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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	William H. Leininger Collection
Date:	1917-1926
Identifier:	NASM.1994.0025
Creator:	Leininger, William H., 1894-1991
Extent:	1.59 Cubic feet ((1 records center box) (1 flatbox))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Jane Coates, gift, transferred to Archives in 1993, 1994-0025, NASM

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Biographical / Historical

William H. Leininger (1894 - 1991) enlisted in the Air Service at Ft. Sill on June 4, 1917. Leininger was the Post Sergeant of the 21st Squadron until his transfer to the Cadet School at the University of Illinois. After graduating from Cadet School, Leininger was first transferred to Kelly Field for flying instructions and then to the 3rd Aviation Training Center at Issoudun, France. Leininger was ordered to the Front with the 9th Aero Squadron where he performed both day and night reconnaissance flights. After the Armistice, Leininger was assigned Squadron Leader for the 166th. In 1919, he was relieved of that command and returned to the United States. After the war, Leininger remained interested in aviation matters, but he did not pursue work in the aviation field.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following material documenting Leininger's World War I career: letters to his family, 1917-1919; a scrapbook containing photographs from his World War I experiences; a 1917 diary; orders and military papers; and his autobiography: 'The Restless Eagle.'

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:

- Aerial reconnaissance
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Publications
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Kelly Field, Texas
- Leininger, William H., 1894-1991
- United States. Army. Air Service. 9th Aero Squadron