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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	American Expeditionary Forces 69th Balloon Company Prints [Morgan Album]
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.1208
Date:	1918
Extent:	0.01 Cubic feet (legal folder)
Creator:	Morgan , Fred
Language:	English
Summary:	This collection consists of nine copy prints of Fred Morgan and the 69th Balloon Company, American Expeditionary Forces, circa fall 1918.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Fred M. Morgan, Gift, 1974, NASM.XXXX.1208

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Lieutenant Fred Morgan was a captive balloon observer with the 69th Balloon Company, 4th Army Corps, American Expeditionary Forces, on the Western Front during World War I. On October 30, 1918 Morgan was observing artillery fire on a German trench mortar when his balloon was shot down by a Fokker

aircraft. Morgan jumped to safety in a parachute, landing in the Nonsard Woods, France. While jumping from the basket, Morgan sustained injuries for which he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of nine copy prints of Fred Morgan and the 69th Balloon Company, American Expeditionary Forces, circa fall 1918. The images include shots of balloons as well as members of the 69th Balloon Company, including Lieutenant Everett M. Dirksen.

Arrangement

No arrangement.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Ballooning
United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces
World War, 1914-1918

Names:

69th Balloon Company