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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Alva R. DeGarmo Collection
Date:	1916-1986
Identifier:	NASM.1992.0049
Creator:	DeGarmo, Alva R., 1899-1988
Extent:	1.09 Cubic feet ((1 records center box)) 1.04 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Alva R. DeGarmo Collection consists of DeGarmo's army records; logbooks; Boeing Air Transport/United Air Lines correspondence; material documenting his World War II activities; newspaper articles; photographs; and Western Air Lines anniversary items.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Richard and Bernice DeGarmo, gift, 1991, 1992-0049, NASM

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Alva R. DeGarmo (1899-1988) enlisted in the Army Air Service, soloing in 1920 in a Curtiss JN-4 at March Field, Riverside, CA. He was in the Air Service for three years before joining the Air Reserve Corps. During his service he patrolled the Mexican boarder and spotted forest fires in Oregon. After resigning from the Air Service and a brief stint in barnstorming, he worked for two years with Western Air Lines, being one of their first four pilots, the "Four Horseman." After two years he changed to Boeing Air Transport/United Air Lines, flying with them until 1939. During World War II DeGarmo helped ferry bombers and transport planes across

the Atlantic under the Pan American subsidiary, Atlantic Airways, and later during the War he took over a Pan American Miami to Rio De Janeiro passenger route. Towards the end of the war he worked for Curtiss Wright on C-46 fuel problems. He ended his aviation career with a short stint as a Lockheed test pilot after the war.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The Alva R. DeGarmo Collection is arranged by content type.

General

Other materials: Logbooks. Most of Alva DeGarmo's material was placed in the Delta Air Lines Museum.

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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, Commercial -- United States
- Aeronautics, Military
- Air pilots
- Periodicals

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Maps
- Photographs
- Publications

Names:

- Atlantic Airways
- Boeing Air Transport
- DeGarmo, Alva R., 1899-1988

United Air Lines, Inc.
Western Airlines

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Flight Record Logbook #1, January 19, 1920 - October 29, 1926
Box 1, Folder 2	Flight Record Logbook #3, January 31, 1929 - May 11, 1931; Logbook #4, August 1, 1931 - September 14, 1933
Box 1, Folder 3	Flight Record Logbook #5, September 15, 1933 - September 8, 1934; Logbook #6, September 9, 1934 - September 11, 1935
Box 1, Folder 4	Flight Record Logbook #7, September 13, 1935 - August 27, 1936
Box 1, Folder 5	DeGarmo's Flight Record Logbook, December 18, 1935 - May 4, 1936
Box 1, Folder 6	Degarmo's Flight Record Logbook, May 5, 1936 - June 3, 1936
Box 1, Folder 7	DeGarmo's Flight Record Logbook, June 5, 1936 - August 7, 1936
Box 1, Folder 8	Degarmo's Flight Record Logbook, August 8, 1936 - September 5, 1936
Box 1, Folder 9	Flight Record Logbook #8, August 27, 1936 - September 11, 1937
Box 2, Folder 1	Flight Record Logbook #9, September 13, 1937 - September 12, 1938; Logbook #10, September 18, 1938 to September 14, 1940
Box 2, Folder 2	Flight Record Logbook #11, September 14, 1940 - August 29, 1944
Box 2, Folder 3	Flight Record Log Book #12, August 31, 1944 - March 3, 1945
Box 2, Folder 4	Pilot Diary, 1940
Box 2, Folder 5	Pilot Diary, 1941
Box 2, Folder 6	Miscellaneous Aircraft Operations Records, 1938-1941
Box 2, Folder 7	United Air Lines Pilot Evaluation Reports, 1937 & 1938
Box 2, Folder 8	United Air Lines Inter-Company Correspondence, Leon Cuddeback, 1934-1936
Box 2, Folder 9	Miscellaneous United Air Lines Correspondence, 1934-1938
Box 2, Folder 10	DeGarmo's Resignation from United Air Lines - Correspondence, 1938 & 1939
Box 3, Folder 1	Boeing Air Transport Correspondence, October 8, 1928 - March 6, 1936
Box 3, Folder 2	Boeing Air Transport, Inc. Pilot's Pay Voucher

Box 3, Folder 3	Federal Register, March 9, 1938
Box 3, Folder 4	Aircraft Radio Station aboard NC 25064, January 9, 1940 - April 1, 1941
Box 3, Folder 5	Route Manual for the Caribbean, South America and West Africa, October 1, 1941
Box 3, Folder 6	Trans-Equatorial Atlantic Flight Forecast for USAAC B-17Es, January 17, 1942
Box 3, Folder 7	List of Communication Facilities - Miami, Florida to Lagos, Nigeria, April 22, 1942
Box 3, Folder 8	Long Range Flight Data, Ship #6969 Lockheed Hudson VI, June 28, 1942
Box 3, Folder 9	Operation and Flight Instructions for Model B-26 and B-26 and B-26A Bombardment Airplanes, March 20, 1942
Box 3, Folder 10	B-25C Cruise Data - Pan American Air Ferries, July 8, 1942
Box 3, Folder 11	B25C Cruise Table (Wright R-2600-B Engines)
Box 3, Folder 12	B-26A Long Range Cruise Data, July 13, 1942
Box 3, Folder 13	Pan American Air Ferries - Map of Brazil Routes, January 19, 1942
Box 3, Folder 14	Pan American Air Ferries - Long Range Cruising Data Ventura I, July 25, 1942
Box 3, Folder 15	Pan American Air Ferries - Trans-Caribbean Route & Terminal Forecast, August 10, 1942
Box 3, Folder 16	Pan American Air Ferries - Miscellaneous Documents, 1941-1942
Box 3, Folder 17	Pan American Air Ferries - Photographs of Alva R. DeGarmo, 1941-1942
Box 4, Folder 1	Curtiss-Wright C-46 - Miscellaneous Materials and Photographs, 1944-1945
Box 4, Folder 2	"The Iris" [High School Year Book], June 1916
Box 4, Folder 3	Army Service Records, 1920-1942
Box 4, Folder 4	Radio Operator License, May 6, 1930 - October 17, 1939
Box 4, Folder 5	Pan American Airways "Jupiter Rex" Certificate, November 25, 1939
Box 4, Folder 6	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1931 to 1966
Box 4, Folder 7	Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings, 1951-1986

Box 4, Folder 8 [Missing Folder]
Notes: Contents not listed in finding aid.

Box 4, Folder 9 "Pre Flight Air News", Vol. 3, No. 7, July, 1961

Box 4, Folder 10 "Air Mail Pioneers News" Vol. VIII, No. 3, July 1962, and Related Material

Box 4, Folder 11 Western Air Lines, Inc., Anniversary Celebrations, 1926-1986

Box 4, Folder 12 Maps of Tehran, Baghdad, Alaska

Box 4, Folder 13 Interview with Al DeGarmo by Sid Albright, 1966
Notes: Cassettes have not been digitized. Contact the National Air and Space Museum Archives for more information.