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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	1922 National Balloon Race Reporting Card
Date:	1922
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.1097
Creator:	Aero Club of Wisconsin
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The 1922 National Balloon Race, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was won by Major Oscar Westover, US Army, flying 866 miles to Lake Johns, Quebec. This collection consists of an unused reporting card, meant to be dropped from a balloon during the race and returned within one hour to the Aero Club of Wisconsin by the person who observed the balloon from which it was dropped.
Digital Content:	Image(s): 1922 National Balloon Race Reporting Card

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Unknown, material found in collection, NASM.XXXX.1097.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The 1922 National Balloon Race, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was won by Major Oscar Westover, US Army, flying 866 miles to Lake Johns, Quebec. The annual National Balloon Races were intended to select the American participants for the international Gordon Bennett Cup race, which was held that year in Switzerland.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of an unused reporting card, meant to be dropped from a balloon during the 1922 National Balloon Race in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and returned within one hour to the Aero Club of Wisconsin by the person who observed the balloon from which it was dropped. The card is folded into two sections, sealed with adhesive seals (now broken), and has a lead line of type, from the Zahn Typesetting Company in Milwaukee, to serve as a weight attached to the card by a length of thread. The card has a place to record which balloon was observed, at what time, what course it was traveling, who the pilot was, and what the conditions were at the time.

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
Balloons

Types of Materials:

Postcards