

Robert D. Fulkerson Collection
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Biography

Rocky Ford, Colorado native , U.S. Army Corpsman Robert D. Fulkerson (1922-2006) was an American Prisoner of War held in Germany from August 4, 1944 to April 29, 1945 , when he was liberated—along with fellow American and English POWs—by General George S. Patton’s Third Army. Second Lieutenant Fulkerson’s plane was shot down over the North Sea over England on his fourth on July 29, 1944. After Fulkerson and his crewmates survived in the water for three days, they came ashore in Nazi-occupied Ameland, Holland; where they were immediately taken as prisoners. After spending several days of travel, Fulkerson and his crewmates arrived at Stalag Luft III Prisoner of War Camp on August 12, 1945. Fulkerson was a POW at Stalag Luft III until January 28, 1945; when he was evacuated because Nazi Chancellor Adolph Hitler was paranoid about an imminent Soviet-led raid to free the Stalag Luft III prisoners. From Stalag Luft III, Fulkerson was sent to Stalag XII D POW Camp. He arrived on February 4, 1945 and Fulkerson was there until April 4, 1945 when he was evacuated to Stalag Luft VII A POW Camp. Second Lieutenant Fulkerson was at Stalag Luft VIII A POW Camp from April 13, 1945 until his liberation on April 29, 1945.

Following his liberation, Fulkerson returned to New York on May 29, 1945. After a 60-day leave of absence, Fulkerson returned to active duty in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He remained on active duty with the U.S. Army Air Corps until his retirement in 1948. Fulkerson rejoined the U.S. Air Force as an active-reserve officer in 1950. After rising to the rank of Major in 1962, Fulkerson remained on active duty in the U.S. Air Force Reserves until 1966, when he was placed on retirement-reserve status due to his failure to maintain the requisite number of flight hours to maintain on active-duty status in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He remained on retired-reserve status until his retirement from the U.S. Air Force on April 13, 1982; Fulkerson’s sixtieth birthday.

Following his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, Major Fulkerson spent the rest of his life involved in various veterans’ organizations. As part of his involvement in the many veterans’ groups; Major Fulkerson was involved with planning and was honored at the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the liberation of Stalag Luft III POW Camp in Denver in 1985. Major Fulkerson also

spent much of his retirement trying to get answers about his inquiries about his and his fellow officers' military decorations. Through his involvement with the Stalag Luft III POW Reunion and his quest to get answers about his and his fellow officers' military medals, Fulkerson was able to get reacquainted with and earned the respect of his fellow POWs. Major Fulkerson lived a courageous and selfless life that many of his fellow Americans can only dream of! We, his fellow Americans, should all be in awe of Robert D. Fulkerson and try to emulate the incredible life he lived.

Scope and Contents Note

Robert D. Fulkerson was a U.S. Army Air Corpsman during World War II. He was taken Prisoner of War in Germany after his plane went down in the Black Sea on 29 July 1944 and he arrived on shore in Nazi-occupied Ameland, Holland. He was held as a Prisoner of War in Germany from 12 August 1944 until his liberation on 29 April 1945—the majority of Fulkerson's interment was at the infamous Stalag Luft III POW Camp. The most compelling part of The Robert D. Fulkerson Collection is the correspondence between Bob Fulkerson and his parent and from Bob Fulkerson's friends to Bob Fulkerson. He was able to get reconnected with his former fellow POWs and continued correspondence with them following the 40th Anniversary Reunion of Stalag Luft III POWs in Denver, Colorado in 1985. He also had much correspondence with authorities concerning his and his fellow soldiers' military decorations.

Following 2nd Lieutenant Fulkerson's liberation from the Prisoner of War Camp, he continued serving his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Air Force Reserves from 25 September 1942 to 13 April 1982, where he served in active-duty, active reserve, retired-reserve active, and retired-reserve inactive capacities!

After his retirement, Major Fulkerson continued to remain active and support veterans' organizations. He helped plan and was honored at the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the liberation of the Stalag Luft III POW Camp in Denver. Major Fulkerson spent much of the rest of his retirement trying to receive answers about his inquiries into his military medals and commendations. Major Fulkerson also spent much of his retirement trying to get reacquainted and reconnected with his former fellow Stalag Luft III Prisoners of War.

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Genres

Correspondence- This file includes the pre-captivity, captivity, and post-captivity letters and postcards Bob Fulkerson sent his friends and parents. This file also includes letters that his friends and parents sent Fulkerson while he was a Prisoner of War in Germany. The Post-World War II Correspondence includes letters that Fulkerson exchanged with people leading up to the Stalag III 40th Anniversary Reunion in 1985 in Denver and the letters he wrote and received from his fellow POWs after the Reunion. This file also includes the correspondence the Bob Fulkerson exchanged with others inquiring about his and others' military decorations.

Military Records- This file includes all of Fulkerson's military records from the time he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps on September 25, 1943 until he retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves on April 13, 1982. This file also includes Fulkerson's retirement pay stubs from the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Printed Material- This file includes all of the newspaper clippings about Pearl Harbor, Fulkerson as a POW, and Post-World War II newspaper clippings mentioning Bob Fulkerson. In addition, this file includes printed material concerning Major Fulkerson's involvement in the various veterans' groups he was active in throughout his life and the Stalag Luft III POW Reunion commemorating the forty-year anniversary of the liberation of Stalag Luft III POW Camp that took place in Denver in 1985.

Geographic Names

Rocky Ford, Colorado
Jefferson Barricades in St. Louis, Missouri
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Ellington Field (near Houston, Texas)
Harlingen, Texas

MacDill Field (near Tampa, Florida)
Liverpool, England
Stalag Luft III POW Camp in Sagan, Germany (now Zagan, Poland)
Ft. Logan, Colorado

Personal Names

Robert D. Fulkerson (1922-2006) The main character in this collection. Bob served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force from September 25, 1942 until his retirement on April 1982. After the B-17 he was flying in was shot down over the North Sea on July 29, 1944, he spent from August 4, 1944 to April 29, 1945 in German captivity as a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Loren F. Fulkerson (b. 1862) was Robert Fulkerson's father. He spent considerable time and effort inquiring about his son's status after he was notified of his son's plane going down on August 9, 1945. Mr. Fulkerson remained in constant contact with his son throughout Bob's captivity.

Myrtle Fulkerson was Robert Fulkerson's mother. Like his father, Mrs. Fulkerson kept in constant contact throughout 2nd Lieutenant Fulkerson's captivity.

Dennis Baumgarten

Frank Madrid was the Ball Gunner that graduated Flight School with Bob Fulkerson

Harry Whitford was the Radioman that graduated Flight School with Bob Fulkerson

Harry Fellkemp was the Waist Gunner that graduated Flight School with Bob Fulkerson

John Vuchetich the Flight Engineer that graduated Flight School with Bob Fulkerson. He was on sick leave on 29 July 1944 and missed the fateful mission when his plane was shot down.

Jim Coccia was the pilot of the B-17 that was shot down over the North Sea on July 29, 1944. He served as a Prisoner of War in Germany along with Bob Fulkerson.

Stan Diamond was the former copilot of Robert D. Fulkerson's plane. He was discharged early for unknown reasons.

Bob Masha was the Bombardier of Robert D. Fulkerson's plane. Like the three others on that plane, he too was taken Prisoner of War by the Nazis.

William Greiner was the copilot of Fulkerson's B-17, alongside Jim Coccia. He replaced Stan Diamond and was on one of his final missions when the B-17 was shot down over the Black Sea on July 29, 1944. He was taken a prisoner of war by the Nazis along with Bob

Fulkerson, Jim Coccia, and Bob Masha. He later got reacquainted with Major Fulkerson following the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the liberation of the Stalag Luft III Prisoner of War Camp.

Miss Dorothy J. Thornton was Bob Fulkerson's friend. She wrote Bob three letters while he was a Prisoner of War.

Herb Kohl served as Wisconsin's Democratic U.S. Senator from 1989 to 2013. Senator Kasten helped Bob Fulkerson get answers to his inquiries about his **Carroll W. Holdt** exchanged letters in the late-1980s with Major Fulkerson about his last mission on the SHE HASTA on July 29, 1944.

Henry H. Crosby was the Editor that interviewed Bob Fulkerson about the movie

Charlie "Hong Kong" Wilson joined the Royal Canadian Air Force prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Following Pearl Harbor, he left the Royal Canadian Air Force in order to join the U.S. Army Air Corps. In the U.S. Army Air Corps, Wilson piloted the B-17 Flying Fortress out of England to flying German bombing runs.

Jean-Louis Ryso was the French Deputy Consul General based in Los Angeles, California that answered Fulkerson's inquiries concerning the Croix de Guerre Medal and why he wouldn't be receiving it.

Joel Hefley served as the Republican U.S. Representative representing Colorado's Fifth Congressional District from 1987 to 2007. Representative Hefley helped Bob Fulkerson get answers to his inquiries about his military decorations by writing letters on Fulkerson's behalf.

Robert W. Kasten Jr. served as Wisconsin's Republican U.S. Senator from 1981 to 1993. Senator Kasten helped Bob Fulkerson get answers to his inquiries about his military decorations by writing letters on Fulkerson's behalf.
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Subjects

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Prisoner of War
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40th Stalag Luft III POW Reunion
Post-Reunion POW Correspondence
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File Folders

FF 1 Grandpa Bob

Note: This is Bob Fulkerson's Autobiography that was written in 2000 and dedicated to his grandchildren

FF 2 "Grandpa Bob Finale"

Note: This is part of Bob Fulkerson's Autobiography that he wrote for his grandchildren in 2000.

FF 3 Journal

Note: This journal was kept by Bob Fulkerson while he was a Prisoner of War in Germany. The notes included in this journal record the names of the fifty prisoners executed at Stalag Luft III as retaliation for their participation in The Great Escape on 24-25 March 1944. It also includes Bob Fulkerson's poems and his writings that he sent to others while a prisoner of war.

Correspondence, Bob Fulkerson To Parents

FF 4 June 1944, two postcards, one blank postcard from 3 June 1944 and another from 5 June 1944 (Prior to Fulkerson's Captivity as a POW)

FF 5 July 1944, one postcard from 18 July 1944 (Prior to Fulkerson's Captivity as a POW)

FF 6 August 1944, three postcards from: 9 August 1944, 22 August 1944, and 26 August 1944; two letters from 16 August 1944 and 19 August 1944

FF 7 September 1944, one postcard from 23 September 1944; two letters from: 5 September 1944 and 16 September 1944

FF 8 October 1944, one postcard from 29 October 1944; three letters from: 7 October 1944, 15 October 1944, and 26 October 1944

FF 9 November 1944, two postcards from: 18 November 1944 and 27 November 1944; two letters from: 4 November 1944 and 11 November 1944

FF 10 December 1944, one postcard from 20 December 1944; two letters from: 8 December 1944 and 25 December 1944

FF 11 January 1945, one postcard from 22 January 1945

FF 12 February 1945, one postcard from 17 February 1945

FF 13 May 1945, two postcards from: 2 May 1945 and 8 May 1945

Note: The letter written by Bob Fulkerson on 8 May 1945 was written in Paris, France during a Victory in Europe Celebration.

Correspondence, Myrtle Fulkerson (Mother) To Bob Fulkerson

FF 14 November 1944, two letters from: 10 November 1944 and 27 November 1944

Note: The letters were written to Bob while his mother was visiting Los Angeles, California.

Correspondence, Loren Fulkerson (Father) To Bob Fulkerson

FF 15 November 1944, three letters from: 6 November 1944, 13 November 1944, and 23 November 1944 (Thanksgiving Day).

FF 16 December 1944, one letter from 25 December 1944 (Christmas Day)

Correspondence, Parents To Bob Fulkerson

FF 17 October 1944, one letter from 24 October 1944

FF 18 December 1944, one letter from 6 December 1944

FF 19 January 1945, one letter from 15 January 1945

Correspondence, Friends To Bob Fulkerson

FF 20 Dorothy J. Thornton, three letters from: 19 November 1944, 19 March 1945, and a letter [ND]

FF 21 Mrs. B.T. Kerr, letter from 20 November 1944

FF 22 Nina E. Durmond, letter [ND; probably written shortly before Thanksgiving 1944]

FF 23 Mrs. W.T. Grundt, letter from 3 December 1944

FF 24 Mrs. Betty Jo Gossett, letter from 16 December 1944

FF 25 Martin H. Powell, letter [ND, probably from Spring 1945]

FF 26 Eddie, letter from 23 June 1950 (Post-World War II)

Correspondence, Military to Loren Fulkerson Concerning BF

- FF 27 August 1944, September 1944**, packet of letters from August 1944 letters dated: 9 August 1944, 13 August 1944, 21 August 1944, 24 August 1944, and 29 August 1944; three letters dated 2 September 1944, 12 September 1944, and 28 September 1944;
- FF 28 October 1944**, letter from October 1944 dated 27 October 1944.
- FF 29 November 1944**, one letter from 2 November 1944
- FF 30 December 1944**, one letter from 4 December 1944
- FF 31 February 1945**, one letter from 6 February 1945
- FF 32 January and February 1945**, two letters from [dates] concerning the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the Stalag Luft III POWs
- FF 33 March 1985**, letter from [] concerning the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the Stalag Luft III POWs
- FF 34 April 1945**, three letters from 3 April 1985, 12 April 1985, and 30 April 1985 concerning the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the Stalag Luft III POWs

Correspondence, Post-Stalag Luft III 40th Anniversary Reunion

- FF 35 ND [Probably from 1987]**, letter from Bob Fulkerson to Harry H. Crosby;
3 February 1989, letter from Harry H. Crosby to Bob Fulkerson
- FF 36 14 December 1988**, letter from William Greiner to Bob Fulkerson;
14 December 1988, letter from Jean Louis Rysto to Bob Fulkerson
- FF 37 28 December 1988**, letter from Bob Fulkerson to Carroll W. Woldt
- FF 38 12 January 1989**, letter from Carroll W. Woldt to Bob Fulkerson
- FF 39 13 January 1989**, letter from Charlie Hong Kong Wilson to Bob Fulkerson
- FF 40 16 January 1989**, letter from Bob Fulkerson to Jean Louis Rysto
- FF 41 1 February 1989**, letter from Bruce [Fredrickson] to Bob Fulkerson
- FF 42 28 February 1990**, letter from Bob Fulkerson to Bill Carleton;

28 March 1990, letter from Bill Carleton to Bob Fulkerson
Note: Both letters are on one postcard

FF 43 13 July 1991, letter from David Boch to Bob Fulkerson

Post-World War II, Correspondence (Bob Fulkerson)

FF 44 USAF Reserves, letters from 29 January 1946, 21 December 1948, and 17 February 1949

FF 45 USAF Reserves, letters from 14 July 1959 and 24 July 1959

FF 46 USAF Reserves, a letter from Bob Fulkerson dated 27 August 1960 asking the U.S. Air Force Promotion Board for a promotion to the rank of Major; two letters from 20 August 1965; and two letters from 13 July 1966

FF 47 USAF Reserves, 9 January 1976 letter from Bob Fulkerson requesting to rejoin the U.S. Air Force Reserves to serve as a dentist

Correspondence Regarding Bob Fulkerson's Military Decorations

FF 48 1988, three letters from: 24 May 1988, 13 June 1988, and 24 June 1988

FF 49 1990, three letters from: 9 January 1990, 16 February 1990, and one [ND]

FF 50 1992, four letters from: 8 March 1992 (two), 23 June 1992, and 7 July 1992

Note: These letters are written to Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI) and Sen. Robert W. Kasten Jr. (R-WI)

FF 51 1993, four letters from: 14 June 1993, 13 July 1993, 21 July 1993, and 2 August 1993

FF 52 1995, one letter written to Tony from 15 February 1995

FF 53 1997, four letters from: 1 August 1997, 15 August 1997, 25 August 1997, and 14 November 1997

FF 54 1998, five letters from: 9 January 1998, 22 January 1998, 23 February 1998, 3 March 1998, and 9 March 1998

FF 55 2000, one letter from 12 June 2000

Note: This letter was written by Bob Fulkerson inquiring about whether was eligible for the Liberty Medal for his service during World War II

FF56 2002, nine letters from: 26 April 2002, 2 May 2002, 21 August 2002, 19 November 2002, 26 November 2002 (two), 4 December 2002, and 31 December 2002 (two)

FF 57 2003, nine letters from: 10 January 2003, 29 January 2003, 8 March 2003, 11 March 2003, 24 March 2003, 1 April 2003, 12 June 2003, 1 October 2003, and one [ND]

FF 58 General Correspondence, 1988 Holiday Cards, William Greiner to Bob Fulkerson

Military Pamphlets

FF 59 Pamphlet, entitled, “Ellington Field”, This pamphlet was from Bob Fulkerson’s time while at Ellington Field, Texas (near Houston, Texas)

FF 60 Pamphlet, entitled, “Soldier’s Individual Pay Record”

FF 61 Pamphlet, entitled, “Army Emergency Relief and You”, This pamphlet was issued to all U.S. Army Air Force personnel

FF 62 Pamphlet, entitled, “Take Your Post”, This pamphlet was issued to all U.S. Army Air Force personnel

FF 63 Pamphlet, entitled, “MacDill Field Officer’s Guide”, This pamphlet was issued to Bob Fulkerson while he was stationed at MacDill Field, Florida (near Tampa, Florida)

FF 64 Booklet, entitled, “AAF Navigation School”, This booklet was issued to Bob Fulkerson while he was a student at the U.S. Army Air Force’s Navigation School in Hondo, Texas

Bob Fulkerson’s Military Records

FF 65 Navigator’s Log, 3 November 1943

FF 66 Military Orders, 10 February 1944 to 3 June 1944

FF 67 POW Information issued by U.S. Army, April 1944 and February 1945

FF 68 Final Mission, 24-25 July 1944 relating to 2nd Lieutenant Fulkerson’s final mission before he became a prisoner of war

FF 69 Military Orders, 29 March 1945

FF 70 Movement Orders, 12 May 1945

FF 71 Officer’s Certificate, 13 May 1945

FF 72 Certificate, 30 May 1945

FF 73 Restricted Information, 2 June 1945 and 23 August 1945

- FF 74 Immunization Record**, 5 August 1945
- FF 75 Separation Certificate**, 30 November 1945
- FF 76 DU Veterans' Forum**, 10 February 1946
- FF 77 FOLKLORE**, 19 July 1946
- FF 78 USAF Reserves**, Retirement 30 November 1948
- FF 79 USAF Reserves**, Military War Claims 17 January 1950 and 19 April 1950
- FF 80 USAF Reserves**, Reserve Orders 3 September 1951, 10 September 1951, and 18 September 1951
- FF 81 USAF Reserves**, Extract 4 October 1951, Qualified 5 October 1951, and Active Military Service 25 October 1951
- FF 82 USAF Reserves**, Service Record 5 October 1951
- FF 83 USAF Reserves**, Explanation of Symbols 6 November 1951
- FF 84 USAF Reserves**, Inventory of AF Personnel Resources 1 July 1952
- FF 85 USAF Reserves**, Outline of Officer Classification System 10 September 1952
- FF 86 USAF Reserves**, Indefinite Term Appointment 29 October 1952
- FF 87 USAF Reserves**, Tender of New Appointment as a Reserve Officer in the USAF 29 December 1952
- FF 88 USAF Reserves**, USAF Inventory Questionnaire 21 January 1953
- FF 89 USAF Reserves**, Request for Assignment to VARU 29 July 1953
- FF 90 USAF Reserves**, Reserve Orders 13 August 1953
- FF 91 USAF Reserves**, Indefinite Term Appointment and Appointment as a Reserve Officer in the USAF 22 September 1953 (two) and Completion of Security Forms 9 October 1953
- FF 92 USAF Reserves**, Memorandum #1 15 March 1954
- FF 93 USAF Reserves**, Reserve Orders Number 48 26 May 1954 and Extract 27 May 1954
- FF 94 USAF Reserves**, USAF Reserve Letter Orders 48 19 June 1954
- FF 95 USAF Reserves**, Service Dates and Data 11 August 1954
- FF 96 USAF Reserves**, Aeronautical Orders 6 October 1954

- FF 97 USAF Reserves**, Record of Emergency Data 19 November 1954
- FF 98 USAF Reserves**, Extract 21 December 1954
- FF 99 USAF Reserves**, Explanation of Symbols 3 February 1955
- FF 100 USAF Reserves**, USAF Reserve Letter Orders 216 26 October 1955 and Squadron Memorandum 22 December 1955
- FF 101 USAF Reserves**, Certificate 7 February 1956 and Extract 29 September 1956
- FF 102 USAF Reserves**, Aeronautical Orders 60 28 June 1957
- FF 103 USAF Reserves**, USAF Annual Survey and USAF Conversation Specialty Orders 29 January 1958
- FF 104 USAF Reserves**, Reserve Orders A-8817 7 April 1959; Reserve Orders N-9701 24 July 1959; Reserve Orders N-13393 20 August 1959
- FF 105 USAF Reserves**, Election of Options 6 September 1960
- FF 106 USAF Reserves**, Reserve Orders F-286 (Promotion to Major) 3 February 1962
- FF 107 USAF Reserves**, Reserve Orders NH-12567 (Termination of Flying Status) 9 March 1963
- FF 108 USAF Reserves**, Reserve Orders N-28669 July 2, 1963
- FF 109 USAF Reserves**, Reserve Orders K-2254 (Confirming VOC) 6 July 1966
- FF 110 USAF Reserves**, Retired Pay 28 July 1981
- FF 111 USAF Reserves**, Retirement Reserve Pay Orders 14 August 1981
- FF 112 USAF Reserves**, Application for Correction of Military Record 26 November 2002
- FF 113 USAF Reserves**, Application for Air Combat-Related Compensation 12 June 2003
- FF 114 USAAF**, USAAF Training [ND]
- FF 115 USAAF**, Army Separation Qualification Record [ND]
- FF 116 USAAF**, Oath of Office [ND]
- FF 117 USAF Reserves**, Certificate of Record of Release From Active Duty [ND, after 2000]

Printed Material, Newspapers

- FF 118 Newspaper**, Article from the 12 February 1943 edition of *The Denver Clarion* entitled, “40 D.U. Men Get Call To Air Reserve” and “M’Cully Urges Class Attendance,” respectively
- FF 119 Newspaper**, Article from the 10 August 1943 edition of *The Denver Post* entitled, “The Battle of Texas Is Ended”
- FF 120 Newspaper**, Article from 12 November 1943 edition of an unknown newspaper entitled, “Blast From Gas House”
- FF 121 Newspaper**, An article from the 19 January 1945 edition of *The Rocky Ford Daily Gazette* entitled, “Fulkerson Writes From Prison Camp.”
- FF 122 Newspaper**, An article from *Rocky Mountain News* from Sunday, 5 May 1985 entitled, “Former Foes Embrace In Glorious Irony”
- FF123 Newspaper**, Living Arts section of the Monday, 27 May 1985 edition of *The Denver Post* with a story entitled, “Four War, Four Heroes” The story about World War II featured Major Robert D. Fulkerson.
- FF124 Newspaper**, Monday, 27 May 1985 edition of *The Denver Post* with an article entitled, “Hospital was the last place WWI vet wanted to go”
- FF125 Newspaper**, Monday, 27 May 1985 edition of *The Denver Post* with an article entitled, “WWI vet recalls shells, hungry rats”
- FF126 Newspaper**, An article from the 29 April 1995 edition of *Moosburger Zeitung* (German newspaper) entitled, “American Prisoners of War and Stalag VII A: 29 April 1945 Was The Day The War Ended”
- FF127 Newspaper**, Article from the Sunday, 7 May 1995 edition of *Rocky Mountain News* entitled, “The Real Great Escape”
- FF129 Newspaper**, Article from the Sunday, 7 May 1995 edition of *Rocky Mountain News* entitled, “Artifacts reveal life in German POW Camp”
- FF129 Newspaper**, An article in the Travel Section of the 13 December 1998 edition of *Denver Rocky Mountain News* entitled, “A Fight of Memories” that mentions Major Fulkerson; An article in the Travel Section of the 13 December 1998 edition of *Denver Rocky Mountain News* entitled, “8th Air force was gracious guest”

FF130 Newspaper, A story from the 24 January 1999 edition of *The Kansas Star* entitled, “England: Most East Anglians Remember Americans Fondly”; another article from the 24 January 1999 edition of *The Kansas Star* entitled, “Little America Flies On”

FF131 Newspaper, An article from an unknown newspaper [ND] that mentions Bob Fulkerson

FF132 Newspaper, An article from an unknown newspaper [ND] entitled, “Painless ‘Extractions’ Planned” that mentions Robert D. Fulkerson, D.D.S.

100th Bomb Group

FF133 Membership Directory, 100th Bomb Group (H) 1998-1999 Membership Directory

FF134 Flyer, 1998-1999 100th Bomb Group (H) Foundation, Inc. Flyer

FF135 Personal Account, personal account of seeing 2nd Lieutenant Fulkerson’s B-17 on 24-25 July 1944

FF136 Operational Narrative, operational narrative of 2nd Lieutenant Fulkerson’s B-17 on 24 July 1944

FF137 Packet, July 1944 100th Bomber Group Packet

FF138 Letters to the Editor, letters to the editors pertaining to 100th Bomb Group, September 1988

Stalag Luft III

FF 139 Agenda, Agenda for the meeting discussing the upcoming 2-4 May 1985 40th Anniversary Stalag Luft III POW Reunion at the Marriot Southwest in Denver, Colorado

FF 140 Media and Agenda for the 2-4 May 1985 40th Anniversary Stalag Luft III POW Reunion at the Marriot Southwest in Denver, Colorado. Press releases date January through April. Also, copies of article, “Saviors in the Sky” article from the 5 July 1998 edition of *Wenatchee World Accent* (Washington Newspaper) thanking the Stalag Luft III POWs; A prayer especially for Stalag Luft III POWs entitled “A Veteran’s Prayer”

FF 141 Booklet, A book entitled “The Longest Mission” telling the story of the trials and tribulations of the Stalag Luft III POWs [Oversize publication. See flat box.]

FF 141 Pamphlet, A colored B-17 pamphlet describing the B-17’s role in helping the Allies during World War II

FF 142 Book, Stalag Luft III POW Book

Miscellaneous

FF 143 Proverbs, FA checklist of 1250 Inspirational Proverbs for members of the U.S. Army Air Force

FF 144 Flying Fortress, A pamphlet on the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress

FF 145 Shipping Label and Ration Card, A shipping label used by Loran Fulkerson when he was shipping supplies to 2nd Lieutenant Fulkerson when he was a POW in Germany; World War II Ration Card

FF 146 Cardboard, a cardboard replica of a Sweet Caparol Cigarettes emblem

FF 147 Notizbuch, English translation, “Notebook” Used by Fulkerson after World War II

FF 148 Map, This map is of the European Theater during World War II

FF 149 General Aviation, This folder includes World War II General Aviation Information

FF 150 Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, A Denver and Rio Grande Railroad job description filled out by Bob Fulkerson (4 October 1951)

Photographs

Notes:

- Photos on numbered, loose-leaf paper refer to images used in Fulkerson’s autobiography, entitled, *Grandpa Bob’s Story*. Numbers at the bottom of the pages cross-reference the book.
- See also the photo albums. A number of images duplicate photos that appear on the loose pages

- 1-2. Bob Fulkerson in military uniform [ND] (two copies)
3. Bob Fulkerson with his mother. See also the black and medium brown albums.
4. Bob Fulkerson at two
5. Bob Fulkerson at three
6. Bob Fulkerson with his grandfather
7. Fulkerson’s Cash Grocery, Rocky Ford
8. Bob Fulkerson with Pal (his dog)
9. Bob Fulkerson with billy goat;
10. Aluminum drive in front of Denver City and County Building
11. Bob Fulkerson at Basic Training (Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, March 1943)

See also number 20.

- 12-13. Bob Fulkerson at College Training Attachment (Oshkosh, Wisconsin, April 1943)
- 14-15. Bob Fulkerson at Gunnery School (Harlingen, Texas, September 1943) (two copies)
16. Bob Fulkerson at Navigation School (Hondo, Texas, October 1943) (two copies)
17. Bob Fulkerson at Tampa Yacht Club (Tampa, Florida, March 1944) (two copies)
18. Bob Fulkerson at Camp Shanks, New York (May 29, 1945)
19. Bob Fulkerson's parents pictured with his 1946 Pontiac [ND]
20. Bob Fulkerson at Basic Training (Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, March 1943)
See also number 11.
21. Bob Fulkerson with Lyle Hemerich at Lab (Fall 1955)
22. Bob Fulkerson at Dental School Graduation pictured in graduation cap and gown (May 9, 1959)
23. John Vuchetich, B-17 Flight Crew Engineer [ND]
24. Bruce Fredrickson (Bob Fulkerson's Navigation School Roommate) [ND]
25. Verna and Joe Edwards with Vera pinning on Joe's Aerial Gunner Wings at graduation (Harlingen, Texas) [September 1943]
26. Bob Fulkerson as young man [possibly from a graduation]
27. Bob Fulkerson with his Flight School Crew at graduation [1943]
- 28-33. Individual photos of Bob Fulkerson but none have date or context information.
34. 2nd Lt. Robert Fulkerson, May 7, 1944
35. Baby photos on album pages.

Photo album, black

Photo album, brown

Photo album, dark brown