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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Leslie A. A. Benson Collection
Date:	1917-1919
Identifier:	NASM.1997.0047
Creator:	Benson, Leslie A. A.
Extent:	0.23 Cubic feet ((1 slim legal document box))
Language:	English .
Summary:	<p>This collection consists mostly of photographs of AEF aircraft and crews on the field, with photos both loose and in a scrapbook. Documents and unit patches are also to be found in these materials. Folder 1: Includes Benson's AEF identity card, a clipping and photo of Benson, seemingly taken from a scrapbook, and various photographs of World War I aircraft such as the DH-4 and Salmson 2, along with crews. Each image in this folder is accompanied by a 4x5" negative. Folder 2: Approximately 50 loose photographs of various sizes of World War I units and their air crews on the field. Folder 3: Documentary materials (approximately 40 pages) including letters of recommendation, an officer's record book, sugar permit, and discharge certificate. Folder 4: Photo album commemorating AEF members (approximately 50 photos). Endpapers have various uniform insignia affixed, both that of the Allied forces and of the Central Powers. Note: Folder 4 includes small 1 3/4x2 3/4" photo of Ruth Law beside wing strut, in uniform.</p>

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Michael Benson, gift, 1997, 1997-0047, Unknown

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Leslie A. Benson was a member of the American Expeditionary Forces and was stationed in England and France during 1917-1919.

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Arrangement

The Leslie A. A. Benson Collection-- is arranged by content type.

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:

Aeronautics
Aeronautics, Military
World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

Correspondence

Photographs

Names:

Benson, Leslie A. A.

Law, Ruth

United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Leslie A. A. Benson Collection Acc. 1997-0047 - Photographs
Box 1, Folder 2	Leslie A. A. Benson Collection Acc. 1997-0047 - Photographs
Box 1, Folder 3	Leslie A. A. Benson Collection Acc. 1997-0047 - Documents
Box 1, Folder 4	Leslie A. A. Benson Collection Acc. 1997-0047 - Insignia; Photographs