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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Theodore G. Ellyson Correspondence
Date:	1911-1914
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Creator:	Ellyson, Theodore Gordon, 1885-1928
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Theodore G. 'Spuds' Ellyson (1885-1928), Glenn Curtiss' first seaplane pupil, became the first United States Naval Aviator. Ellyson flew the first night flight by a naval seaplane (the Curtiss A-1) and the first successful catapult launch from an anchored barge. Commander Ellyson made many significant contributions in naval aviation before his death in 1928, in an airplane crash off Hampton Roads, Virginia.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of copies of letters written between Ellyson and others concerning then-Lieutenant Ellyson's aviation experiments of 1911-1914. Many of the letters are directed to Captain Washington I. Chambers and include monthly progress reports and travel and expense statements.

General

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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 -- Records
- Aeronautics, Military
- Curtiss A-1 (AH-1) Type
- Naval aviation
- Seaplanes

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence

Names:

- Curtiss, Glenn Hammond, 1878-1930
- Ellyson, Theodore Gordon, 1885-1928
- United States. Navy