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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Air and Space Museum Archives |
| Title: | 1937 Khartoum Aviation Photographs |
| Identifier: | NASM.1989.0096 |
| Date: | 1936-1937 |
| Extent: | 0.05 Cubic feet (6 photographs) |
| Language: | English . |
| Summary: | This collection consists of six photographs documenting aviation-related activities in Khartoum, Sudan, in the 1930s. This collection is in English. |

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Amelia Earhart (1897-1937) in 1928 was the first woman to fly (as a passenger) across the Atlantic, and in 1932 the first woman (and second person, after Charles Lindbergh) to fly solo and nonstop across that ocean. She flew many record flights, published several books, and accomplished much for women in aviation before attempting, on June 1, 1937, an around-the-world flight from Miami, Florida, in a twin-engine Lockheed Electra. She and navigator Frederick J. Noonan were flying from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland Island when they disappeared over the Pacific Ocean on July 2, 1937. An exhaustive sea and air search, ordered by President Franklin Roosevelt, was unsuccessful in locating Earhart and Noonan.

James A. Mollison (1905-1959) was a pilot who set many records either flying alone, or with his wife Amy Johnson. Both Mollison and Johnson also served in the Air Transport Auxiliary during World War II. Flying in his Bellanca 28-90 Flash *Dorothy*, Mollison set a transatlantic speed record in October 1936.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of six black and white photographs, each measuring 2 by 3 inches, all taken at Khartoum, Sudan. Four of the photographs are of Amelia Earhart and her Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) taken during a refueling stop at Khartoum, on June 13, 1937, during Earhart's attempted around-the-world flight. These photographs feature some hand-tinting. Another photograph, taken on November 30, 1936, is of James A. Mollison's Bellanca 28-90 Flash *Dorothy*. The sixth picture is one of the donor, Edward Frosdick, posed standing in front of an airplane wearing a flying helmet and goggles, taken around the same time period.

Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Bellanca 28-90 Flash "Dorothy"
- Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft (NR16020)
- Women air pilots

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Earhart, Amelia, 1897-1937

Container Listing

NASM-7B02265: [Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft \(NR16020\); Earhart, Amelia Mary, 1930s](#)

Notes: View of Amelia Earhart exiting her Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) at Khartoum, Sudan, June 13, 1937.

NASM-7B02266: [Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft \(NR16020\); Earhart, Amelia Mary, 1930s](#)

Notes: View of Amelia Earhart preparing to exit her Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) at Khartoum, Sudan, June 13, 1937.

NASM-7B02267: [Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft \(NR16020\); Earhart, Amelia Mary, 1930s](#)

Notes: View of Amelia Earhart (wearing white shirt with scarf around her neck) standing beside her Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) talking to several unidentified people, taken at Khartoum, Sudan, June 13, 1937.

NASM-7B02268: [Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft \(NR16020\)](#)

Notes: Close-up partial one-quarter left front view of Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) on the ground at Khartoum, Sudan, June 13, 1937.

NASM-7B04957: [General Aviation, 1930s](#)

Notes: View of Edward Frosdick, wearing a flying helmet and goggles, posed beside an unidentified biplane, Khartoum, Sudan, mid-1930s.

NASM-7B04958: [Bellanca 28-90 Flash "Dorothy"](#)

Notes: View of James A. Mollison's Bellanca 28-90 Flash *Dorothy* on the ground surrounded by a large crowd, Khartoum, Sudan, November 30, 1936.