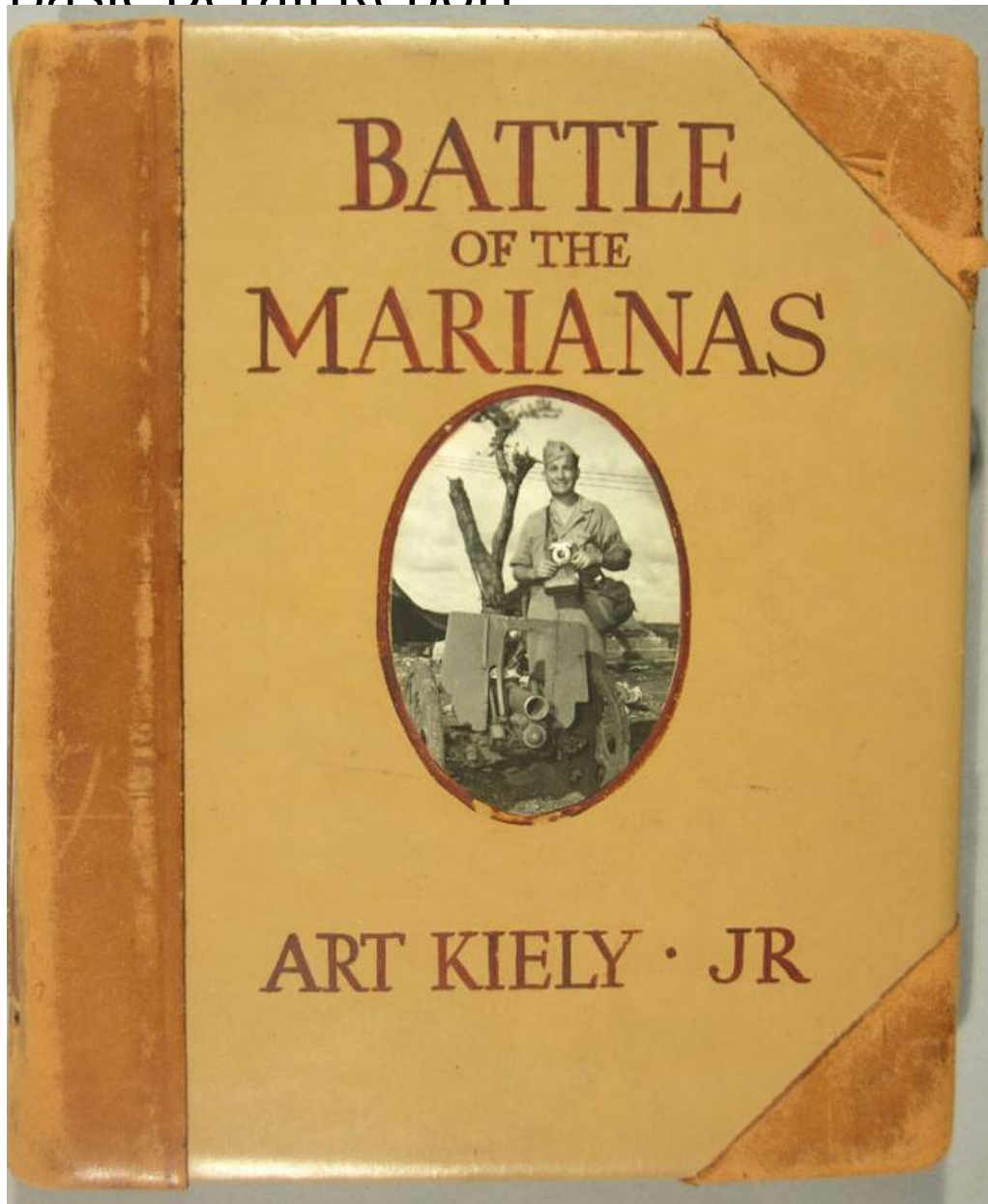


Basic Detail Report



Title The Battle of the Marianas

Date 1944

Primary Maker Arthur J. Kiely Jr.

Medium Photography; gelatin silver prints on paper in photograph album

Description Album contains photographs of the World War II battles of Saipan, Tinian, and Guam. Photographs are of enlisted men, civilians, natives, general officers, tanks, airplanes, artillery, small arms, supplies such as fuel and

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ammunition, debris and wreckage of war, and casualties, both Marine and

Japanese, as well as civilians and natives. Some of the photographs contain

graphic images of war casualties. The photographs in this album cover many

aspects of the Marianas Campaign. Some photos are of General Holland M.

Smith and his staff. Others show Marines performing various combat and non-

combat tasks. A portion of the content shows war materiel, both before usage

and after destruction, an example being a junkyard for planes destroyed in the

campaign. In addition to damaged war materiel, the damaged landscape is also

shown. Most prominent among this subject matter is a church on Guam

destroyed in the fighting. Many photographs show the native populations of the

Marianas islands in several forms; doing chores and labor, in a transient state

possibly fleeing combat areas, and even some dead civilians. A few photos show

Japanese prisoners. Probably the single largest subject of the album is the dead

of the campaign, both American and Japanese, although Japanese are shown

far more frequently. Inside the front cover is a typewritten citation awarding

Bronze Star to Arthur J. Kiely, signed by Holland M. Smith.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 8 1/2 x 6 5/16in. (21.6 x

16.1cm) and smaller Sheet (height x width): 9 1/2 x 7 1/2in. (24.1 x 19.1cm) Other

(album height x width x depth): 10 x 8 x 1 1/4in. (25.4 x 20.3 x 3.2cm)