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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Wallace McCrane World War I Collection
Identifier:	NASM.1999.0007
Date:	1918-1924
Extent:	0.45 Cubic feet ((1 legal document box))
Creator:	McCrane, Wallace Downs, 1896-1975
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Edna McCrane and Marion Wolanek, gift, 1998, 1999-0007, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

Wallace Downs McCrane (1896-1975) enlisted on 14 December 1917, and arrived at Kelly Field on 26 December 1917. After his training at Kelly Field was completed, McCrane was sent to England and assigned to the 153rd Aero Squadron. In September of 1918 he was then transferred to France, where he became a member of the 224th Aero Squadron. In both squadrons, McCrane both flew as an observer and was a Signal Electrician. He returned to the United States in 1919, and after his discharge began his career at Exide Batteries as a metallurgist. McCrane also joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary during World War II and patrolled the Philadelphia Port / Delaware River.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following items relating to the World War I aviation career of Wallace McCrane: two oversized rolled photographs of the 153rd and 224th Aero Squadrons; photographs;

postcards; military orders; book, entitled 'Collected Materials for the Study of War'; reunion materials; and letters / postcards from a WWI Belgian Soldier to Edna Pick (the future Mrs. McCrane.)

General

This accession came with a number of artifacts which were transferred to the National Air and Space Museum Division of Aeronautics.

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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
- Air pilots
- World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Postcards
- Publications

Names:

- Kelly Field, Texas
- McCrane, Wallace Downs, 1896-1975
- United States. Army. Air Service. 153rd Aero Squadron
- United States. Army. Air Service. 224th Aero Squadron