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Wiley Post Route Map Section, Around the World Solo Flight

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Wiley Post Route Map Section, Around the World Solo Flight
Date:	1933
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.1006
Creator:	U S Hydrographic Office
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	In July 1933, Wiley Post flying the Lockheed Model 5B Vega <i>Winnie Mae</i> (A/C No. NR105W) became the first person to fly solo around the world. Lieutenant J. F. Gillon worked at the US Navy Hydrographic Office and "voluntarily assisted many of the prominent fliers in plotting their courses," including Wiley Post. After his successful around the world solo flight, Post returned the map section in this collection to Gillon as a memento.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Wiley Post Route Map Section, Around the World Solo Flight

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

J. F. Gillon, Gift, 1933, NASM.XXXX.1006.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

In June 1931, Wiley Post flying the Lockheed Model 5B Vega *Winnie Mae* (A/C No. NR105W) with Harold Gatty as navigator successfully traveled around the world making fourteen stops and setting a record time of 8 days, 15 hours, and 51 minutes. In July 1933, Post followed a similar course but made only eleven stops and became the first person to fly solo around the world, making the trip in 7 days, 18 hours, and 49 minutes.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a linen-backed map section of the Buffalo, New York region with route and degrees marked in red ink. The section measures approximately 7 by 7 inches and is marked on the reverse with the inscription, "Lt. J. F. Gillon, Hydrographic Office, 1933" and the number "310,728."

Arrangement

Collection is a single item.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Endurance flights
- Flights around the world

Types of Materials:

- Maps

Names:

- Post, Wiley, 1898-1935.