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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Soubiran Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1914-1927
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0230
<b>Creator:</b>	Soubiran, Robert
<b>Extent:</b>	0.2 Cubic feet ((1 box))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

No donor information, Gift, unknown, XXXX-0230, unknown

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

### Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

Robert Soubiran was an American aviator during World War I. Soubiran was one of the first Americans to arrive in France in 1914, enlisting with the Foreign Legion, and one of the last to leave in 1919 after flying with the Lafayette Escadrille. He later attained the rank of Major in the U.S. Air Force.

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## Scope and Contents

This photo collection is comprised of copyrighted photographs of the campaigns of the Foreign Legion and the Franco-American Squadron, known as the Lafayette Escadrille, during World War I. This collection also contains aerial views of Washington, DC, and photographs of 1920s aircraft. Besides photographs, the collection includes biographical material on Soubiran as well as newspaper articles, correspondence, life insurance policies, discharge papers, and obituary cards.

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## 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:

### Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Air pilots
- World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

### Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Photographs

### Names:

- France. Armée. Escadrille Lafayette
- France. Armée. Légion étrangère
- Soubiran, Robert