

Guide to the
Richard E. Cole Papers
(1915 -)

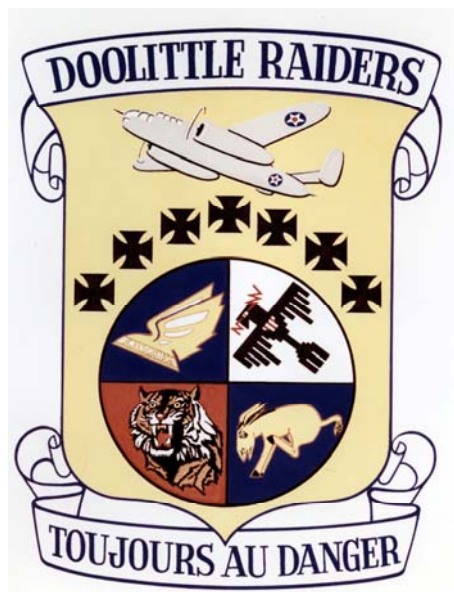
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Biographical Sketch

Richard E. Cole was born September 7th, 1915 in Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from Steele High School in Dayton and completed two years of study at Ohio University. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in July of 1941. He was elected for the Doolittle Raid and participated in training for the raid in early 1942. During the raid he was the Co-Pilot of Crew Number 1, the first plane to take off. Number 1 was piloted by James Doolittle himself. After his recovery from China, Cole served in the China-Burma-India Theater from 1942 – 1943, and again from 1943 until June of 1944. Cole was relieved from active duty in January 1947, but returned to active duty in August of 1947. From 1959 to 1962 Cole served as the Operations Advisor to the Venezuelan Air Force.

Cole's decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Chinese Army, Navy, and Air Corps Medal, Class A, 1st Grade. Cole is active in the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association, and lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Sources

Glines, C.V. 1964. *Doolittle's Tokyo Raiders*. Princeton, NJ: D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc.

Doolittle Raider Tokyo Raiders Association Papers, Series II, Box 1, Folder 13, History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

Additional Sources

For more information about Richard E. Cole and the Doolittle Raid consult the *Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Papers*. For more information about James Doolittle consult the *James H. Doolittle Papers*. Both of these collections are in the custody of the History of Aviation Collection.

Additional information can be found in the books *Doolittle's Tokyo Raiders*, and *Four Came Home* (Both by C.V. Glines).

Series Description

The *Richard E. Cole Papers* are organized into one series of material.

Series I: Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association Reunion Proclamations (2007). 2 linear feet.

1 oversized box. Items are arranged chronologically. This series contains material presented to Richard Cole at the 2007 Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association reunion in San Antonio, Texas.

Scope and Content Note

The *Richard E. Cole Papers* are organized into one series of material.

Series I: Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association Reunion Proclamations – 1 Box (2007)

This series is made up of material presented to Richard Cole at the 2007 reunion of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders. It includes proclamations made by the officials of Bexar County, Texas honoring both the Doolittle Raiders and Richard E. Cole.

Collection Note

Some items that are part of this collection are on display with the Doolittle exhibits in the History of Aviation Collection. These items are not reflected in this finding aid. For a list of these items please consult the Guide to Doolittle Items on Display at History of Aviation Collection.

Provenance Statement

The *Richard E. Cole Papers* were donated to the History of Aviation Collection, McDermott Library by Richard Cole in May of 2007.

Literary Rights Statement

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Container List

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H26-07 Richard E. Cole: Container List

Proclamations from the 65th Doolittle Raider Reunion (2007)

<u>Box 1</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
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<u>Folder</u>	
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1	Proclamation: The Commissioners Court Of Bexar County Texas Honors the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders on the Occasion of their 65 th Reunion – San Antonio, Texas (2007)
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On Display – HAC Archive Rear Hallway

1	Proclamation: Naming Lt. Col. (Ret.) Richard Cole a Hidalgo of the City of San Antonio de Bexar (2007)
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