



Smithsonian

National Air and Space Museum

Cecil P. Northrop Airline Wartime Training Institute (AWTI) Collection

Patti Williams

2019

National Air and Space Museum Archives
14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151
NASMRefDesk@si.edu
<https://airandspace.si.edu/archives>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	1
Administrative Information	1
Biographical / Historical.....	1
Scope and Contents.....	2
Arrangement.....	2
Names and Subjects	2
Container Listing	

Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Cecil P. Northrop Airline Wartime Training Institute (AWTI) Collection
Date:	1931-1943
Identifier:	NASM.2018.0061
Extent:	0.79 Cubic feet (2 letter document boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of material relating to Cecil P. Northrop's aviation career with the Pennsylvania Central Airlines and the Airline Wartime Training Institute (AWTI).

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

William B Northrop, Gift, 2018, NASM.2018.0061

Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Patti Williams, 2019.

Preferred Citation

Cecil P. Northrop Airline Wartime Training Institute (AWTI) Collection, NASM.2018.0061, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

Conditions Governing Use

Material is subject to Smithsonian Terms of Use. Should you wish to use NASM material in any medium, please submit an Application for Permission to Reproduce NASM Material, available at [Permissions Requests](#) .

Biographical / Historical

Cecil P. Northrop (1901-1949) attended the State University Of New York Maritime College, graduating as a Merchant Marine Officer. After leaving the Merchant Marines, he spent a few years as a newspaper publisher and journalist before taking up flying. Northrop worked for Fairchild as a test pilot and then joined Pennsylvania Central Airlines as a pilot. He was also a pilot training supervisor for the Airline Wartime Training Institute (AWTI) during World War II. The AWTI was an unincorporated association of nineteen American airlines that was formed in August 1942 to meet the need for air transport personnel to support the war effort. In October 1943, AWTI was formally disbanded, having met the needs of Air Transport Command through the training of approximately 12,000 flight crew and 35,000 ground personnel. Northrop retired from the airlines in 1942 due to heart problems.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of material relating to Cecil P. Northrop's aviation career with the Pennsylvania Central Airlines and the Airline Wartime Training Institute (AWTI). The following types of material are included: correspondence, photographs, technical manuals, training instructions, pilot licenses, reports, newspaper articles, and log books.

Arrangement

...

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Technical manuals

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence -- 19th-20th century
- Logs (records)
- Photographic prints
- Training manuals -- 21st century

Names:

- Airline Wartime Training Institute (AWTI)
- Pennsylvania Central Airlines