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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	95th Aero Squadron Photographs
Date:	1917-1919
Identifier:	NASM.1998.0029
Creator:	Garrison, Herbert
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (2 folders; 23 black and white 8 x 10 inch print photographs; two 4 x 5 inch color transparencies)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of 23 black and white photographs taken by Herbert Emerson Garrison (1896-1986), during his service with the 95th Aero Squadron in France during World War I and includes informal views of both aircraft and personnel. The collection also includes two copy color transparencies of a Salvation Army post card stating that Garrison had arrived safely back in New York City after the war.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Walter Garrison, originals loaned for copying, 1998, NASM.1998.0029

Related Materials

Related artifacts in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum collection: [Fokker D.VII, A19200004000](#) .

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The 95th Aero Squadron, organized on August 20th, 1917, and demobilized on March 18th, 1919, was part of the 1st Pursuit Organization stationed in France on the Western Front during World War I. The squadron was assigned as a Day Pursuit (Fighter) Squadron and was the first American squadron to fly in combat, doing so on March 8, 1918. The 95th Aero Squadron shot down 35 enemy aircraft and 12 observation balloons, participating in the following military campaigns: Champagne-Marne Defensive, Aisne-Marne Offensive, St. Mihiel Offensive and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Among the squadron's pilots were six air aces and Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt. Herbert Emerson Garrison (1896-1986), the donor's father, served as a mechanic for the 95th Aero Squadron during World War I.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 23 black and white photographs copied from a scrapbook which was loaned to the National Air and Space Museum Archives by Walter Garrison, son of Herbert E. Garrison, the photographer. The images feature informal views of both aviation personnel and American and French aircraft, including the Nieuport 11 (XI) Sesquiplane, Nieuport 17, Nieuport 28, Morane-Saulnier Model LA (Mo.S.4), Royal Aircraft Factory F.E.2b, Spad XIII, and a Voisin 8 BN.2 (Type LAP). Also seen are two captured German biplanes, an Albatros D.Va (L24) and a Fokker D.VII which later became part of the collection of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (NASM). On November 9, 1918, two days before the end of the war, Lieutenant Heinz Freiherr von Beaulieu-Marconnay landed this Fokker D.VII at a forward American airfield being used by the 95th Aero Squadron, near Verdun. The pilot and airplane were captured by three American officers before Beaulieu-Marconnay could set fire to his aircraft. The captured Fokker D.VII is seen in the Garrison photographs embellished with the "Kicking Mule" insignia of the 95th Aero Squadron. The collection also includes two copy transparencies of a Salvation Army post card sent to Minnie Owens (whom Garrison later married) to let her know that Garrison had arrived safely in New York City on his way home from the war in France.

Arrangement

The black and white images in this collection were copied as Smithsonian Institution negative numbers 98-15105 through 98-15118 and 98-15188 through 98-15196. The front and back of the post card were copied as numbers 98-15296 and 98-15297. The copy images are physically arranged in negative number order. The images have been arranged online in this finding aid into subject groups which are presented roughly in chronological order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Fokker D.VI
- Morane-Saulnier Model LA (Mo.S.4)
- Nieuport (France) 11 Monoplane
- Nieuport (France) 17
- Nieuport (France) 28
- RAF F.E.3 (A.E.1)

SPAD XIII (S.13)
Voisin Aircraft Family
World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Garrison, Herbert
United States. Army. Air Service. 1st Pursuit Group. 95th Aero Squadron

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Photographs, 1917-1918
Box 1, Folder 1	3rd Aviation Instruction Center, Issoudun, France, circa late 1917 Notes: Assorted views probably taken at the 3rd Aviation Instruction Center, Issoudun, France.
Box 1, Folder 1	95th Aero Squadron, Mechanics and Maintenance, circa May-June 1918 Notes: View of men and equipment of 95th Aero Squadron maintenance crew, possibly taken in May or June 1918 when the squadron was stationed at Croix de Metz (Gengoult) Aerodrome near Toul, France.
Box 1, Folder 1	95th Aero Squadron, Nieuport 28 C1, circa March-June 1918 Notes: Nieuport 28 C1 aircraft assigned to the 95th Aero Squadron.
Box 1, Folder 1	Herbert Garrison [?] poses with Lt. Alan Winslow, circa June 1918 Notes: American fighter pilot Lieutenant Alan F. Winslow (left), 94th Aero Squadron, poses with an unidentified mechanic (believed to be Pvt. Herbert E. Garrison, 95th Aero Squadron) in front of right wing of a captured Albatros D.Va (L24) inside a hangar; probably in June 1918 when both the 49th and 95th Aero Squadrons were stationed at Croix de Metz (Gengoult) Aerodrome near Toul, France.
Box 1, Folder 1	SPAD XIII (S.13), circa February-August 1918 Notes: Spad XIII (S.13) aircraft assigned to the 95th Aero Squadron and other units.
Box 1, Folder 1	Fokker D.VII "U.10" (US Captured), circa November 9 to December 11, 1918 Notes: Views of Fokker D.VII "U.10" [Fokker D.VII, A1920000400] on the ground, probably at a forward American airfield being used by the 95th Aero Squadron, near Verdun, France, not long after its German pilot, Lieutenant Heinz Freiherr von Beaulieu-Marconnay, landed his aircraft there on November 9, 1918. Note that the squadron's "Kicking Mule" unit insignia has been added to the fuselage below the cockpit.
Box 1, Folder 2	Salvation Army Returning Serviceman Post Card, March 3, 1919 Notes: Postcard addressed to Miss Minnie Owens, 532 Monroe Street, Berwick, Pennsylvania, announcing the safe arrival of Herbert E. Garrison in the Port of New York, USA, on Monday, March 3, 1919. The postcard was provided to each returning serviceman by the Salvation Army.