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1924 US Army Around the World Flight Photographs and Negatives [Wilson]

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	1924 US Army Around the World Flight Photographs and Negatives [Wilson]
Date:	July 14, 1924
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Extent:	0.03 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	In 1924, the US Army Air Service sent four specially-built aircraft, the Douglas World Cruisers (DWC) <i>Seattle</i> , <i>Chicago</i> , <i>Boston</i> , and <i>New Orleans</i> on an around the world flight. This collection consists of six black and white photographs and corresponding negatives relating to a stop at Le Bourget, Paris, France on July 14, 1925 during the flight.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

In July 1923, the US Army Air Service disclosed that it intended to attempt a global flight the following year. Four specially-built aircraft were commissioned from the Douglas Aircraft Company. The World Cruisers, as they were called, were christened the *Seattle*, the *Chicago*, the *Boston*, and the *New Orleans*. The four aircraft departed from Seattle, Washington, in April 1924 to begin their flight. Only the *New Orleans* and the *Chicago* completed the arduous 27,553 mi (44,085 km) flight. It took 175 days, with a flying time of 371 hours and 11 minutes.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of six 4.5 by 3 inch black and white photographs and corresponding negatives relating to the landing at Le Bourget, Paris, France of the 1924 US Army Around the World Flight on July 14, 1925. Shown in the photographs are the Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) aircraft *Chicago* (#2), *Boston* (#3), and *New Orleans* (#4), as well as some crew members including Leslie P. Arnold and Erik Henning "Swede" Nelson. Charles Nungesser can be seen in the foreground of one of the photographs. The donor purchased these photographs and negatives from the estate of an unidentified person who is believed to have been the photographer.

Arrangement

Each of the prints in this collection had a number stamped on the reverse, the prints were grouped according to these numbers. Negatives were put in the same order as the prints. Scans in the digital slideshow accompanying this collection record were made from the prints.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Douglas World Cruiser (DWC)
- Flights around the world

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives
- Photographs

Names:

- Arnold, Leslie P.
- United States. Army. Air Service

Places:

- Le Bourget (France)

Container Listing

Folder 1, Item 1	NASM-9A19637: Douglas World Cruiser (DWC), World Flight; Air Transport, Airports, Foreign, France, Paris, Le Bourget Notes: View of Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) aircraft during a stop at Le Bourget, Paris France, July 14, 1924.
Folder 1, Item 2	NASM-9A19638: Douglas World Cruiser (DWC), World Flight; Air Transport, Airports, Foreign, France, Paris, Le Bourget; Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) "New Orleans" (#4); Nelson, Erik Henning "Swede" Notes: View of Erik Henning "Swede" Nelson standing on the wing of the Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) "New Orleans" (#4) during a stop at Le Bourget, Paris France, July 14, 1924. Two unidentified men visible at right.
Folder 1, Item 3	NASM-9A19639: Douglas World Cruiser (DWC), World Flight; Air Transport, Airports, Foreign, France, Paris, Le Bourget; SPAD S.33 Notes: Double exposed image showing Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) aircraft during a stop at Le Bourget, Paris France, July 14, 1924. Superimposed on the view of the aircraft is an unidentified crew member. In the background can be seen hangars and a SPAD S.33 (A/C no. F-FREA).
Folder 1, Item 4	NASM-9A19640: Douglas World Cruiser (DWC), World Flight; Air Transport, Airports, Foreign, France, Paris, Le Bourget; Nungesser, Charles Eugène Jules Marie; Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) "Chicago" (#2); Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) "Boston" (#3); Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) "New Orleans" (#4) Notes: View of Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) aircraft on the ground during a stop at Le Bourget, Paris France, July 14, 1924. The aircraft are surrounded by a crowd, and Charles Nungesser can be seen in foreground, facing camera.
Folder 1, Item 5	NASM-9A19641: Douglas World Cruiser (DWC), World Flight; Air Transport, Airports, Foreign, France, Paris, Le Bourget Notes: View of several unidentified people looking at one of the Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) aircraft during a stop at Le Bourget, Paris France, July 14, 1924.
Folder 1, Item 6	NASM-9A19642: Douglas World Cruiser (DWC), World Flight; Air Transport, Airports, Foreign, France, Paris, Le Bourget; Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) "Chicago" (#2); Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) "Boston" (#3); Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) "New Orleans" (#4); Arnold, Leslie P. Notes: View of Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) aircraft during a stop at Le Bourget, Paris France, July 14, 1924. Leslie P. Arnold can be seen at work on the Douglas World Cruiser (DWC) "Chicago" (#2) in the foreground. The aircraft are surrounded by a crowd.