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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Commander George C. Sweet Scrapbook
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0017
<b>Date:</b>	1918-1961 (bulk 1938-1954)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.45 cubic feet ((1 legal document box))
<b>Creator:</b>	Sweet, George C., 1877-1953
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

No donor information, Gift, unknown, XXXX-0017, NASM

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## Biographical / Historical

Commander George C. Sweet (1877-1953) was a US Navy officer significant in promoting the early use of aircraft by the Navy. In September 1908, Commander Sweet, serving as a Naval observer, reported favorably on the Wright Brothers airplane demonstration at Fort Meyer, near Washington, DC. Following his appointment to the Naval Aeronautical Board, Commander Sweet received an opportunity to fly with the Wright Brothers, becoming the first Navy officer to travel in an airplane.

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## Scope and Contents

The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, armed service memorabilia, invitations and one large photograph of Commander Sweet. The clippings are about Commander Sweet and also about the Wright Brothers.

## General

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Cultures:

Aeronautics  
Aeronautics -- 1903-1916  
Aeronautics, Military

Types of Materials:

Clippings  
Photographs

Names:

Sweet, George C., 1877-1953  
United States. Navy. Bureau of Navigation. Naval Aeronautical Board  
Wright Flyer Army Trials -- Fort Myer, Vir.  
Wright, Orville, 1871-1948  
Wright, Wilbur, 1867-1912