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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Women's Air Reserve Regulations
Date:	1932
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0861
Creator:	Women's Air Reserve
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Women's Air Reserve was an organization formed circa 1932, based along the lines of the United States Army Air Corps, with the objective to train female pilots in practical mechanics and flying so that they would be qualified for military or civic service in the United States in the event of emergency. This collection consists of the first edition booklet of the Women's Air Reserve Regulations.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Women's Air Reserve Regulations

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Women's Air Reserve was an organization formed circa 1932, based along the lines of the United States Army Air Corps, with the objective to train female pilots in practical mechanics and flying so that they

would be qualified for military or civic service in the United States in the event of emergency. The group consisted of the following national officers: Commanding General, Florence "Pancho" Barnes; Executive Officer, LaVelle Sweeley; Finance Officer, Valentine Sprague; Commanding General's Personal Adjutant, Anona Hansen; Women's Air Reserve Adjutant, Eileen Curley. Squadron Number 1, Ninth Corps Area consisted of the following officers: Alice Jane Kelly, Sylvia Deems, Yolanda Spirito, Gertrude Chapman, Yvonne Haase, Estelle Sherman Bronish, Bee Selck, Margaret Murphy, Viola Neill, Melba Gerby, Elizabeth K. Inwood, Patricia Ann Willis, Ruth Mertens, Peggy Edna Gilliland, Vi Netta Sloan, Evelyn "Bobbie" Trout, and Dorothea Wilson Handschiegel.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the first edition booklet of the Women's Air Reserve Regulations. The booklet has a dark red cardstock cover, measures approximately 5.5 by 8.5 inches, and is signed on the cover by Louise Thaden. A page tucked inside the front cover is a typewritten list of the Women's Air Reserves national officers as well as the officers of Squadron Number 1.

Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Women air pilots

Types of Materials:

Publications