



## ***KML Files***

KML (Keyhole Markup Language) is a file format used to display geographic data in an Earth browser such as Google Earth and Google Maps. The beauty of KML is that it can be used by anybody with access to the internet. The user needs to have access to Google Earth – an online browser which requires an easy, free installation. No other GIS software programs are necessary to view this georeferenced file. KML is simply one file that encodes the elements and attributes that is associated with a raster (an image) or vector file (i.e. streets). Users can download the KML file from the Map Library’s webpage, and simply open the file (File – Open) in Google Earth. Google Earth offers a large variety of overlays that the user can use to assist in navigating with the photos. Since today’s landscape looks much different than 70 years ago, the familiar streets of today will aide the user in locating specific features of the historical air photo.

