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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The 8th Aviation Instruction Center, located in Foggia, Italy, provided flight training to American cadets during 1917-1918. Most of the Center's graduates transferred to the Western Front to fly with the American Expeditionary Force. However about 75 remained in Italy under the command of Captain Forego LaGuardia, and were attached to Italian bomber squadrons, marking the first combat bomber operations by members of the US Army Air Service.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a 10 by 12 inch black photo album containing snapshots of the 8th Aviation Instruction Center in Foggia, Italy during 1917-1918. The snapshots track an unknown cadet's journey from New York City to Italy, and contains images of cadets in training, base life, and the training aircraft including Caudron bombers. The album contains a small newspaper articles of George Beach, one of the first American casualties in Italy. There are captions below some of the images, but they are very hard to read as they are in pencil. At the end of the scrapbook are photos that appear to be taken when the cadet toured Italy, especially Naples, after the war and images of the family of Jay White, who was then the United States Consul at Foggier.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
World War, 1914-1918
World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

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Scrapbooks

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United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces

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Italy