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Aviation Section, U.S. Army Signal Corps Love Field Scrapbook [Economy]

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Aviation Section, U.S. Army Signal Corps Love Field Scrapbook [Economy]
Date:	1917-1920
Identifier:	NASM.2015.0003
Creator:	Economy, Anas Tommy
Extent:	0.28 Cubic feet (1 flatbox)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Anas Tommy Economy (born Anastasios Economou) served in the Aviation Section, US Army Signal Corps. This collection consists of a photo album documenting the years from 1917 to 1920 when he was stationed at Love Field, Texas with the 868th Aero Squadron at the Aviation Repair Depot.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Aviation Section, U.S. Army Signal Corps Love Field Scrapbook [Economy]

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Anas Tommy Economy (born Anastasios Economou) emigrated from Greece to the United States in 1912 at the age of eight. Economy attended Detroit Technical college for a year and later obtained a degree by

correspondence in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University. Economy worked for the Great Northern Railway and Dodge Brothers Company before enlisting in the Aviation Section, US Army Signal Corps in 1917 where he was stationed at Love Field, Texas with the 868th Aero Squadron at the Aviation Repair Depot. During his time at Love Field, Economy was promoted to sergeant first class. Economy remained at Love Field until he was transferred to San Antonio Intermediate Air Depot in 1921. Economy was injured in a large hangar fire at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma and retired from the military in 1947 at the rank of colonel while still under treatment at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. During his military service, Economy was the recipient of the American Defense Service Medal; the American Theater Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal; and the World War II Victory Medal. Anas Tommy Economy died in 1987 at the age of 89.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a photo album documenting the years from 1917 to 1920 when Anas Tommy Economy (Anastasios Economou) was stationed at Love Field, Texas with the 868th Aero Squadron at the Aviation Repair Depot. The album measures approximately 15.5 by 11.25 inches and features a black leather-type cover and a string-tie binding. The album contains approximately 155 black and white photographs of varying sizes and includes some caption information and personal recollections by Economy. The photographs show daily life at Love Field; aircraft maintenance operations; various aircraft crashes; aerial photographs of the Dallas, Texas area; and photographs of Economy and his family. Aircraft shown in the photographs include the Martin (Glenn L.) (MB-1) GMB-M Night Bomber; Dayton Wright DH-4; Thomas-Morse MB-3; Curtiss JN (Jenny); and the Caproni Ca.3. The collection also contains a disc with scans of the entire album and a disc with a detailed biography of Anas Tommy Economy.

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Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Airplanes

Types of Materials:

Photograph albums

Names:

Love Field, Texas