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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Alan H. Nichols Biographical Material
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Alan H. Nichols (189 -1918) was a student volunteer for the Stanford ambulance corps during World War I. Within six months Nichols switched over to the French aviation service, where he flew a SPAD for the Escadrille 85. He was cited twice and was awarded the Medaille Militarie posthumous. Nichols died of an abdomen wound he received during a patrol run between Compiegne and Soissons in 1918.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a manuscript, 'Letters Home From the Lafayette Flying Corps,' comprised of Alan's correspondence during the war, his brother Jack's journal, newspaper articles, and sympathy letters to Alan's parents from his friends after his death; two letters from Alan Nichols to W.H. Nichols, September 8 and November 21, 1917; and five photographs taken by Alan in France, circa 1917.

General

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Ambulances
- World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Manuscripts
- Photographs

Names:

- France. Armée. Escadrille Lafayette
- Nichols, Alan H., -1918