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## John H. Rogers 95th Aero Squadron Collection

Rogers, John H. 95th Aero Squadron Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	John H. Rogers 95th Aero Squadron Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1917-1919, 1960s
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2017.0025
<b>Creator:</b>	Rogers, John H.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.33 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of a photo album, a memoir, memorabilia, and military records and certificates pertaining to John H. Rogers and his service with the 95th Aero Squadron during World War I.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): John H. Rogers 95th Aero Squadron Collection (Photo Album, NASM-9A14402)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

J. M. "Jack" Rogers, Gift, 2017, NASM.2017.0025

### Processing Information

Arranged and described by Patricia Williams, 2017. Encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2019.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

The 95th Aero Squadron, organized on August 20th, 1917, and demobilized on March 18th, 1919, was part of the 1st Pursuit Organization stationed in France on the Western Front during World War I. The squadron was assigned as a Day Pursuit (Fighter) Squadron and was the first American squadron to fly in combat, doing so on March 8th, 1918. The 95th Aero Squadron shot down 35 enemy aircraft and 12 observation balloons, participating in the following military campaigns: Champagne-Marne Defensive, Aisne-Marne Offensive, St.

Mihiel Offensive and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Among the squadron's pilots were six air aces and Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

John H. Rogers (d. 1971) was a mechanic for the 95th Aero Squadron during World War I. Rogers was working for the Oldsmobile Motor Company in New York City as a mechanic in the Spring of 1917 when he quit his job and enlisted. On June 4, 1917, he was ordered to appear for duty. He trained as a soldier at Wright Martin Flying Field in Mineola, New York, and in August of 1917 he sailed to France as part of the 2nd Reserve. In January 1918, he reported to the 95th Aero Squadron. He was Sergeant First Class and later promoted to Master Electrician (Me.E.) On February 14, 1919, he sailed back from France, arriving in New York on March 3, 1919, and was discharged from the Signal Corps Aviation Station in Mineola. After the war he worked as a mechanic in the garage business.

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## **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of a nine by eleven inch photo album containing snapshots of the aircraft, including SPAD XIII (S.13) and Nieuport (France) 28; airfields; and personnel of the 95th Aero Squadron. The collection also contains a twenty-one page typewritten 1969 memoir by John Rogers, and a folder entitled, "World War I Memories of John H. Rogers, 1916-1918." This folder contains memorabilia including a program for dedication of the James Ely Miller Field, a 1971 letter from Eddie Rickenbacker to the widow of John Rogers, Rogers' military records and certificates, a First Reserve Aero Squadron Association newsletter, postcards and snapshots.

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## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged according to type of material.

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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:

- 95th Aero Squadron
- Aeronautics
- Nieuport (France) 28
- SPAD XIII (S.13)
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

### Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Memoirs
- Photograph albums

## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	[Written Memoir of World War I by Rogers] Language: English.
Box 1, Folder 2	World War I Memories of John H. Rogers, 1916-1918 Language: English.
Box 2, Folder 1	[Photo Album] Language: English.