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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Hand-Colored Lafayette Escadrille Photographs
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Lafayette Escadrille was comprised of American volunteer pilots fighting in the French Air Force during World War I (WWI) while the United States was still neutral. Dr. Edmund L. Gros, medical director of the American Field Service (AFC), and Norman Prince, an American expatriate already flying for France, led the effort to persuade the French government to authorize a volunteer American air unit fighting for France. The successes of the Lafayette Escadrille brought fame, and an increasing number of American volunteers sought service with them. Ten months after the United States' formal entry into the war the Escadrille passed into American hands.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 140-150 3.5 by 5 inch photographs of the Lafayette Escadrille during WWI. There are photographs of individual officers, groups of soldiers, planes, and funerals/ memorials for members of the regiment.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics, Military
World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

France. Armée. Escadrille Lafayette
Lafayette Escadrille