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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Paul R. Stockton Scrapbook
<b>Date:</b>	1916-1919
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0283
<b>Creator:</b>	Stockton, Paul R., 1880-1919
<b>Extent:</b>	0.5 Cubic feet ((1 box))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

No donor information, gift, unknown, XXXX-0283, unknown

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

Paul R. Stockton (1880-1962) enlisted in the Signal Corps from 1906-1909 and served in Cuba and Puerto Rico. He made his first flight in 1916 as a member of the First Aero Company, New York State National Guard at Mineola, New York. In 1917 Stockton was ordered overseas and served as the Commanding Officer of the 12th Aero Squadron of the American Expeditionary Forces. Stockton was discharged in 1919, and was later a member of the Early Birds.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection provides extensive documentation on the flying career of Paul R. Stockton from his entry into the New York Air National Guard through his service in France and Germany and eventual discharge in 1919. Included in this collection is documentation of the activities, personnel and equipment of Stockton's squadron, as well as are excellent aerial photographs of airplanes and before and after photographs of target areas. Many of the photographs show Marie, the Belgian police dog Stockton raised during the war. (Marie later appeared in motion pictures with Gloria Swanson, Rudolph Valentino and others). One image is purportedly from one of the aircraft of Baron von Richtofen's "Flying Circus." Also included in this scrapbook are certificates of Stockton's appointments to corporal and to 1st

lieutenant, hotel menus, copies of leaflets dropped by US aviators behind the German lines, examples of European currency, train and bus tickets, fabric swatches from aircraft, Stockton's pilot license and other such ephemera.

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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:

- Ephemera
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

### Names:

- Early Birds of Aviation (Organization).
- New York. National Guard. First Aero Company
- Richthofen, Manfred, Freiherr von, 1892-1918
- Stockton, Paul R., 1880-1919
- United States. Army. Air Service. 12th Aero Squadron

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## Container Listing

Scrapbook

Image(s): [Paul R. Stockton Scrapbook](#)

[Loose photographs and documents](#)

Pilot License, 1917-07-11

Image(s): [Paul R. Stockton's Pilot License](#)

Notes: Aviator's certificate no. 774 issued by the Aero Club of America, member of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), to Paul R. Stockton (born 3 May 1880). This certificate, or also known as a pilot license, is dated July 11, 1917. Affixed to inside back cover is a document dated July 9, 1917 certifying that "P. R. Stockton, Sgt., 1st [Div.], N.G.N.Y. [New York National Guard] has completed the flying tests at this School [North Island, San Diego, California], prescribed for Junior Military Aviators in the Army."