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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Phillips Ward Page Scrapbook
Date:	1911-1912
Identifier:	NASM.1990.0037
Creator:	Page, Phillips Ward, 1885-1917
Extent:	0.23 Cubic feet (1 flat box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Phillips Ward Page (1885--1917) was an active early pilot who assisted in the testing and development of some of the early Burgess aircraft, and taught many renowned civilian and military aviators to fly. This collection consists of a scrapbook documenting the aviation career of Phillips Ward Page during the time period from 1911 to 1912.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Phillips Ward Page Scrapbook

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Phillips Ward Page (1885--1917) was an active early pilot who assisted in the testing and development of some of the early Burgess aircraft, and taught many renowned civilian and military aviators to fly. As the

Aviation Editor of the *Boston Herald*, Page was a passenger on several flight around Boston and the vicinity in the Spring of 1911. Page joined the Wright Flying School at Dayton, Ohio in July 1911, and obtained his pilot license on October 25, 1911. In November of that year he started carrying passengers and flying exhibitions on weekends, flying around the New York vicinity. He became a full time instructor for the Burgess Company of Marblehead, Massachusetts on Burgess-Wright planes, and for the winter aviation school at Daytona, Florida. Besides his teaching obligations, Page was a contestant in air meets, made test flights of new military tractors, and took the first motion pictures of Boston from the air. In 1914, Page joined the US Aviation Reserves, and enlisted as a Naval Aviator in April 1917. He was an instructor at Squantum, Massachusetts Naval Base, before being assigned to duty in France. He drowned in the English Channel in a seaplane accident on December 17, 1917.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a scrapbook documenting the aviation career of Phillips Ward Page during the time period from 1911 to 1912. The scrapbook contains photographs and news clippings.

Note: Blank pages in the scrapbook, including many at the end of the book, are not digitally reproduced in the slideshow. Any gaps in numbering are due to their omission.

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
- Aeronautics -- 1903-1916
- Aeronautics -- Exhibitions
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Aeronautics, Military
- Air pilots
- Burgess Aircraft Family
- Burgess-Wright Aircraft Family
- Flight training

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Burgess Co and Curtis
- Page, Phillips Ward, 1885-1917