

# 1919 Transcontinental Reliability and Endurance Test Strip Map

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#### **Collection Overview**

Repository: National Air and Space Museum Archives

Title: 1919 Transcontinental Reliability and Endurance Test Strip Map

**Date:** (bulk 1919)

Identifier: NASM.XXXX.0667

**Creator:** Parrish, Lee M.

**Extent:** 0.23 Cubic feet ((1 box))

Language: English .

#### **Administrative Information**

#### **Acquisition Information**

Mrs. Parrish, Gift

#### Preferred Citation

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### **Biographical / Historical**

In 1919 General William "Billy" Mitchell organized the first mass transcontinental air race, dubbed by the Air Service the "Transcontinental Reliability and Endurance Test." The race was originally proposed as a one way race from New York to California but this plan was changed to require a round trip, with flyers taking off from both Roosevelt Field and San Francisco, most in de Havilland DH-4s. The second plane to arrive on the west coast from New York was piloted by Harold H. George, who was accompanied by mechanic Lee M. Parrish.

# **Scope and Contents**

This item is a laminated and annotated strip map on cloth, nine inches wide and approximately thirty-two feet long, detailing the route taken by George and Parrish from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, New York to San Francisco, California.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Airplane racing

Types of Materials:

Maps -- Navigation

Names:

1919 Great Transcontinental Air Race George, Harold H. Mitchell, William, 1879-1936 Parrish, Lee M.