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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Russell Watson World War I Photo Album
Date:	1917-1919
Identifier:	NASM.1995.0002
Creator:	Watson, Russell
Extent:	0.2 Cubic feet (1 flatbox)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This scrapbook contains photographs relating to the 1st Aero Squadron during World War I.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Russell Watson World War I Photo Album

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Guy E. Watson, Gift, 1994, NASM.1995.0002

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Russell Watson was a mechanic for the 1st Aero Squadron during World War I. The 1st Aero Squadron was organized in Texas during March of 1913 and served under Brig. General John J. Pershing during the Mexico Punitive Expedition, 1916. During World War I, the 1st Aero Squadron was part of the 1st Corps Observation Group organized in April 1918, and it accomplished successful photographic missions.

Scope and Contents

This scrapbook with a brown suede cover contains photographs relating to the 1st Aero Squadron during World War I. The images include the following: aircraft; engines; trucks and equipment; graves; trenches; French buildings and landscapes; 1st Aero personnel; aerial photographs; and airfields. This collection also contains a series of French postcards with images of Strasbourg, Nancy, and Metz. There is also a booklet entitled, 'Paris Monumental Metropolitan,' which is a guidebook to attractions in Paris.

Arrangement

Photo album, folder of postcards, and booklet.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aerial photography
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Aircraft

Types of Materials:

- Aerial Photographs
- Guidebooks
- Photographs
- Postcards

Names:

- United States. Army. Air Service. 1st Aero Squadron
- Watson, Russell