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Collection Overview

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| Summary: | The historic US Army Pan-American Goodwill Flight of 1926 and 1927 through Mexico and Central and South America was intended to improve relations with Latin American countries, to encourage commercial aviation, and to provide valuable training for Air Corps personnel. Herbert Arthur "Bert" Dargue (1886--1941) served as the commander of the flight as well as pilot of the Loening OA-1A <i>New York</i> . This collection consists of the original map used by Dargue on the segment of the flight from Georgetown, British Guiana to Port of Spain, Trinidad. |
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The historic US Army Pan-American Goodwill Flight of 1926 and 1927 through Mexico and Central and South America was intended to improve relations with Latin American countries, to encourage commercial aviation, and to provide valuable training for Air Corps personnel. The flight was made by ten pilots in five Loening OA-1A amphibian aircraft. To stimulate public interest, each airplane was named after a major US city, the *New York*, the *San Antonio*, the *San Francisco*, the *Detroit*, and the *St. Louis*. The 22,000 mile (35,200 km) flight began on December 21, 1926, from San Antonio, Texas, and the route extended through Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica; across the Panama Canal to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia; down the west coast of South America to Valdivia, Chile; across the Andes Mountains to Bahia Blanca, Argentina; north to Montevideo, Uruguay; up to Paraguay; back down the Paraná River; along the coasts of Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, the Guianas, and Venezuela; thence through the West Indies and up the coast of the United States. An accident occurred on approach to the Argentine Air Service Field at Palomar, Buenos Aires when the *Detroit* and the *New York* collided midair, killing the crew of the *Detroit*, Clinton F. Woolsey and John W. Benton, and destroying both aircraft. In total, the journey took 59 flying days, interspersed with 74 days for scheduled maintenance and diplomatic meetings and ceremonies. The flight concluded at Bolling Field in Washington, DC, on May 2, 1927. One of the long-term legacies of the Pan-American Goodwill flight was that it helped pioneer a trail for later commercial air transport operations. The crews of all five aircraft, Herbert A. "Bert" Dargue, Ennis C. Whitehead, Arthur B. McDaniel, Charles McK. Robinson, Ira Clarence Eaker, Muir Stephen Fairchild, Bernard S. Thompson, Leonard D. Weddington, and Woolsey and Benton (posthumously), were awarded the MacKay Trophy. Herbert Arthur "Bert" Dargue (1886--1941) served as the commander of the flight as well as pilot of the Loening OA-1A *New York*.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the original map used by Herbert Arthur "Bert" Dargue on his flight from Georgetown, British Guiana to Port of Spain, Trinidad as part of the US Army Pan-American Goodwill Flight of 1926 to 1927. The map is comprised of four 9.5 by 6.25 inch map segments backed by linen that combine to form a 25.75 by 9.5 inch strip map which can be folded. The map is made from a hydrographic chart on which a route has been plotted by hand and includes other handwritten notations.

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, Military
Events, 1926 San Antonio, TX to 1927 Washington, DC, Pan-American Goodwill Flight

Types of Materials:

Navigation charts

Names:

Dargue, Herbert Arthur, 1886-1941