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Lieutenant Frank Stuart Patterson License and Badges

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Collection Overview

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Summary:	Lieutenant Frank Stuart Patterson (1896--1918) served with the US Army Air Service's Officers' Reserve Corps. Patterson was killed in a crash at Wilbur Wright Field while testing a machine gun synchronization method in a de Havilland (Airco) D.H.4. In 1931, the Fairfield Air Depot was renamed Patterson Field in his honor. This field was later subsumed into Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This collection consists of Patterson's pilot's license, two passes to Dayton Wright Airplane Co. facilities, and his Aero Club of America membership card.
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Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Frank Stuart Patterson (1896--1918) joined the aviation section of the Enlisted Reserve Corps on May 21, 1917. After ground school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and flight training in Buffalo, New York, Patterson was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was later transferred to Wilbur Wright Field and began work in testing aircraft. Lt. Patterson was tragically killed there in 1918 while testing a machine gun synchronization method in a de Havilland (Airco) D.H.4. In 1931, the Fairfield Air Depot was renamed Patterson Field in his honor. This field was later subsumed into Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Collection is arranged chronologically.

Names and Subject Terms

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Air pilots

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