of_German_and_Japanese_Air.html?id=rFNZMQAACAAJ>

Database constructed by NASM Archives based on the index cards is accessible only in the institution. (Researchers can use it in the reading rooms.)

Contents of the microfilm

Target “Reproduced by Air Document Division ･･･”

REEL Number, FLAME Number

Index Card in English with title, creator, library, and so on.

The images of the document

NDL National Diet Library

Modern Japanese Political History Material Room

<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/service/tokyo/constitutional/index.html>

German Japanese Air Technical Document

<https://rnavi.ndl.go.jp/kensei/entry/JAT-1.php>

37 reeks of microfilms

The catalog is described by Hiromi Tanaka (田中宏巳)

According to Mr. Tanaka, the whole catalog of the documents will be published from the Library of Congress, soon.

National Archives of Japan <http://www.archives.go.jp/english/>

JACAR <https://www.jacar.go.jp/english/index.html>

First, Public Records were restituted from the United States in 1958 after diligent negotiations. These records are now in the National Institute of Defense Studies.

<http://www.nids.mod.go.jp/english/index.html>

They are assumed to be moved from Franconia Records Center, because the documents are attached a sheet of paper telling shipment of Franconia in 1958.

The amount of records are 2469 digitized in JACAR.

<https://www.jacar.archives.go.jp/aj/meta/image_C02030222900?IS_KEY_S1=%E3%83%95%E3%83%A9%E3%83%B3%E3%82%B3%E3%83%8B%E3%83%A4&IS_KIND=SimpleSummary&IS_STYLE=default&IS_TAG_S1=InD&>

Franconia in IWG introductory-essay by Dr. Greg Bradsher, Senior Archivist of NARAII <https://www.archives.gov/files/iwg/japanese-war-crimes/introductory-essays.pdf>

Second, Public Records Restituted from the United States (Records of the former Army and Navy) in 1974, because the National Archive of Japan was established in 1971. <http://www.archives.go.jp/exhibition/digital/koubunshonosekai/contents/12.html> ( in Japanese) including some images

Documents shown on the poster with T-2 Stamp with Reel number and Flame number.

〇Title: Report on the performance of research : experiment of model 1 ground attack plane type 11 (#単排出管装備#)

Hierarchy National Archives of Japan >Public Records Restituted from the United States >Public Records Restituted from the United States (Records of the former Army and Navy)>Public Records Restituted from the United States No.4>Report on the performance of research and experiment of Kogiho 0412: experiment of model 1 ground attack plane type 11 (#単排出管装備#)

Reference Code: A03032118200

Call Number of holding: 返赤33041000

(Holdings: National Archives of Japan)

Language: Japanese

Creator : Navy Aviation Engineering Department

Total of Images: 38

Organization: Ministry of Navy

<https://www.digital.archives.go.jp/das/image/F0000000000000218323>

〇Item Study report No. 2 on supersonic wing type with marginally thin wings

National Archives of Japan>Public Records Restituted from the United States>Public Records Restituted from the United States (Records of the former Army and Navy)Public Records Restituted from the United States No.7 >Study report No. 2 on supersonic wing type with marginally thin wings

[Total of Image]15

<https://www.digital.archives.go.jp/das/image/F0000000000000218985>

〇Research on Vacum Tubes for Ultra-short Waves(日本無線株式会社報告)

National Archives of Japan >Public Records Restituted from the United States >Public Records Restituted from the United States (Records of the former Army and Navy) >Public Records Restituted from the United States No.6 (No data in English)

[Total of Image]13

<https://www.digital.archives.go.jp/das/image/F0000000000000389925>

After WWII, the reports on equipment were written in English. Among them there are inspection reports and some photos of I-400 submarine. These are in NASM collection

I-400 submarine in Wikipedia

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I-400-class_submarine>

I checked first several pages of Public Records Restituted from the United States (Records of the former Army and Navy) 1583 documents to find the T-2 stamp as well as Keyword “Franconia” and I found out that just 3 documents have T-2 stamp. I also searched using keywords such as report or the creators’ name.

Several documents having impression of WDC# or the Pacific Military Intelligence Research Service (PACMIRS) are found. They are resemble but not the same.

<http://blogs.archives.gov/TextMessage/2014/10/23/exploitation-of-captured-and-seized-japanese-records-by-the-pacific-military-intelligence-research-service-pacmirs-1945-spring-1946/>

I also try to cross –reference using Desk Catalog borrowed through International Library Loan system.

NARAII

Catalogs of Aeronautical, Technical, and Air-Technical Documents and Indexes to German and Japanese Air-Technical Documents, 1946 - 1949?

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7431770>

NARAII also holds the microfilms, however, they are too fragile to access.

So many researchers in Japan are seeking for the documents which were once in Washington Documents Center.

One reason is that many documents were burned in Aug, 1945 throughout Japan.

The books Shunsuke Tsurumi held before he was sent back to Japan were recently found in Harvard Yengching Library.

<https://vimeo.com/22236320>

I would like to do mapping with

・NASM collection list

・NARAII index cards

・LOC Catalog of the microfilms

・the restituted documents list of the National Institute of Defense Studies

・the restituted documents list in the National Archives of Japan

If applicable,

・Documents list of Washington Documents Center

CIA

https://www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/document/cia-rdp80r01731r003400120042-0

LOC

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/asian/wdcList/>