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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Edward V. Rickenbacker Microfilm Collection
Date:	1913-1973
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0525
Creator:	Rickenbacker, Eddie, 1890-1973
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet ((5 microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Estate of Edward Vernon Rickenbacker, unknown, 1973, XXXX-0525, unknown

Available Formats

Original scrapbooks are at Auburn University Library.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

Edward Vernon Rickenbacker (1890-1973) had only a sixth grade education but became a leading aviation figure in both military and civilian circles. Rickenbacker was a fighter ace during World War I, where as a member of the 94th Aero Squadron he shot down 22 German aircraft and 4 observation balloons. He became a colonel in the Army Air Reserves and during WWII helped form the Military Air Transport Services. In the civilian sector, Rickenbacker worked at several airlines, including Fokker Aircraft Corporation and American Airways, before going to work at Eastern Airlines in 1934. In 1939 Rickenbacker became Eastern's president and chairman, positions he held until 1963.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of two annual reports, two photograph albums, and a set of microfilm of 26 scrapbooks. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings chronicling Rickenbacker's aviation career. The two photo albums are as follows: 'In Commemoration of the Dedication of the Rickenbacker Foundation,' and 'The Great Silver Fleet,' which features imagery from the 1941 Georgia crash. There are also two annual

reports: United Aircraft and Transport Corporation First Annual Report to Stockholders,' 1929 and 'Central Airlines Annual Report, 1965.'

General

Note: The physical scrapbooks were deaccessioned to Auburn University Library in 1996. The National Air and Space Museum holds a microfilm copy.

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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, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Aeronautics, Military
- Fighter pilots
- World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Albums
- Photographs
- Reports
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- American Airlines
- Eastern Airlines, Inc.
- Fokker Aircraft Corp
- Rickenbacker, Eddie, 1890-1973
- United States. Air Force. Military Air Transport Service
- United States. Army. Air Service. 1st Pursuit Group. 94th Aero Squadron