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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Trevor S. Tait Scrapbook
Date:	1917-1918
Identifier:	NASM.2001.0040
Creator:	Tait, Trevor S.
Extent:	0.38 Cubic feet ((1 flatbox))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Kevin S. Tait, Gift, 2001, 2001-0040, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

During the summer of 1917, Trevor S. Tait postponed his studies at Yale University in order to volunteer for service with the new branch of the military, the U.S. Air Service. He received his initial pilot training at the newly opened ground school at Cornell University in November 1917. After graduating in February 1918, he was ordered to Camp Dick at Dallas, Texas, and then Love Field, also near Dallas. In October, 1918, he was commissioned, given pursuit classification, and ordered to Carlstrom Field at Arcadia, Florida. After graduating as a pursuit pilot in November, 1918, he was sent to Dorr Field, near Arcadia, for aerial gunnery training. Upon graduation, World War I having already ended, he was provided with an emergency discharge so that he could begin his freshman year at Yale.

Scope and Contents

This scrapbook consists of photographs of Tait and his fellow cadets, plane maneuvers, gun camera photos, and newspaper clippings. Included in the collection but separate from the scrapbook are pages from a memoranda/address book, a brief memoir written by Tait in the early 1980s, and several official army certificates such as his training diplomas and his honorable discharge certificate. There is also a large comical watercolor of a pilot in a plane entitled the "Spirit of 1918" and signed at the bottom by 31 people.

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:

- Aerial gunnery
- Aerial photography
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Air pilots
- Fighter pilots
- Flight training
- Works of art
- World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

- Aerial Photographs
- Certificates
- Clippings
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Camp Dick, Dallas, Texas
- Carlstrom Field, Arcadia, Florida
- Dorr Field, Florida
- Love Field, Texas