United States Army Around the World Trip (Leslie Arnold) Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository: National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title: United States Army Around the World Trip (Leslie Arnold) Collection
Identifier: NASM.XXXX.0518
Date: 1924
Extent: 1.32 Cubic feet (2 legal document boxes and 1 flatbox)
Creator: Arnold, Leslie P.
Language: English.
Summary: In 1924, as a lieutenant in the Army Air Service, Leslie P. Arnold was a crew member in one of the three Army planes that flew 27,000 miles around the world in 175 days. This collection consists of Leslie Arnold's handwritten diary and annotated navigational charts of the journey as well as a scrapbook with images of the trip including the aircraft, gasoline tanks, pilot crew, and air-to-air shots.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Leslie Arnold?, Gift?, unknown, NASM.XXXX.0518.

Processing Information

Preferred Citation
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Biographical / Historical

In 1924, as a lieutenant in the Army Air Service, Leslie P. Arnold was a crew member in one of the three Army planes that flew 27,000 miles around the world in 175 days. Arnold joined the Army in 1917 where he served for eleven years. During his service, he spent time in France during World War I and was part of General William Mitchell's group that conducted tests to prove that battleships could be sunk by aerial bombardment. After the 1924 trip, Arnold worked for a variety of airlines: Transcontinental Air Transport; Pennsylvania Central Airlines and Eastern Air Lines.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of Leslie Arnold's handwritten diary and annotated navigational charts of the journey. The collection also contains the following: an autographed photograph; a Signal Corps message; an advertisement for Mobil oil; a page from 'Illustrated Current News;' and a black scrapbook with images of the trip including the aircraft, gasoline tanks, pilot crew, and air-to air shots. Some of the photographs in the scrapbook are snapshots while others were taken by news agencies.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- Flights
- Aeronautics -- Records
- Aeronautics, Military
- Douglas World Cruiser (DWC)
- Endurance flights
- Flights around the world

Types of Materials:
- Diaries
- Maps
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:
- Arnold, Leslie P.
- United States. Army. Air Service
Container Listing

Series 1: Diary

Box 1, Folder 1  [Leslie Arnold Around the World 1924 Diary, Folder 1 of 4], April 6 to May 22, 1924
English.

Box 1, Folder 2  [Leslie Arnold Around the World 1924 Diary, Folder 2 of 4], May 23 to July 2, 1924
English.

Box 1, Folder 3  [Leslie Arnold Around the World 1924 Diary, Folder 3 of 4], July 3 to August 18, 1924
English.

Box 1, Folder 4  [Leslie Arnold Around the World 1924 Diary, Folder 4 of 4], August 19 to September 28, 1924
English.

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Series 2: Navigation Charts

Box 1, Folder 5  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Aleutian Islands]
Box 1, Folder 6  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Damascus]
Box 1, Folder 7  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Japan]
Box 1, Folder 8  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - New York, NY to Boston, MA]
Box 1, Folder 9  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Japan - Honshu, Kyushu, and Shikoku]
Box 1, Folder 10 [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - India]
Box 2, Folder 1  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Gulf of Martaban, Mergui Archipelago]
Box 2, Folder 2  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Cambodia]
Box 2, Folder 3  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Gulf of Siam]
Box 2, Folder 4  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - China Sea]
Box 2, Folder 5  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Japan]
Box 2, Folder 6  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Izmir (Smyrna)]
Box 2, Folder 7  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Baghdad]
Box 2, Folder 8  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - Basra]
Box 2, Folder 9  [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - India and Adjacent Countries, Folder 1 of 4]
Box 2, Folder 10 [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - India and Adjacent Countries, Folder 2 of 4]
Box 2, Folder 11 [World Cruise 1924 Navigation Charts - India and Adjacent Countries, Folder 3 of 4]
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Series 3: Miscellaneous Items

Box 2, Folder 13  [Miscellaneous Material]

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Series 4: Scrapbook

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