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John Wallis Bishop Collection

Bishop, John Wallis, Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	John Wallis Bishop Collection
Identifier:	NASM.1988.0086
Date:	1918-1936
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (1 slim legal document case)
Creator:	Bishop, John Wallis (Jack)
Language:	English .
Summary:	John (Jack) Wallis Bishop was born June 8, 1892, in Berlin, Maryland. He was trained as a pilot at the US Army School of Military Aeronautics at Cornell University in 1917 and subsequently enlisted in Canada and was assigned to the 66th Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) at the front for 14 months in northern Italy. He shot down two enemy aircraft and participated in 22 low altitude bombing raids. In the 1930s, he became a flying instructor and pilot at Roosevelt Field. Bishop was killed in a flying accident at Roosevelt Field on August 30, 1936. This collection contains materials from Bishop's career as a pilot, including a diary, logbooks, newsletters, permits, photographs, and articles.
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

John (Jack) Wallis Bishop was born June 8, 1892, in Berlin, Maryland. A United States citizen living in Yonkers, New York, he initially enlisted in the United States military on September 14, 1917, at Mineola, New York. He was trained at the US Army School of Military Aeronautics at Cornell University until his honorable discharge ("cause not shown") on October 30, 1917. Subsequently, he enlisted in Canada and was assigned to the 66th Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) at the front for 14 months in northern Italy. He shot down two enemy aircraft and participated in 22 low altitude bombing raids. He returned to the US in June 1919, became a member of the "Ancient and Secret Order of Quiet Birdmen." After the war, he sold real estate, but soon began flying again, participating in barnstorming tours. In the 1930s, he became a flying instructor and pilot at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, New York, and a lieutenant in the Nassau County (NY) police department. He was a friend and flying associate of the air racer Annette Gipson. Bishop was killed in a flying accident near Roosevelt Field on August 30, 1936.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains materials from John Wallis Bishop's career as a pilot. World War I era materials include photographs, a diary of his overseas service, a logbook, newsletters and programs from the 66th Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps, a booklet of aircraft silhouettes, an aerial map of the northern Italian front, and his permission to depart from the United Kingdom and return to the United States. Materials from his later career include logbooks, a pilot permit and physical examination certificate, and a book of tickets for excursion flights with Bishop. Other materials include an article from the November/December 1931 edition of *The Military Engineer* entitled "Two-Fifths of an Ace," describing Bishop's exploits with the 66th Squadron, an in memoriam article, an article about Annette Gipson, and a genealogy of Samuel and John Bishop.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in chronological order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Aeronautics, Military
Periodicals
World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

Diaries
Maps
Photographs
Publications

Names:

Bishop, John Wallis (Jack)
Great Britain. Royal Flying Corps. 66th Squadron
Roosevelt Field (N.Y.)

Container Listing

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|-------------------------|---|
| Box 1, Folder 1 | "The Genealogy of Samuel and John Bishop, Brothers: Bishop Family From 1636", 1901
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Diary, Lt. J.W. Bishop, Royal Air Force, 66th Squadron Italian Expeditionary Force, May 1918 to October 1918
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | "Silhouettes of Aeroplanes" [Training Manual, stamped "ordered by 92 Squadron, November 1917"], 1918
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | RAF Newsletters and Programmes, August 1918 to December 1918
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | [Map of Northern Italian Front, World War I], 1917 or 1918
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Permission to Depart UK for US, June 1919
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Pilot Logbooks, 1918-1936 (bulk 1918-1919,) (bulk 1928-1936) |
| Box 1, Folder 7, Item 1 | Pilot's Flying Log Book [Royal Flying Corps and Other Flights], January 1918 to November 1919; September 1928 to 1930
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 7, Item 2 | Pilot Log Book [1 of 3], March 1930 to September 1931
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 7, Item 3 | Pilot Log Book [2 of 3], January 1933 to September 1933
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 7, Item 4 | Pilot Log Book [3 of 3], May 1935 to January 1936
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Pilot Permit and Physical Examination Certificate, Dept. of Commerce, 1930
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Souvenir Tickets for Flight with Jack Bishop [Numbers 951-1000], circa 1935
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | [Articles, John Bishop, Annette Gipson], 1931-1936 |

[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 1, Folder 11

[Blank Royal Air Force Checks, issued by Cox and Co.], 1917-1919

Videodisc Photographs, 7B00787 to 7B00793, 1918 to 1935

[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 144 (Shared)

Photograph of J.W. Bishop, Royal Flying Corps, Oversize, November 1917