

Exterior of "The Sacred Cow"



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Description

"The Sacred Cow," the most historic aircraft then in commission, made its final flight at 11:10 A.M., Tuesday, October 17th, before going into retirement and enshrinement. Major General Brooke Allen, Commander of Headquarters Command, who was the first American bomber air pilot to go into combat in World War II, landed the Air Force C-54 that flew both President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Harry S. Truman during World War II, at Andrews Air Force Base after making an eight mile flight from Bolling. "The Sacred Cow", nicknamed by Fleet Admiral William Leahy, flew more than 1,500,000 miles, equivalent to 70 times around the world, was turned over to the National Air Museum. The military ceremony transferring "The Sacred Cow" that has logged 12,135 hours and 25 minutes took place at Andrews Air Force Base, 11 A.M., Monday, December 4,

1961. General Allen, the pilot of the Sacred Cow's last flight, was able to take off the first B-17 bomber when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, from Hickam Air Force Base.

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8x10 inches (21x26 cm)

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