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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Air Mail Collection [Culver]
Date:	1918
Identifier:	NASM.1999.0028
Creator:	Culver, H. Paul, 1893-1964
Extent:	0.23 Cubic feet ((1 slim legal document box))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Commander Paul D. Culver, gift, 1999, 1999-0028, Unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

H. Paul Culver (1893-1964) was taught to fly by Glenn Curtiss and was an Army test pilot and combat flying instructor during World War I. In May of 1918, 1st Lieutenant Culver was one of four United States Army pilots who flew the Nation's first regular two way air mail run between New York City and Washington, DC. Culver flew from Philadelphia to New York, the second leg of the historic run. Culver was also in charge of the Bustleton Pennsylvania Air Mail Station during the three month period that the Army flew the air mail. At the end of that period, the post office took over all air mail operations. After Culver's stint as an air mail pilot, he resigned from the Army and became a sales engineer for the Ex-Cell-O Corporation. He was a member of the Early Birds.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of material documenting the Army's air mail service and includes correspondence, air mail schedules, equipment lists and receipts, operation orders and memorandums, officer lists and personal notifications and orders.

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
- Air mail service

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Lists

Names:

- Culver, H. Paul, 1893-1964
- Early Birds of Aviation (Organization).