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Aviation Training Schools Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Colonel Theodore C. Macauley Aviation Training Schools Collection
Date:	1910-1918
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0326
Creator:	Macauley, Theodore C., 1887-1965
Extent:	0.61 Cubic feet ((2 flatboxes))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Theodore C. Macauley (1887-1965) was a aviation instructor, test pilot and military aviator. He joined the Curtiss Company in 1912 and he attended flight instruction at the Curtiss School in San Diego, California in 1913. In May of 1913, Macauley obtained his F.A.I. pilot license and continued his association with the Curtiss Company by holding a variety of instructor positions at Curtiss Company schools, as well as test pilot positions for the Curtiss Company. In 1916, Macauley left the Curtiss Company to accept a position as one of the first civilian instructors at the newly established US Signal Corps Aviation School in Chicago, IL. During the Spring of 1917 Macauley was transferred to Rockwell Field, San Diego, California where he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Signal Corps, and rapidly advanced to the rank of Major. He remained in the Air Service following World War I and during World War II he was made a Colonel and assisted in the preparation of Air Service requirements.

Scope and Contents

His scrapbook consists of photos gathered by Colonel Theodore C. Macauley before and during the First World War. The photos document the various aviation training schools at which Macauley taught including the San Diego Curtiss Flying School (1912-1914); the Royal Canadian Air Force flying school at Toronto (1914-1915); Curtiss School, Newport News, VA (1915-1916); U.S. Army Signal Corps flying training schools

at Rockwell Field (San Diego) and Talieferro Field (Fort Worth) (1917-1918). Most of the photos are uncaptioned.

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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
- Flight training
- World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Curtiss Flying School -- Newport News, VA
- Curtiss Flying School -- San Diego, CA
- Macauley, Theodore C., 1887-1965
- Rockwell Field, San Diego, CA
- Royal Canadian Air Force
- Talieferro Field, Fort Worth, TX
- United States. Army. Signal Corps