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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	94th Aero Squadron Collection
Date:	1918-1919
Identifier:	NASM.1987.0005
Source:	Rickenbacker, Eddie, 1890-1973
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (1 slim legal document box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The 94th Aero Squadron, one of the first American pursuit squadrons to operate over the Western Front and see combat, was highly publicized in American print media and became one of the most famous squadrons in the United States Army Air Service. This collection consists of material documenting the activities of the 94th Aero Squadron in France during World War I, and includes daily operations orders, combat reports, reconnaissance reports, citations and commendations, and lists of officers, pilots, and official victories of the unit.
Digital Content:	Image(s): NASM-9A20972-A: 94th Fighter Squadron (94th Aero Squadron) insignia, 1945; Pesco Aviation Insignia Calendar 1945-1946, NASM.XXXX.1096.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Transferred from National Air and Space Museum Department of Aeronautics, 1986, NASM.1987.0005.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The 94th Aero Squadron, one of the first American pursuit squadrons to operate over the Western Front and see combat, was highly publicized in American print media and became one of the most famous squadrons in the United States Army Air Service. Several air aces and notable pilots served with the 94th Aero Squadron including Gervais Raoul Lufbery, Douglas Campbell, Reed Chambers, Harvey Weir Cook, James Armand Meissner, and Edward Vernon "Eddie" Rickenbacker, the United States' top scoring flying ace of World War I.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of material documenting the activities of the 94th Aero Squadron in France during World War I. These records were collected by Edward Vernon "Eddie" Rickenbacker and include daily operations orders, combat reports, reconnaissance reports, citations and commendations, and lists of officers, pilots, and official victories of the unit. Rickenbacker may have obtained some of the material in the collection from Mr. M. J. Grossman.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged by type of record, and is arranged chronologically within each folder.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics, Military
- Air pilots
- World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

- Military records

Names:

- Rickenbacker, Eddie, 1890-1973
- United States. Army. Air Service. 1st Pursuit Group. 94th Aero Squadron

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Operations Orders, April to November 1918
Box 1, Folder 2	Operations Reports, September to November 1918
Box 1, Folder 3	[Combat and Reconnaissance Reports], May to November 1918
Box 1, Folder 4	Combat Reports, Requests for Confirmations, April to November 1918
Box 1, Folder 5	Extracts from General Orders, September to November 1918
Box 1, Folder 6	Citations and Commendations, April 1918 to March 1919
Box 1, Folder 7	Record of Confirmations, April to November 1918
Box 1, Folder 8	Total Victories and Combats of Pilots, November 1918
Box 1, Folder 9	Roster of Pilots, Officers
Box 1, Folder 10	History of the 94th Aero Squadron