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BEVIN, ALLEN
(1893-1974)

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Approx. no. pgs.: 50

Collection Date: 1916-1919

Biographical Note

Allen Bevin was born in West Hartford, Connecticut in 1893 to Samuel and Julia Bevin. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Service 26 June 1917 and attended Princeton's School of Military Aeronautics from 1 July-25 August 1917. In November of 1917 his aviation training continued at the 8th Aviation Instruction Center in Foggia, Italy where he trained with other pilots from America and Italy. After completing his advanced training in Caproni Bombers and achieving the rank of 1st Lieutenant AS Sig RC, on 4 June 1918, he was ordered to Rome on 14 June 1918. Under Capt. La Guardia in the IV Gruppo Caproni Aero 13th aviation squadron he flew daily bomb raids over enemy territory. In August 1918 he was ordered to Ford Junction Aerodrome in Sussex, England to train American pilots in British Handley-Page Bombers. When the American pilots never arrived he was then made temporary squadron commander of the 140th Bombing Squadron in England. He remained in Sussex training pilots until the Armistice was signed on 11 November 1918 and the end of the war was declared. On 17 November 1918 he then proceeded to an American rest camp in Liverpool, England.

Bevin died in 1974 and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery in East Hampton, Middlesex County Connecticut. He was survived by his wife Marie C Laude Bevin. He was one of very few American pilots to serve on the Italian front during World War I. Allen Bevin, received the Croce al Merito di Guerra or the Italian War Merit Cross and the Caproni medal for his service.

Note: Biographical information and additional archival material on Allen Bevin can be obtained from <https://www.usmilitariaforum.com/forums/index.php?/topic/33244-ww1-foggione-pilot-allen-bevin/> accessed 15/4/2021. Death and family information was obtained from <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/45453603/allen-w-bevin> accessed 15/4/2021.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains historical aviation material concerning pilots and the U.S. Army Air Service in World War I. This collection was donated by Allen Bevin on 30 January 1967. This collection consists of one folder divided into one series. Series 1) Printed Matter: Contains booklets and papers that center on planes and various aspects of flying in Italy during World War I.

Keywords and Terms: 1916-1919; World War I; U.S. Army Air Service; pilots; training; flying; biplanes; Caproni; Curtiss Airplane; Liberty aircraft engine; aviation; aeronautics; War Department; Intelligence Department; Society of Automotive Engineers; Italian General Headquarters

Names: Bevin, Allen; Smith, John W.; Vincent, J.G.

Places: Italy; England; New York, NY United States

Arrangement and Description

SERIES ONE PRINTED MATTER

BOX ONE

Folder 1 The Distribution of Gasoline in the Biplane Caproni 600 HP, CA 5, Officine Caproni Taliedo, undated

Semprini, Federico, Practical Flying Hints, Military Aviation Camp, Foggia Sud, Italy, 1918

Curtiss Aeroplanes, Flying Boats, Aeronautical Motors, undated

The War in Italy: on the high mountains, Soldiers edition, Italian General Headquarters, Photographic Department, Fratelli Treves, Milan, Publishers Italy, December 1916

Night Bombardment, Vol. 2, No. 72, War Department, Bulletin of the Intelligence Division, Training Section, 14 Mar 1918

Vincent, J. G., The Liberty Aircraft Engine, Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., New York, NY A paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting February 4-6 1919 of the Society of Automotive Engineers

Smith, John W., Fixed Radical Cylinder Engines Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., A paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting February 4-6 1919 of the Society of Automotive Engineers

Curtiss, The Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Corporation, New York, NY, 1919