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Donald G. Cathcart Ballooning Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Donald G. Cathcart Ballooning Collection
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0344
Date:	1932-1965 (bulk 1932-1951)
Extent:	0.45 Cubic feet ((1 legal document box))
Creator:	Cathcart, Donald Guthrie, 1889-
Language:	English Collection is in English.
Summary:	This collection consists of the following: photographs of Donald Cathcart during training at the Army Balloon schools at Arcadia, California (Ross Field) and at Ft. Omaha, Nebraska; miscellaneous material on the National Association of American Balloon Corps Veterans (NAABCV) including copies of "Haul Down & Ease Off", the official publication of the NAABCV, membership lists; and several copies of the "Wingfoot Lighter than Air Society Bulletin".

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donald G. Cathcart, gift, 1964-1965, XXXX-0344, NASM

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Donald Guthrie Cathcart [1889-1973] reported to the United States Army Balloon School in 1917. He was a free balloon pilot, an aerial observer, and flight instructor before his honorable discharge in 1920. Cathcart served at both Ross Field, Arcadia, California, and Fort Omaha, Nebraska. He was also a member of National Association of American Balloon Corps Veterans (NAABCV) and the Wingfoot Lighter than Air Society.

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Arrangement

The Donald G. Cathcart Ballooning Collection is arranged by content type.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Balloons
- Periodicals
- World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence

Names:

- Cathcart, Donald Guthrie, 1889-
- National Association of American Balloon Corps Veterans
- United States. Army. Air Service. Army Balloon School -- Fort Omaha, Neb.
- United States. Army. Air Service. Army Balloon School -- Ross Field, Cal.
- Wingfoot Lighter-Than-Air Society

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	"Haul Down and Easeoff" - Newsletter, 1963-1965 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1960 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 3	"Wingfoot Lighter-Than Air Society Bulletin", (bulk 1957, 1963-1964) Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 4	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, 1932-1933 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 5	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, 1934-1935 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 6	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, 1936-1937 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 7	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, 1938-1939 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 8	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, 1940-1941 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 9	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, 1942-1943 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 10	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, (bulk 1945, 1949) Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 11	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, 1946-1947 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 12	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, 1948-1949 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 13	"Haul Down and Ease Off" - Newsletter, 1950-1951 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 14	Correspondence, 1960

[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 1, Folder 15

National Association of American Balloon Corps Veterans (NAABCV)
Membership List, 1956

[Image\(s\)](#)