



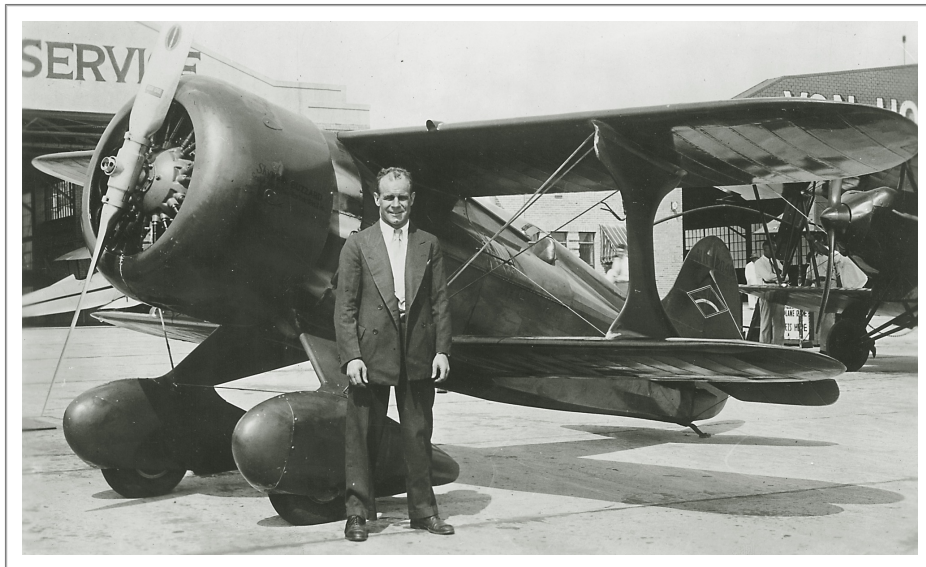
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James H. Doolittle Scrapbooks

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	James H. Doolittle Scrapbooks
Date:	1903-1969 (bulk 1920-1950)
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0501
Creator:	Doolittle, James Harold, 1896-1993
Extent:	10 Cubic feet (10 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection includes twelve photograph albums and loose photographs covering Doolittle's varied aviation career.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Transfer from National Air and Space Museum Aeronautics Division, 1973, NASM.XXXX.0501

Processing Information

The National Air and Space Museum (NASM), Archives Division also holds additional materials about James Doolittle.

Biographical information can be found in the NASM Archives' Biographical Files which contain additional newspaper and journal articles, letters, memorabilia and photographs.

For additional photographs please see the NASM videodisc files. The images can be seen on NASM videodisc 2B, 3B, 4A and 7B; in most cases the original prints are available in the NASM Archives' Videodisc Imagery Collection, NASM.XXXX.1000.

Preferred Citation

James H. Doolittle Scrapbooks, NASM.XXXX.0501, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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Biographical Note

James H. Doolittle's (1896-1993) piloting career spanned military aviation history and his professional contributions to the aviation field, especially in the area of instrument flying, made a lasting impact. Doolittle became an Army aviator in 1917 and received a Doctor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering degree from MIT in 1925. During the 1920s and 1930s, Doolittle won many speed, cross-country and transcontinental records and trophies and is often referred to as the "Father of Instrument Flying," because he demonstrated "instrument only flight" in 1929. He left the military in 1930 to become manager of Shell Oil Company's aviation department, but returned to the Army during World War II. During World War II, Doolittle led the first raid on the Japanese mainland in 1942, and was later promoted to the commander of the 12th, 15th, and 8th Air Forces. He returned to civilian life in 1946 and served as a trustee of aviation and space companies and as a member of numerous organizational and government boards, panels, and committees.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes twelve photograph albums and loose photographs covering Doolittle's varied aviation career, including images from Doolittle's trips to South America.

Arrangement

There are two Series: Scrapbooks and Loose Photographs. Dates, condition, and a brief description of item-level content are listed below.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
Aeronautics, Military

Types of Materials:

Photographs
Scrapbooks

Names:

Doolittle, James Harold, 1896-1993
Shell Oil Company. Aviation Dept.
United States. Air Force. 12th Air Force
United States. Air Force. 15th Air Force
United States. Air Force. 8th Air Force

Container Listing

Series 1: Scrapbooks

11 Cultural artifacts (Scrapbooks)

8 Boxes

Box 1

Box 1 NASM-3097-1974-563 / S-I(A)J: [Scrapbook #1 , 1903 - 1929](#)
 Medium: Photographs, Postcards, Drawings.
 Technical: Medium: Photographs, Postcards, Drawings.
 Notes: Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some of the photos are stained (chemical reactions or external spills), silvering, torn or bent. Some pages are loose.
 General Topics: Nome--Alaska, Childhood (School Photos), Family/Friends, Domestic and International Travels, especially United States National Parks, Boxing, Flight Training, Military Experiences, Air Races and Aircraft.

Box 2 NASM-3097-1974-564 I S-2 (B)J: [Scrapbook #2 , 1928 - circa 1940](#)
 Medium: Photographs, Postcards, Drawings.
 Technical: Medium: Photographs, Postcards, Drawings.
 Notes: General Topics:
 International Travels, Awards (including Thompson Trophy, Shell Intercollegiate Aviation Trophy, Mission Inn), Experiences at Shell Oil, Family/Friends, Unidentified Room Interiors, Baker Committee- -1934, Testifying Before Military Committee, United States House of Representatives, Aircraft.
 For some reason only the first half of the album was scanned by an outside contractor.
 Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. One post top missing. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are damaged (chemical reactions or external spills or scraps), silvering, torn or bent. Some pages are loose. Pages are torn or bent. Cover worn.

Box 3 NASM-3097-1974-565 I S-3 (C)J: [Scrapbook #3 , circa 1920 - 1939](#)
 Medium: Photographs, Postcards, Drawings.
 Technical: Medium: Photographs, Postcards, Drawings.
 Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn, bent, silvering, damaged (chemical deterioration or external spills and scraps). Some photos are loose.
 General Topics:
 Domestic and International Travels, American Airways Experiences, Air Races, Awards, Family/Friends.

Box 4	<p>NASM-3097-1974-566 I S-4 (D)J: Scrapbook #4 , 1929 - circa 1930 Medium: Photographs Technical: Medium: Photographs Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Some photos are torn or bent. Some photos are loose. Cover in good shape. General Topics: Portraits of various pilots such as Harry Gilmore and Elinor Smith, most are unidentified.</p>
Box 5	<p>NASM-3097-1974-567 I 5-5 (E): Scrapbook #5 , 1940s Medium: Photographs (some color), Drawings. Technical: Medium: Photographs (some color), Drawings. Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn or bent. Some photos are loose. Cover edges beginning to fray. General Topics: Aircraft, Awards (Congressional Medal of Honor) Family/Friends, Fishing Trips, Son's Wedding (1946), General Activities, Military/Government Related Activities.</p>
Box 6	<p>NASM-3097-1974-570 I 5-8 (H): Scrapbook #6 , 1930s Medium: Photographs. Technical: Medium: Photographs. Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photos in good shape. No visible sign of deterioration. Cover beginning to loosen. Cover corners are torn. Glassine interleaving. General Topics: Travels in a Curtiss-Wright, 1930s.</p>
Box 6	<p>NASM-3097-1974-571 I (S-9 (I): Scrapbook #7 , 1920s - 1931 Medium: Photographs, 19th Squadron 1921 Christmas Dinner Program. Technical: Medium: Photographs, 19th Squadron 1921 Christmas Dinner Program. Notes: Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. Photos bent or torn. Paper cover worn, has a few tears. Program cover worn. General Topics: Domestic Travels, Family/Friends, Aerial Shots (primarily of communities in Indiana and Florida), 19th Squadron Christmas Dinner December 25, 1921 Program. Please note that a photograph was skipped during the scanning process by an outside contractor. Photos were received from Glen Doolittle. All photos credited to O. Roach.</p>
Box 7	<p>NASM-3097-1974-568 I S-6 (F): Scrapbook #8 , 1940s - 1955 Medium: Photographs, Letters, Postcards. Technical: Medium: Photographs, Letters, Postcards. Notes: Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn, bent, silvering, damaged (chemical deterioration or external spills and scraps). Some photos are loose. Black woodpulp paper very brittle. Some of the pages have been interleaved with glassine. Cover is worn. Back side is beginning to break off.</p>

General Topics: Anniversary of Tokyo Raid, Tokyo Raid Shots, International Travels (Asia), Friends/Family, Tokyo Raiders--Some With Names Listed With Portrait.

Box 7 NASM-3097-1974-572/574? / Sb (J~): Scrapbook #9 , 1940s - circa 1950
 Medium: Photographs (some color), Postcards, 1955 Tokyo Raiders Anniversary Booklet with Photos and Letter Look Magazine Cover, 1942.
 Technical: Medium: Photographs (some color), Postcards, 1955 Tokyo Raiders Anniversary Booklet with Photos and Letter Look Magazine Cover, 1942.
 Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn, bent, damaged (chemical deterioration or external spills and scraps). Some photos are loose. Color photos are fading. Cardboard back.
 General Topics: Tokyo Raiders Reunion Photos (1955), Family Wedding, Family/Friends, Hunting/Fishing Trips, Award Presentations, Look Magazine Cover (1942).

Box 8 NASM-3097-1974-569 I S-7 (G): [Scrapbook #10 , 1940s - circa 1950](#)
 Medium: Photographs (some color).
 Technical: Medium: Photographs (some color).
 Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn or bent. Some photos are loose.
 General Topics: Tokyo Raid Photos, Aircraft, Family/Friends, Socializing.

Box 8 NASM-3097-1974-573 / S-ii (K): [Scrapbook #11 , 1920s - 1952](#)
 Medium: Photographs (some color), Small Booklet of Doolittle Photos, Postcards.
 Technical: Medium: Photographs (some color), Small Booklet of Doolittle Photos, Postcards.
 Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Some photos are torn, bent, damaged (chemical deterioration or external spills and scraps). Some photos are loose. Color photos are fading.
 General Topics: International and Domestic (especially to United States National Parks) Travels, Family/Friends, Portrait Photos, Activities while on NACA Advisory Board, Aircraft.

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Series 2: Loose photographs

2 Boxes

1 Cultural artifact

21 Folders

Box 9-10

Box 9, Folder 1

[1, undated](#)

Medium: Painted (oil/acrylic?) cartoon on government board.

Technical: Medium: Painted (oil/acrylic?) cartoon on government board.

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Handle with gloves. Dirty/Smudged. Frame marks.

General Topics: Cartoon, Painted--Indian and Bear, signed "Gaska"

Box 9, Folder 2

[2, undated](#)

Medium: Photograph (color on cardboard)

Technical: Medium: Photograph (color on cardboard)

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Old tape marks. Glued on cardboard. Color good.

General Topics: Aerospace Board of Directors.

Box 9, Folder 3

[3, 1960-06](#)

Medium: Photograph (color on cardboard).

Technical: Medium: Photograph (color on cardboard).

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Glued on cardboard. Color fading--turning yellow. Edges of board crumpled. Dirty/smudged.

General Topics: MIT Corporation, Members Names Listed.

Box 9, Folder 4

[4, 1965, 1964](#)

Medium: Paper.

Technical: Medium: Paper.

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Paper in great condition.

General Topics: 20 Aviation Hall of Fame Recipients. Has Names, Dates of Receipt, Birth and Death Dates, Brief Biography.

Box 9, Folder 5

[5, undated](#)

Medium: Photograph (black and white).

Technical: Medium: Photograph (black and white).

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photo in good condition. Glued on cardboard-board is yellowing. Blue folder is torn in several places. Ribbon crinkled.

General Topics: Elizabeth George Portrait.

Box 9

[Framed photo, undated](#)

Medium: Photograph (black and white).

Technical: Medium: Photograph (black and white).

	Notes:	Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. CAUTION--PHOTO AND GLASS COVER ARE NOT ATTACHED TO THE FRAME. Painted wood frame. Cardboard backing. Photograph is damaged and the lower right hand corner is stuck to the glass. Photo is slightly wavy. CONSERVATION TREATMENT REQUIRED. General Topics: McCook Field Test Pilots.
Box 10, Folder 1	1, undated Medium: Photographs (black and white). Technical: Medium: Photographs (black and white). Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. One photo has spots and some isolated yellowing. Fingerprints. The other photo has no visible problems. General Topics: Two photos. 1--Group of Military Flyers with Doolittle. 2--Doolittle with Unidentified Man.	
Box 10	NASM 3097-1974-547: 2, undated Medium: Photographs (1,lack and white--sepia tone). Technical: Medium: Photographs (1,lack and white--sepia tone). Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. No visible conservation problems. General Topics: Signed Al Williams Portrait.	
Box 10	NASM 3097-1974-549: 3 Medium: Photographs (black and white). Technical: Medium: Photographs (black and white). Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Scraps. Dirty/smudged. General Topics: Signed Orville Wright Portrait.	
Box 10	NASM 3097-1974-548: 4, 1929 Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone). Technical: Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone). Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Left edge of board rough,. Signature difficult to read--dark. Grainy image. General Topics: Charles Lindbergh, 1929 with the Spirit of St. Louis. Signed Portrait.	
Box 10	NASM 3097-1974-551: 5, undated Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone). Technical: Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone). Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Dirty/smudged. Grainy image. General Topics: Signed Pancho Barnes Portrait.	
Box 10	NASM 3097-1974-550: 6, 1930 Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone). Technical: Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone). Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Dirty/smudged. Corners bent.	

General Topics: Frank Hawks standing in front of "The Texas?".
Signed Portrait.

Box 10, Folder 7

7, undated

Medium: Photographs (color on cardboard).

Technical: Medium: Photographs (color on cardboard).

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Color photo glued on cardboard. Scratches. Scraps.

General Topics: Shell Board of Directors.

Box 10, Folder 8

8, undated

Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone--on cardboard).

Technical: Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone--on cardboard).

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photo glued on cardboard at top of photo. Dirty/Smudges. Edges Rough.

General Topics: Signed General Ernst Udet Portrait.

Box 10, Folder 9

folder 9: 9, 1953, 1969, 1945

3 Items

Medium: Spiral calendar, Folio of history prints with captions, photograph (black and white).

Technical: Medium: Spiral calendar, Folio of history prints with captions, photograph (black and white).

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. No visible conservation problems.

General Topics: Three items: 1--Aviation Hall of Fame Appointment Calendar, 2--Folio of historic prints from the National Aerographic Magazine, 1953, 3--Doolittle Photograph, dated approximately 1945, military subject

Box 10, Folder 10

10, circa 1963, undated

2 Items

Medium: Photographs (color).

Technical: Medium: Photographs (color).

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photos glued on cardboard.

General Topics: Two photos--Space Technologies Inc. Board.

Box 10, Folder 11

11, undated

Medium: Photographs (color).

Technical: Medium: Photographs (color).

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photos glued on cardboard.

General Topics: Doolittle in cockpit.

Box 10, Folder 12

12, 1967

Medium: Photographs (color).

Technical: Medium: Photographs (color).

Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Indentations in photo. Partial fold in middle of photo.

General Topics: Lyndon Baynes Johnson with three astronauts. Doolittle in background.

Box 10, Folder 13 [13, undated](#)
Medium: Photographs (color).
Technical: Medium: Photographs (color).
Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Color photo glued on
cardboard back. Edges of board bent. Blurry image
Medium: Photographs (color).

Box 10 NASM 3097-1974-536: [14, undated](#)
Medium: Photographs (black and white).
Technical: Medium: Photographs (black and white).
Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. No visible conservation
problems. Covered with a off-white studio folio.
General Topics: Portrait of James Doolittle in Uniform.

Box 10 NASM 3097-1974-546: [15, undated](#)
Medium: Photographs (black and white).
Technical: Medium: Photographs (black and white).
Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Glued unto cardboard
backing. Some foxing on backing.
General Topics: Signed Winston S. Churchill Portrait by Karch,
Ottawa.

Box 10 NASM 4054-1974-741: [16, 1974](#)
Medium: Sepia tone certificate.
Technical: Medium: Sepia tone certificate.
Notes: Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. No visible conservation
problems.
General Topics: Presentation Certificate for DAR Medal, 1974.

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