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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	American and Canadian Airlines Memorabilia
Date:	1943
Identifier:	NASM.2003.0004
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet ((1 slim document box))
Language:	English .
Summary:	This donation consists of memorabilia, mostly from 1943, from the following American and Canadian airlines: American Airlines; Canadian Pacific Airlines; Northwest Airlines; Pennsylvania Central Airlines; Trans-Canada Air Lines (TCA); TWA; United Air Lines; and Western Air Lines.

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Although casual air travel virtually ceased during the conflict, World War II brought new life to the airline industry as many airlines in the Allied countries, including the United States and Canada, were flush from lease contracts to the military. Airlines immediately began working closely with the military, coordinating the transport of aircraft, cargo, and personnel around the world. A tight priority list ensured that only those serving the war effort flew.

Scope and Contents

This donation consists of memorabilia, mostly from 1943, from the following American and Canadian airlines: American Airlines; Canadian Pacific Airlines; Northwest Airlines; Pennsylvania Central Airlines; Trans-Canada Air Lines (TCA); TWA; United Air Lines; and Western Air Lines. The following types of memorabilia are included: souvenir route maps, souvenir flight packets, menus, baggage labels and decals, seat occupied signs, postcards, tickets, timetable schedules, comment cards, and brochures.

Arrangement

Arranged by airline.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airlines
- World War, 1939-1945

Types of Materials:

- Brochures
- Ephemera
- Postcards -- 1940-1960
- Timetables

Names:

- American Airlines
- Canadian Pacific Airlines
- Northwest Airlines, Inc.
- Pennsylvania Central Airlines
- Trans World Airlines
- Trans-Canada Air Lines (TCA)
- United Air Lines, Inc.
- Western Airlines

Container Listing

American Airlines

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Canadian Pacific Airlines

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Northwest Airlines

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Pennsylvania Central Airlines

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Trans-Canada Air Lines (TCA)

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TWA

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TWA

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United Air Lines

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Western Air Lines

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Miscellaneous

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[New York International Airport Postcard](#)

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[Seat Occupied Card](#)

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