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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Edgar J. Wynn Collection
Date:	1939-[ca. 1940s]
Identifier:	NASM.1993.0029
Creator:	Wynn, Edward J., 1914-
Extent:	0.23 Cubic feet (1 flatbox; 1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Edgar J. Wynn (1913--1947) was a barnstormer and civilian air transport pilot who served in both the Royal Canadian Air Force and later the US Air Force. This collection consists of several copies of a publication written by Wynn as well as a photo album.
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Edgar J. Wynn (1913--1947) learned to fly at age 16, and barnstormed in the east and middle west of the United States until the outbreak of World War II. In 1940 Wynn joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, where he was an instructor. After a few months, however, Wynn resigned his commission to take a job as a civilian ferry pilot. After

forty-odd flights across the North Atlantic as a ferry pilot, he shifted to Pan American Airways (Pan Am) where he ferried bombers to Africa by the South Atlantic Route. He later switched to Trans World Airlines (TWA) where he had the privilege of piloting Eleanor Roosevelt. After his stint with TWA he became a captain in the US Air Force Air Transport Command. Wynn wrote several books about flying transport aircraft including *Bombers Across* and *So You're Going to Fly the Big Stuff*.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of several copies of Edgar J. Wynn's *So You're Going to Fly the Big Stuff* and a photo album. The album measures approximately 10 x 11 inches and contains images dating mainly from 1939 to 1941, many taken in Canada or New York. The album also contains extensive captioning by Wynn. Aircraft shown in the album include the Luscombe Model 8; Waco F-2; Douglas DC-3; Consolidated B-24 Liberator; North American Harvard; and the Sikorsky S-42 Clipper.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged by type of material.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- Exhibitions
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Military
- Air pilots
- Airplanes -- Ferrying

Types of Materials:

- Photograph albums
- Publications

Names:

- Pan American World Airways, Inc.
- Royal Canadian Air Force
- Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc.
- United States. Army Air Forces. Air Transport Command
- Wynn, Edward J., 1914-

Container Listing

Copies of So You're Going to Fly the Big Stuff

Box 1, Folder 1

[Photo Album](#)

Notes:

Blank pages in original album have not been digitally reproduced in slideshow. Any gaps in numbering of image filenames is due to their omission.