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DAVIS, JEFFERSON HAYES
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Jefferson Hayes Davis, grandson of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, joined the French Air Force and fought with the 99th Aero Squadron American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I, serving as observer with the squadron. Davis earned a silver star for his efforts of securing valuable information for the war effort under adverse weather conditions. He passed away on March 8, 1975. This collection was donated to the US Air Force Academy by the Colorado Springs Public Library in 1962.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials concerning the 99th Aero Squadron and its operations in France during World War I. It consists of one box and one oversized folder divided into four series, outlined below.

SERIES 1: PHOTO ALBUM

Contains a captioned photo album depicting the daily life and aerial military operations of the 99th Aero Squadron when it was stationed in France during World War I, in which Jefferson Hayes Davis served. The names of all individuals appearing in this photo album are listed in the *Arrangement and Description* section below.

SERIES 2: PRINTED MATTER

Contains pilot training manuals and booklets, dating between 1915 and 1918.

SERIES 3: MAPS

Contains thirteen maps of different areas of France during World War I. Some maps are very large and fragile, and require assistance when handling.

SERIES 4: MEMORANDA

Contains communication and notes from pilots concerning various aspects of aviation.

Keywords and Terms: World War I; World War, 1914-1918; 99th Aero Squadron; Radio Department; Photograph Department; French Pilots; Aerial Communication; Observation Aviation; Aerial Combat; Visual Signaling; Air Balloons; Morse Code; Airplane Wreckage; Ruins; Escadrille 113; Dognesville Flight; SPAD Biplane; 4th French Army; Escadrille Salmson 40; American Expeditionary Force; Maps; Training Booklets; Memoranda; 1910s

Names: Davis, Jefferson Hayes

Locations: Gibraltar; Marseille, France; Parios Field, France; Verdun, France; Montfaucon, France; N. Bois de Hesse, France; Argonne Forest, France; Epionville, France; Sovilly, France; Foucacourt Argonne, France; Contraxeyville, France; Juniville, France; Dogneville, France; Luxevil Les Bains, France; Chateau Perrifond Marne, France; Matougues, France; Reims, France; Mt. Blond, France; Cazaux, France; Ferme d' Alger, France

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: PHOTO ALBUM

BOX 1

Album depicting the 99th Aero Squadron in France in World War I. Photos depict aerial, ground, and troop operations in 1918. Names of soldiers appearing in the album are:

Lt. Alexander, S.C.; Lt. Arrachart; Asp. Barbet; Lt. Barot; Capt. P. Berlioz; Lt. Blumenthal, M.; Lt. Cadbury, E.S.; Lt. Case; Lt. Castleman, J.R.; Lt Chappuis, A.; Maj. Christie, A.R.; Lt. Clark; Lt. Coal; Maj. Dall 77 division; ; Lt. Davis, Jefferson Hayes (J.H.D.); Capt. De Moustier; Adj. Pilot Denis; DeWitt, Jack; Lt. Doran, W.F.; Lt. Dunne, Joseph P.; Lt. Dwan; Lt. Eaton; Lt. Eddie; Lt. Edwards, John R.; Lt. Este, R.N.; Lt. Fay; Lt. Finburg; Asp Furiet; Lt. Generaoz; Gen. Gouraud; Lt. Hale, F.; Lt. Halo; Lt. Hart; Lt. Heisen, H.N.; Lt. Heywood, V.E.; Lt. Hickel, W.O.; Lt. Hill, R.C.; Lt. Hunter, J.W.; Capt. Jones; Lt. Kahle; Lt. Kinnie; Mrs. Kyle; Lt. Labauve; Lt. LieLarge; Lt. LieRoy; Lt. Lilewellyn, E.A; Lt. Mac Rossie, A.; Lt. Marine, J.S.; Lt. Markham, Minor C.; Lt. Mcelroy, J.W.; Lt. McLaughlin, L.R.; Lt. McMurtry, L.B.; Capt. Meredith, James E.; Gen. Mitchell; Lt. Neel, R.H.; Asp. Nicrioll; Lt. Nutt, H.H.; Lt. Odom; Lt. Paine; Lt. Phillipe; Capt. Powell, L.S.; Lt. Preston, G.H.; Lt. Quackerbush, L.D.; Lt. Read; Lt. Reilly L.G.E.; Lt. Rhulac; Lt. Rouen; Lt. Sileo, Cavio F.; Lt. Simpson, A.G.; Lt. Stewart, E.; Maj. Gen. Sumerall, C.P.; Lt. Thorp; S/UT Verrone; Lt. Wackrow; Capt. Weill; Lt. Wickersham; Lt. Woelflin, A.; Lt. Woelflin, J.

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SERIES TWO: PRINTED MATTER

BOX 1

Folder 2	"The Means of Communication between Aeroplanes and the Ground," Sep, 1917
	"Aerial Gunnery, American Expeditionary Forces, Nomenclature of <u>Lewis Machine Gun Tools and Parts</u> ," arranged and written in American, British, and French terms, undated
	"Utilization and Role of Artillery Aviators in Trench Warfare," translated at the Army War College from a French Translation of a captured German document, Aug 1917
	" <u>Amerika und der Weltkrieg</u> ," in German, undated
	"An Auxiliary Range Corrector Scale for Infantry," Jul-Aug 1915

"Visual Signaling," United States Army (for general signaling between Army and Navy), undated

Seven pgs. beginning "Sebe Diefte Rarte auf," undated

"Silhouettes d'Avions Classees par Analogie," 1917

"Liaison for All Arms," No. 2, 1918

"Signals for Infantry Contact and Artillery Reglage," 1918

"Code de Signaux par Panneaux," undated

"Scale and Dimensions of Photographs Taken at the Different Altitudes with the 26cm and 50cm Cameras," undated

G.O. 203, American Expeditionary Forces, signed by Gen. John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief, undated

SERIES THREE: MAPS

OVERSIZED FOLDER WITH COLLECTION

OS Folder 1 Sample of maps used to mark friendly and hostile positions and advanced patrols.

Carte de France et des Frontieres A Type 1912, No. 10, Mezieres

Carte de France et des Frontieres A Type 1912, No. 17, Chalons

Carte de France et des Frontieres A Type 1912, No. 27, Nancy

Carte de France et des Frontieres A Type 1912, No. 28, Strasbourg

Carte de France et des Frontieres A Type 1912, No. 35, Vesoul

Carte de France et des Frontieres A Type 1912, No. 36, Zurich

Carte de France et des Frontieres A Type 1912, No. 32, Tours

Reimonville

Thiaucourt (compiled from French sources), 1918

Groupe des Canevas de Tir-Montfaucon

Region de Verdun

Der Bogen wo fich die Deutschen

SERIES FOUR: MEMORANDA

BOX 1

Folder 3 Memoranda (1 of 2)

1. "Notes for Observers and Pilots in Army Corps Aviation Squadrons," undated

2. "Infantry Aeroplane Assigned to 37th Division," undated
3. "Notes on Artillery Camouflage and Its Employment," Oct 1917
4. Infantry Airplanes, translation No. 1, undated
5. "104th Aero Detachment (with 37th Division)," 24 Sep 1918
6. "Upon Aerial Shooting and Deflectors," undated
7. "Infantry Plane," undated
8. "Field Orders, No. X-3, Manoeuver, 17 Dec 1918
9. "Notes for Divisional Staffs, Commanding Officers, and Aerial Observers of Work of Infantry Contact Airplanes," undated
10. "Introduction, Observation Aviation," undated
11. "Communication between the Ground and Airplanes," undated
12. "Object of the Artillery," undated
13. Fifth Corps Observation Group, Employment of Divisional Squadron, undated
14. "Notes on Observation from Aeroplanes," Vol. II, No. 99, undated
15. "Notes on Liaison between Aircraft and Infantry during Attack," undated
16. "Lecture No. 2, Topographical Preparation for Firing," undated

Folder 4

Memoranda (2 of 2)

17. "The Reille Soult's Sight," Mar 1918
18. 99th Aero Detachment with 37th Division, 25 Sep 1918
19. "Bulletin of Information, Air Service, American Expeditionary Forces, Notes on the Duties of the Operations Officer of an Observation Squadron or Group," No. 9, undated
20. "Practical Instructions for Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of Infantry, on "The
21. Infantry Airplane," No. 6, undated
22. "Method of Shooting against Monoplanes," 19 Oct 1917
23. "Plan of Liaison, F.O. No. 23," undated
24. "Gunnery Terms and Dispersion," undated
25. Lecture on maps and firing charts, undated
26. "School of the Cannoneer, Drill of the Piece," undated
27. "Training Memo," 17 Dec 1918

28. "Plan of Liaison," 24 Sep 1918
29. "Methods in Observation Practiced with Fifth Corps, First American Army on the Fronts, 30 Sep 1918
30. Postcards to Davis, 1959-1960