

**Catalog Description of Ralph L. "Lee" Minker, Jr., Scrapbook
written in 1998**

Page	Dates	Location	Phase	Description
Cover				Cover
Inside cover				8th AAF woven emblem
1		Wilmington, DE		Draft card & telegram releasing RLM to enlist in Aviation Cadet Corps
2	Feb 17 1943	Wilmington, DE		Orders to report to Basic Training Center, Miami FL
3	March-April 1943	AAC training, Miami	Basic	Home newspaper article on RLM assignment, vaccination record, place for dog tag, news photo of soldiers on the beach. Early days of basic training.
4	March-April 1943	AAC training, Miami	Basic	Ad for Coral Reef Hotel Miami Beach, soldiers in formation, RLM in air cadet uniform, RLM in front of formation, and in front of hotel.
5	March-April 1943	AAC training, Miami	Basic	Photos of four "new buddies"
6	March-April 1943	AAC training, Miami	Basic	Photo of Hap Arnold
7	June 1943	U. of Nebraska, Lincoln	College Training Detachment	RLM in Piper Cub and with Instructor Jorgensen
8	June 1943	U. of Nebraska, Lincoln	College Training Detachment	Photos of U. of Nebraska campus and Lincoln
9	June 1943	U. of Nebraska, Lincoln	College Training Detachment	Photos of RLM on campus and other soldiers
10	July 13 1943	Santa Ana Army Air Base	Classification and pre-flight	Aviation Cadet Ralph L. Minker classification as pilot
11	July 13 1943	Santa Ana Army Air Base	Classification and pre-flight	Classification letter to Mr. Minker Sr. from Col. Robertson. Aviation cadet insignia glued onto the letter.
12	July 1943	Santa Ana Army Air Base	Classification and pre-flight	R.L. Minker, Jr. Aviation Cadet nameplate, group photo, Lee Minker in dress uniform, Ticket stub from Palladium, Hollywood Canteen autographs. Invitation to graduation dance, Aug. 21, 1943.
13	July 1943	Santa Ana Army Air Base	Classification and pre-flight	Large photo of RLM (missing)

14	July 1943	Santa Ana Army Air Base	Classification and pre-flight	Army Air Corps Song (circa 1942 - 1943)
15	October 1943	Thunderbird Field II, AZ	Classification and pre-flight	Photos clipped from magazine, Thunderbird patch.
16	October 1943	Thunderbird Field II, AZ	Basic Flight	Photos clipped from magazine of ground school, mess, physical training.
17	October 1943	Thunderbird Field II, AZ	Basic Flight	Article on Boeing PT-17 Kaydet
18	October 1943	Thunderbird Field II, AZ	Basic Flight	Photo missing of Minker with instructor, article from Wilmington paper
19	Nov - Dec 1943	Pecos, TX	Basic Flight	Photo of BT-13, Vultee Vibrator, Link Trainer and instructor
20	Nov - Dec 1943	Pecos, TX		Christmas dinner menu, laundry slip
21	Jan - March 1944	Pecos, TX	Advanced Flight	Print photo of AT-17 Cessna, photo of cadets with instructor
22	March 12 1944	Pecos, TX	Advanced Flight	News articles from Wilmington papers, graduation dance announcement, list of pilots
23	Mid-March 1944	Pecos, TX	Advanced Flight	Graduation program Pecos AAF, Class 44C, graduation announcement, press release about graduation. Photo of Lee Minker with his parents, grandmother Jones looking out the window, Wilmington, Delaware.
24	March 12 1944	Pecos, TX	Advanced Flight	Appointment letter, temporary 2nd lieutenant, ID photo, card
25	April - June 1944	Roswell, NM	Transitional	Article on Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress
26	April - June 1944	Roswell, NM	Transitional	Graduation photo of Minker, photos of buddies from Roswell.
27	July - August 1944	Gulfport MI	Operational	Photo of Minker, crew photo: Minker, Rosiala, Pitts, Rohl, Larsen, McKay, Shannon, Miller, Trambley
28	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Eighth Air Force	Combat	Article on Jimmy Doolittle, 5 page write-up of a mission by Minker
29	Nov. - Dec. 1944	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Newspaper articles on various raids from the <i>Daily Sketch</i> , a British newspaper. Minker circled the names of the raids, he flew several of these missions.
30	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	7 newspaper articles on 8th AF raids
31	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Crew photo, photo of tail of <i>Blue Hen Chick</i> , 4 photos missing. Article from Wilmington DE paper

32	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	6 photos of <i>Blue Hen Chick</i> , 3 are missing
33	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	5 photos of planes in formation
34	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Photos: bombs away, plane down, going home. Autographed color print of Jimmy Doolittle.
35	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Color newsprint photo of 709th Squadron in formation
36	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Escape photos of the crew to be used in case they were shot down. Minker, Dodge, Pitts, Rosiala, Shannon
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38	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	News photo of Dec. 24, 1944 mission, description by Minker.
39	May, 1945	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Map for "Liberty Tours" which took ground crew on flights to see targets in Europe.
40	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	5 photos of Paris after the war
41	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	5 photos of bomb results over Germany
42	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	4 photos of bomb results over Germany
43	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Poem written by Margaret Sanders, family friend. Article on peace.
44	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	3 articles on Minker from Wilmington DE newspapers. Cartoon and a Baker's chocolate bar wrapper with flying fortress.
45	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	9 photos of the base, operations, officers club.
46	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Leaflet in German dropped to warn of the invasion
47	Aug. 16 1945	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Newspaper photos from <i>Stars and Stripes</i> on the end of the war.
48	Oct. 1944 - Sept 45	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Photo, handwritten words to "High Flight" poem.
49	June, 1945	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Invitation and souvenir program for 447th BG celebration of Victory in Europe. Article on coping with loss and the job of bombers.

50	Summer, 1945	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Pull-out drawing on what it takes to sustain a heavy bomber
51	May 30, 1945	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Railway pass to London, 2 photos of London
52	November, 1944	London, England	Combat	4 photos of London, see letter Nov. 14, 1944
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54	March 29, 1945	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	News photo of the last picture of F.D.R.
55	August, 1945	Leaving England	Return home	3 photos from Southhamptom, room card for QE, news article on arrival in NYC on Aug. 31
56	August 31, 1945	Arrival home	Return home	4 photos of NY harbor, photo of Minker with friends
57	awarded Feb 27, 1945	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Lucky Bastards Club certificate
58	Nov. 20, 1945	Wilmington, DE	Civilian	Separation record detailing training and qualifications for flying 4-engine aircraft
59	June 3, 1944	Roswell, NM	Transitional	Certificate for four engine pilot training
60	Nov, 1945	Wilmington, DE		Article on Minker returning to college, photo of Dickinson campus. Handwritten comment on war from General MacArthur.
61				Handwritten prayers for peace
62	March 20, 1946	Carlisle, PA		Letter from V.A. notifying Minker of G. I. Bill allotment
63				Handwritten excerpts from Tennyson and Whitman as Minker seeks to adjust after the war.
64	August, 1945	Wilmington, DE		What Did We Fight For? One page commentary by Minker. Quote from Walt Whitman, <i>Pioneer, O Pioneer.</i>
65				Newspaper article on study of fear experienced by pilots. 2 other articles emphasizing the tragedy of war.
66				Woven patches for 8th Air force [buillon], Army Air Forces, and 447th bomb group.
67	Nov. 1945		Post war	Summary of flying time.
68	Oct 10 1944	Rattlesden AAB, England	Combat	Photos of accident B-17 # 719 before Minker arrived at Rattlesden. Plane later named Blue Hen Chick by Minker
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70	1985 - 2002		post war	Photos with crew members and their families
71	various		post war	2 photos of planes
72			post war	Print of painting by Balla, with notes added by Minker
73				Blank
74	May-85		post war	Pictures from Madingley Cemetery, Cambridge; photo of RLM's burial site at Arlington National Cemetery
75	May-85	Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, England	post war	List of 202 airmen from 447 BG killed buried in Europe
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